



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

7 GILDA F. is dropping to the \$12,500 level after rallying to come within a half-length of exiting the maiden ranks when finishing 2nd – as the 3-to-5 favorite – at the \$20,000 level. **5 PEACEFULLY** is another dropping to the \$12,500 level in the first race since facing \$20,000 maidens here before the layoff. Trainer Robert Falcone Jr has Emisael Jaramillo named on the daughter of Kantharos. **8 SUDDEN LIGHT**, who does her best running in the latter stages of the race, should be along to grab a share of the tri or super.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-8

RACE 2:

3 ERCOLANO takes a suspicious drop to the \$6,250 level in the first race since defeating entry-level allowance runners here last December. The recent half-mile bullet gate-work certainly adds to the intrigue. **4 RATTLE'M** is stepping up to the next level, and stretching out to three-quarters of a mile, after using his speed to defeat \$6,250 '2-lifetime' runners going 5 ½ furlongs. **7 GEMOLOGISTER**, who infamously took 30 races to break his maiden, has really turned it around since dropping to the \$6,250 level. The gelding was solid in defeat when finishing 2nd – as the favorite – at this level and distance last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-7

RACE 3:

1 MR DEWEY is stretching to his best distance (7-2-0-1) after returning from the 9-week freshening to finish a 4-wide 2nd going 5 furlongs. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas handling the added distance. **3 SIDNEY'S CHARISMA** is turning back to 7 ½ furlong after setting the pace and weakening late when finishing 3rd going a mile and a sixteenth last out. The Dave Kassen trainee will be playing catch me if you can. **5 SOUTHERN SEA** is dropping down to a competitive level after following a pair of solid efforts at the \$10,000 level with a stalk-and-fade clunker vs entry level allowance competition last out.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-5

RACE 4:

1 PARLAY PETE is dropping to the \$25,000 level, and returning to the main track, after following a solid pair vs maiden special weight competition on the dirt with a chase-and-fade outing vs maiden special weight company going 5 furlongs on the turf.

7 HE'S ON THE FLY is a son of Bahamian Squall debuting for trainer Kathleen O'Connell with Lasix, and a consistent work tab showing at GP West; Jairo Rendon rides. **5 MAN OF VISION** is a son of Fury Kapcori debuting for trainer Ron Spatz, who has a 24% average with his debut maiden claimers; Jeffrey Sanchez rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-5

RACE 5:

4 COLONELS DAUGHTER, who competes for the \$25,000 tag in this starter optional claimer, drops after following a driving victory vs \$35,000 conditioned claimers 2 starts back with an ambitious outing in the \$60,000 In The Breeze. Trainer Juan Avila has Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **6 DAHLONEGA** moved to the Joe Orseno barn via the claim, and stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth, after failing to get untracked when facing a tough group of \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers going 5 furlongs. Note that the 4-year-old showed that she can handle 2-turns when she was 3rd going a mile here last December. **9 FINAL FLURRY** is stretching out to 8 ½ furlongs after rallying from 11 lengths 'off the pace' to defeat \$16,000 conditioned claimers going 7 ½ furlongs on softened turf listed as good.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-9

RACE 6:

9 EASY DAY is stretching out to 5 ½ furlongs after the promising debut going five-eighths of a mile in which she was just nailed at the wire when beaten a nose. Trainer Juan Arriagada has Samy Camacho atop the son of Daaher. **10 DOUBLE TRIPLE**, a half-brother to G1 Belmont Stakes 3rd place finisher Patch, debuts for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and a pair of climate acclimating workouts showing at Palm Beach Downs.

13 WICKSTERS DREAM is cutting back to 5 ½ furlongs, and departing from a tough post (13), after dueling through the stretch and weakening late to finish 2nd going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Jeffrey Sanchez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 9-10-13

RACE 7:

7 AQUAS COLORADAS is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear to win her 7 ½-furlong career debut by 3 widening lengths. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Jose Batista returning on the daughter of Kitten's Joy. **5 DRAMA IN THE RAIN** is dropping to the \$10,000 level after stalking the pace and fading late when facing \$16,000 conditioned claimers at the distance last out. Trainer Leo Azpurua Jr lightens the impost with leading apprentice Cristian Torres in the saddle. **8 MIA'S BOBTAIL** is stretching out around 2-turns after rallying to finish 3rd when facing this level of competition going 5 furlongs. She'll be closer to the pace when stretching out to 8 panels.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-8

RACE 8:

2 EXTREME MEASURES moved to the Rohan Crichton barn via the claim, and stretches out to three-quarters of a mile, after dueling for the lead and fading to finish 3rd vs similar quality going 5 ½ furlongs last out. The barn, 9 for 18 (50%) with recent claims, has Miguel Vazquez named to ride. **4 BETTER ANGELS** is stretching out an additional furlong after responding to the dropdown to the \$25,000 level with 5-wide 2nd place finish going 5 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. **3 ROSALDA** is dropping into the maiden claiming ranks after breaking slowly, tracking the pace, and finishing a distant 4th in her state-bred maiden special weight debut contested at 5 ½ furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-3

RACE 9:

9 SO LONG CHUCK is dropping to this level after showing speed and weakening late when facing \$25,000 optional claimers in consecutive races at the distance. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Cristian Torres rationing his speed. **7 COULD BE** moved to the Carlos David barn via the claim, and steps up to the \$16,000 level, after posting his 2nd consecutive victory, and 3rd win in his last 4 starts, when defeating \$10,000 open-claimers going a mile and a sixteenth.

5 KING ORB is another stepping up the competition after parlaying a 4-wide charge into a \$10,000 conditioned claiming victory going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Miguel Vazquez going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 9-7-5

RACE 10:

9 LUCKY FORTUNE is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear – as the odds-on choice – to defeat \$10,000 maidens at the distance by 10 ½ lengths. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael Jaramillo going for 2 in a row. **5 MYSTERIO** is looking to find more during the stretch run after rallying to finish 2nd behind repeat winner Totonno at this level and distance last out. The son of Broken Vow, also trained by Victor Barboza Jr, will have Cristian Torres handling this half of the uncoupled entry. **7 MALIO'S**, 2nd on the dirt in a pair going 7 furlongs, is returning to the main track after the stalk-and-retreat 7th place finish going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf.

SELECTIONS: 9-5-7

RACE 11:

3 A I INITIATIVE, back in the Jose Gallegos barn, the gelded son of Artie Schiller drops to the \$12,500 level after failing to handle tougher in a pair at Belmont during June. The gelding, 2 for 2 'in the money' on the GP turf, has Emisael Jaramillo handling the homecoming. **1 BUNYAN'S AXE** will depart from the rail after tracking the early action, making a move for the lead, and settling for 2nd at this level and distance. Trainer Robert Falcone Jr has Reylu Gutierrez in the saddle. **5 MICAH MAN** is plunging to the \$12,500 level, and turning back to 7 ½ furlongs, in the first race since stalking the pace and weakening when facing \$35,000 maidens going 9 furlongs during February. Trainer Carlo Vaccarezza has Albin Jimenez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-5

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 2 EXTREME MEASURES

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 9 SO LONG CHUCK