



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

5 LOYAL LOUIE is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and returning to the turf, after following a set-the-pace 4th vs \$50,000 maidens sprinting on the grass with a stalk-the-pace 3rd vs \$25,000 types going 5 furlongs on the dirt last out. **9 WORK ETHIC** is another dropping to this level after following a 5th place finish vs \$50,000 maidens on the turf in December with a 6th place finish vs \$50,000 maidens going 6 furlongs on the main track: blinkers on today. **3 WICKED CONCORDE** is a son of Wicked Tune debuting for trainer Joe Orseno with solid turf breeding on both sides of the family tree. The colt gets Lasix, and has Corey Lanerie named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 5-9-3

RACE 2:

2 CAFFEINE RUSH is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after pressing the pace, getting the lead, and settling for 2nd going 6 furlongs last out. Trainer Antonio Cioffi has Junior Alvarado in the saddle.

4 CAPTURE THE GENIE is dropping to the \$20,000 level, and removing the blinkers, after returning from the extended layoff to finish a duel for the lead and weaken 4th vs \$35,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Mark Casse has Luis Saez handling the 2nd start off the bench.

5 COOKIE COVE is stepping it up a notch after responding in the first race after the claim by the Noda Brothers with a set-the-pace 2nd vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' foes going this distance.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-5

RACE 3:

5 SCIENCE, who hasn't run since August 2018, drops to the \$12,500 level, gets blinkers, and moves to the Gilberto Zerpa barn for her 5-year-old debut. The Arindel homebred is training forwardly for this assignment. **7 WATER WIZARD** figures on the 'what have you done lately' angle after finishing 3rd, and 2nd, respectively, since dropped to the \$12,500 level.

6 FLAT OUT COOL is returning from the layoff, and going back to the main track, after facing better on the turf before going to the sidelines in December. Trainer Henry Collazo has Paco Lopez handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-6

RACE 4:

6 DREAMING THOUSAND should be primed and ready to get his picture taken after returning from the freshening, debuting on the turf, and finishing a well-meant 2nd at this level and distance. Trainer Jose D'Angelo has Emisael Jaramillo in the irons.

4 UNLONELY, 3rd vs a notch tougher sprinting on the turf 2 starts back, is returning to the grass after the chase-and-retreat outing vs \$20,000 maidens going 5 furlongs on the dirt. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Tyler Gaffalione handling the surface switch.

9 CHEVAL DORE is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and turning back to 5 furlongs, after showing early interest and fading in his \$25,000 career debut going a mile. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Edgard Zayas atop the Constitution gelding.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-9

RACE 5:

2 LONG BLADE, a 6-time winner sprinting on the turf, is returning to the grass after dueling early and fading vs \$16,000 starter allowance runners going 5 furlongs on the dirt. Trainer Juan Arias, who claimed him 2 starts back, has Edgard Zayas handling the surface change. **8 FIG JELLY** moved to the Kelly Breen barn via the claim, and cuts back to 5 furlongs, hoping the new connections can help cure the serious case of seconditis going 5 furlongs on the grass (15-0-10-2): Paco Lopez rides.

6 KANTHAROS' IMAGE is stepping up to the \$25,000 level after rallying to finish 3rd – beaten a neck – vs \$16,000 open-claimers. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Tyler named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-6



RACE 6:

7 ZURI, a half-sister to multiple Grade 1 stakes-placed Point of Honor, and Grade 1 Frizette winner Wicked Whisper, debuts for trainer Bill Mott with Lasix, and a solid work tab showing at Payson Park. Junior Alvarado rides the regally bred daughter of Union Rags. **3 MARY JANE CHROME** is a daughter of California Chrome debuting for trainer Barclay Tagg with a slew of bullet workouts showing in preparation for her debut. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Tyler Gaffalione in the saddle.

6 ICED LATTE is hoping to show more at a mile after bumping at the start and failing to get untracked in her 6-furlong debut. Trainer Todd Pletcher, 23% with both maidens making their 2nd start, and stretching from a sprint to a route, has Luis Saez atop the \$250,000 daughter of Pioneerofthe Nile.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-6

RACE 7:

2 RAISON D’AIR is stretching out to a mile and an eighth after setting a pressured pace and finishing 4th – beaten a length – vs \$75,000 optional claimers going a mile. Trainer Kathy Ritvo will have Paco Lopez playing catch me if you can.

7 BUGLE OF WAR, a son of super turf sire War Front, is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear to break his maiden going a mile and a sixteenth on the Tampa turf. Trainer Eddie Kenneally has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride.

4 FUEGO CALIENTE, a half-brother to a trio of stakes winners, including \$1.5 million earner La Verdad, is stretching out to a mile and an eighth after tracking the pace and finishing 5th here going a mile vs this level of competition. Trainer Jeff Engler has Corey Lanerie atop the son of Will Take Charge.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-4

RACE 8:

3 HONOLULU EXPRESS will try to make it 2 in a row after responding in the first race after the claim by Peter Walder with a front running victory at this level and distance: Paco Lopez rides.

1 DARK AGES, a sharp ‘come from behind’ winner at this level and distance 2 starts back, will try to turn the tables on Honolulu Express after failing to reel him in when finishing 3rd behind him last out. Trainer Kelly Breen, who claimed him last out, will have Luis Saez handling the rematch.

2 NACHO PAPA is back at his best level after tracking the pace and finishing 4th vs \$16,000 starter optional claimers going a mile on wet track listed as good. Trainer Carlos David has Junior Alvarado named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-2

RACE 9:

2 CAIRA is dropping a level, and turning back to a mile and a sixteenth, after setting the pace and fading to finish 5th vs \$35,000 optional claimers going the taxing distance of a mile and seven-sixteenths. Trainer Roger Attfield has Junior Alvarado atop the daughter of Cairo Prince.

1 UNA LUNA will try to make it 2 in a row at this level and distance after rallying between horses to win by a neck. Trainer Jose Gallegos has Paco Lopez handling the inside draw. **7 OSAKA GIRL** is cutting back to a mile after prompting the pace and finishing 6th and 2nd, respectively, vs similar going a mile and a sixteenth. She’s a major speed threat at 8 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-7

RACE 10:

7 EXPONENTIAL is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after breaking from a tough post (12) and rallying to finish 2nd – beaten a length – going a mile. Trainer Ron Spatz has Luis Saez named to ride.

6 COMMAND CENTRAL, 3rd behind the top choice at this level 2 starts back, drops after tracking the pace and finishing 4th vs \$35,000 maidens going 8 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Dale Romans has Emisael Jaramillo returning on the son of Kitten’s Joy. **1 NO DRAMA** is stepping up, and stretching out, after showing promise when he rallied to finish 3rd vs \$16,000 maidens going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Juan Rizo has Marcos Meneses named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-6-1

BEST BET: RACE 6 – 7 ZURI

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 2 CAIRA