



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**5 JUST FOR CHUCKLES** is a logical choice in the opener after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in his career debut at this level and distance. **7 CULPER**, a \$150,000 son of Malibu Moon debut for trainer Bill Mott at the \$12,500 level. The red flag choice will have Luis Saez at the controls. **2 PURE STYLE**, listed as a gelding, returns to action after facing similar quality with some success before the 7-month layoff. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Ray Ganpath in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 5-7-2**

## RACE 2:

**5 W W CONCERTO**, a reclaim by Gary Jackson, is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth (18-5-5-2) after posting back-to-back victories at a mile.

**3 LOVE TREE** is stretching out after responding to both a dropdown and surface switch with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish behind the top choice last out.

**4 NOMINAL DOLLARS** moved to the Steve Budhoo barn via the claim, and stretches out, after making a 4-wide bid to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind the top two. It can be *déjà vu* all over again.

**SELECTIONS: 5-3-4**

## RACE 3:

**6 UMBRAGE** is plunging to the \$12,500 level on the main track after failing to 'hit the board' in a trio of turf races vs better. Trainer Christophe Clement has Luis Saez named on the \$250,000 son of Lemon Drop Kid. **4 LITTLEROUGHJUSTICE** is expected to show more after racing wide and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance last out.

**2 ZAMAN** is another trending in the right direction after responding to both the dropdown and the surface switch with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at this level and distance.

**SELECTIONS: 6-4-2**

## RACE 4:

**1 DIVA'S REVENGE** is stepping up, and stretching out, after returning from the layoff for trainer Jason Servis and crushing a field of \$25,000 maidens by 14 ½ lengths; Irad Ortiz Jr goes for 2 in a row. **3 PADRINONEVERQUITS** is turning back to 7 furlongs after shaking off trouble at the start (bumped) to post a front running victory vs \$50,000 maidens going a mile. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Jose Batista in the saddle.

**2 TRUE BOOTS** is making her first start since rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind repeat winner Trapped at Sea going 5 ½ furlongs during January. Leading trainer Jorge Navarro is 34% with the 61-180 days layoff.

**SELECTIONS: 1-3-2**

## RACE 5:

**5 VALDOCCO** proved he could win at this level prior to being disqualified and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> for drifting out through the lane last out. Trainer Mike Maker has Irad Ortiz Jr named to ride.

**7 COTTON TO** will give it on more go at trying to notch this elusive 'non-winners of 3-lifetime' condition after rallying to get beat less than a length last out. **1 BLIND RUCKUS**, now in the Vaughan Heard barn, the gelding steps up, and turns back to three-quarters of a mile, after breaking from the rail and never looking back when defeating \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimers by 6-plus lengths.

**SELECTIONS: 5-7-1**

## RACE 6:

**4 BALLY SQUALL** is sitting on a winning performance after responding to the addition of blinkers with a game 2<sup>nd</sup>-place finish at this level and distance. Trainer Antonio Sano has Irad Ortiz Jr named to ride.

**6 PANDA** is making her first start since finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance during December. Trainer Francisco D'Angelo has Luca Panici named to ride. **1 MICHIGAN MISS** is dropping a notch, and stretching out to a mile, after tracking the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in a \$16,000 maiden test moved from 7 ½ furlongs on the turf to 7 panels on a fast track.

**SELECTIONS: 4-6-1**

**RACE 7:**

**2 EAGLE DANCE** is dropping to the \$30,000 level after getting carried wide when finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in a \$40,000 '2-lifetime' claimer at the distance last out. Trainer Jorge Navarro has Luis Saez handling the class drop. **6 LEMON BLITZ** proved he could compete at this level when he stepped up off the claim by Mike Tomlinson and finished a rallying 4<sup>th</sup> – in front of a pair of next-out winners – at this level and distance; Nik Juarez rides.

**8 VICTOR LOUNGE (IRE)** is another dropping to this level after vying for the lead prior to weakening to finish 8<sup>th</sup> behind Eagle Dance last out. Trainer Mike Maker has Irad named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 2-6-8**

**RACE 8:**

**3 GRAN RED**, a solid 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level 2 starts back, will try to rebound after getting parked wide when finishing a distant 4<sup>th</sup> last out. Trainer Scooter Dickie has Luis Saez named to ride.

**2 COOL MOVER** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the 2-month break to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance.

**1 JUAN AND BINA** is dropping to the \$6,250 level hoping the class drop with help produce the elusive 2<sup>nd</sup> career victory (35-1-5-12); Leonel Reyes rides.

**SELECTIONS: 3-2-1**

**RACE 9:**

**5 CORDELE** got back to her winning ways after a rough patch in which she was disqualified from a turf victory 3 starts back, and was nonfactor on a sealed 'sloppy' track 2 starts ago. Trainer Tammy Levy spots the 8-time turf winner at the distance perfectly today.

**6 MAJESTIC MAIARA** is stepping up the competition after responding to the turnback to this 5-furlong distance with a victory vs \$16,000 'non-winners of 3-lifetime' claimers. Note that trainer Marcial Navarro is 7 for 18 (39%) as the meeting. **2 DELICIOUS PURSUIT** is dropping a rung on the class ladder after breaking poorly, chasing the leader, and faltering from her earlier efforts. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Luis Saez named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 5-6-2**

**RACE 10:**

**1 NORTHERN**, undefeated in his 3 previous races at the \$6,250 level, drops after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, respectively, is pair of optional claimers at the distance. Trainer Aubrey Maragh has Tony Maragh named to ride. **5 SCAM** is dropping to this level, and turning back to three-quarters of a mile, after back-to-back 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has Irad in the saddle again. **7 BE A HERO** is dropping back to his most accomplished level after the chase-and-fade outing vs \$12,500 open-claimers last out.

**SELECTIONS: 1-5-7**

**RACE 11:**

**2 SOLAR WARMING** is dropping to the \$20,000 level after the steady stream of maiden special weight races, including the duel-for-the-lead 5<sup>th</sup> going a mile and an eighth here last out. Trainer George Weaver has Luca Panici named to ride.

**3 TARANTO** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after returning from the 8-month layoff to set the pace, from a demanding outside post, when finishing 5<sup>th</sup> vs this level of competition going a mile; Luis Saez rides. **1 PROQUESTOR**, 2 for 2 'in the money' at this distance on the turf, is shifting back to the grass after rallying to finish a distant 3<sup>rd</sup> in a race moved to a mile and a sixteenth on the main track.

**SELECTIONS: 2-3-1**

**BEST BET: RACE 10 – 1 NORTHERN**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 11 - PROQUESTOR**