



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

6 SUSANS NOVELA is dropping to the \$16,000 level on the Tapeta after failing to get untracked when finishing 6th vs next-out winners Rapturous and Strategy Queen in a \$50,000 maiden test going 6 panels on the dirt. Steve Klesaris has Cristian Torres up. **11 OUR HUMBLE HEART** is debuting locally on the all-weather surface after showing speed and weakening to finish 4th vs similar going 6 furlongs on the Monmouth main track. Trainer Mike Dini has Isaac Castillo handling the local debut. **7 LA BOKAINA** is another trying this new surface after breaking from the outside (Post 11) stalking the pace, and finishing a distant 2nd in a \$12,500 maiden sprint going 5 ½ furlongs on the dirt.

SELECTIONS: 6-11-7

RACE 2:

5 BELLA MIURA is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and stretching out to a mile, after shaking off a hopping start to get a mid-race lead before finishing 2nd vs \$16,000 maidens going 7 furlongs. Antonio Sano has red-hot jock Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **7 LA CUMPARSITA** will be outfitted with blinkers after responding to the dropdown with a distant 3rd place finish at the distance. Trainer Jose D'Angelo, 4 for 9 (44%) with first-time blinkers, has Paco Lopez in the irons.

9 OUR ELECTRA GUITAR continues her freefall down the maiden scale after showing some early interest and fading vs \$25,000 maidens going 6 furlongs in the slop. Carlos David is 22% with horses stretching from a sprint to a route.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-9

RACE 3: THE MIAMI GARDENS

3 FEARLESS has been training forwardly at Palm Beach Downs in preparation for the first start since finishing a late-running 3rd in the Grade 3 Pimlico Special. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Paco Lopez named on the winner of the Grade 2 Gulfstream Mile.

5 COWBOY DIPLOMACY, now in the Brendan Walsh barn, the half-brother to \$4.7 million earner Monomoy Girl, makes his stakes debut after the consistent allowance campaign while in the Brad Cox barn. He'll be tested for class with Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

4 EYE OF A JEDI is making the 3rd start of his current form cycle looking to recapture the form he displayed vs graded stakes competition during the last Championship Meet. Owner/trainer Steve Budhoo has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-4

RACE 4:

12 CRAFTY CRUSADER is dropping to the \$16,000 level after tracking the pace and finishing 3rd – behind next-out winner Glorious Business – in his \$35,000 career debut going this distance on the Tapeta. Trainer Dave Fawkes, 10 for 20 (50%) on the all-weather track, has Emisael Jaramillo up. **8 SUMMER FIVE** is another dropping to this level after returning from the layoff to stalk the pace and weaken late vs \$35,000 maidens going a mile and 70-yards on the Tapeta. Gustavo Delgado has Miguel Vazquez handling the turnback to about 5 ½ furlongs. **6 TIME OF PEACE** is a son of Daredevil debuting for trainer Antonio Sano with a steady work tab showing over the main track. Jesus Rios rides.

SELECTIONS: 12-8-6

RACE 5:

6 LUANN, 3-2-1-0 locally, returns looking to add to her horse-for-course status after the consistent sprint campaign up north. Trainer Kelly Breen has Emisael Jaramillo named on the lightly raced daughter of The Big Beast. **4 FREAK** is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after returning from the 8-month layoff to defeat this level of competition going 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Edgard Zayas going for 2 in a row. **7 CAFFEINE RUSH** looked like she had 6 Red Bulls when she drew clear in the slop to crush a field of \$25,000 conditioned claimers by 6 ½ lengths. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Leonel Reyes returning on the daughter of Handsome Mike.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-7

RACE 6:

2 MARKHAMIAN is dropping to the \$50,000 level after dueling throughout and coming up a head shy of winning his 6 ½-furlong debut vs state-bred special weight competition. Georgina Baxter has Marcos Meneses in the saddle.



7 PACO'S PICO is a gelded son of Candy Ride debuting for trainer Mike Stidham, who is 26% with his debut maiden claimers. Miguel Vazquez rides.

1 FROLIC MAN is a son of Overanalyze debuting for Saffie Joseph Jr with 12 local workouts showing in preparation for the long-awaited debut. Leading jock Edgard Zayas hops aboard.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-1

RACE 7:

2 GOLDEN TONE is dropping into this \$20,000 'non-winners of 2-lifetime affair after following his maiden claiming victory with a stalk-the-pace-and-steady 6th vs \$32,000 optional claimers going a 2-turn mile at Delaware. Trainer Jane Cibelli has Paco handling the local return. **10 BROTHER BRAD** is making his local return the first start since drawing clear- as the odds-on choice – to defeat \$20,000 maidens going 7 furlongs on the Keeneland main track. Saffie Joseph Jr has J C Diaz Jr handling the stretchout to a mile.

6 TRIPLE JEOPARDY is dropping to this level after making a 5-wide charge to finish 2nd vs \$35,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going this 1-turn mile distance. Trainer Carlos David has Cristian Torres named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 2-10-6

RACE 8:

5 MR RUM RUNNER is turning back to a mile on the main track, and is back with maidens, after finishing 2nd to repeat stake's winner Peter D in the \$60,000 state-bred Juvenile contested at a mile and a sixteenth on the Tapeta. Patrick Biancone has Romero Maragh in the saddle. **9 COMPLETE AGENDA** is a \$250,000 son of Curlin debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher at a mile with a solid work tab showing at Palm Beach Downs. Edgard Zayas rides the regally bred 2-year-old.

7 URANIUM, listed as a gelding, is stepping up, and stretching out, after back-to-back 2nd place finishes vs \$50,000 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs. Joe Orseno has Paco atop the son of Unified.

SELECTIONS: 5-9-7

RACE 9:

4 LAUDA SPEED moves to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim, and steps up on the Tapeta, after coming within a neck of notching his 4th victory when 2nd vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers going 6 furlongs on the dirt. The barn, 27% with new claims, adds blinkers for this assignment.

6 MILITARY DRILL is making his local return on the all-weather track after holding on gamely to defeat \$30,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going 5 furlongs on the Meadowlands turf. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell, 22% with the turf to synthetic angle, has Paco Lopez handling the surface switch. **7 VALID EXCHANGE**, a well-meant 4th sprinting on the Tapeta 2 starts back, returns to the all-weather after the chase-and-fade outing on the main track. Tammy Levy tabs Jonathan Gonzalez to ride.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-7

RACE 10: THE OPA-LOCKA

8 KELSEY'S CROSS is making her career debut on the main track after solid turf campaign vs stakes caliber competition throughout her 22-race campaign. Trainer Patrick Biancone is 17% with the turf to dirt move. **2 QUEEN NEKIA** is back locally, and returning from the layoff, after ending her summer campaign with 3rd place finishes in both the Grade 2 Delaware Handicap, and the Pink Ribbon at Charles Town. The hard-knocking 6-year-old, who is 7-3-2-1 locally, and a 5-time winner at the distance, is training consistently for the return. **1 DANCE D' ORO** is making her stakes debut after returning from the layoff to wallop a field of \$62,500 optional claimers by 9-plus lengths. Ralph Nicks has Edgard Zayas returning on the mile specialist (5-3-0-0).

SELECTIONS: 8-2-15 -

RACE 11:

9 DEFENDANT is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear to defeat \$12,500 maidens going this distance on the Tapeta. Trainer David Fawkes, 31% winning consecutive races, has Chantal Sutherland going for 2 in a row. **1 BAHAMIAN RHAPSODY** should be primed and ready to score after returning from the layoff to set the pace and get beat a head when 2nd at this level and distance. Gilberto Zerpa has Emisael Jaramillo handling the inside post.

8 DESIGNED BY KITTEN, now in the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, the daughter of Kitten's Joy makes her first start since following her debut victory on the Woodbine synthetic with a 4th place finish on the turf in the 5-furlong Hollywood Beach in September 2020. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 9-1-8

BEST BET: RACE 5 – 6 LUANN

LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 8 KELSEY'S CROSS