



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

7 MISS GHISLAINE is dropping a notch after shaking off some keen early interest (rank) with a 5th place finish – beaten 2 lengths – in her \$20,000 debut going a mile. The stretchout to a mile and a sixteenth can be the key to her success. **3 BELLE'S KINGDOM** is plunging to the \$16,000 level after facing state-bred special weight competition in both previous turf races. Trainer Kelsey Danner is 5 for 14 (36%) with similar class drops. **9 TAMI'S ORCHID** is hoping to get away sharper after breaking 10 lengths behind the field prior to finishing 2nd at this level and distance last out. Trainer Barclay Tagg has strong finisher Paco Lopez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-9

RACE 2:

3 SEAZAN, beaten a length when 2nd on the main track vs \$50,000 starter optional claimers 2 starts back, is returning to the dirt after failing to fire when trying the turf last out. Trainer Ralph Nicks, 23% with the grass to dirt angle, has Emisael Jaramillo handling the surface switch. **2 HERCULES** came up strong when returning from the layoff to defeat \$25,000 optional claimers at the distance, and notch his 2nd consecutive victory at the distance. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Edgard Zayas atop Arindel homebred son of Brethren. **4 SOSOSUBTLE**, who broke his maiden impressively at the distance 2 starts back, drops after showing some early interest and fading when stepping up into the Grade 2 Fountain of Youth. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-4

RACE 3:

3 ALONSO MOSELY, now in the Joe Orseno barn, the 4-year-old gelded son of Tonalist drops to the \$25,000 level after encountering traffic problems (steadied) when finishing 4th in a fruitful \$35,000 turf outing - at the distance – that's produced a pair of next-out winners: Paco Lopez rides. **7 MOONSHINE NOW**, a 4-year-old son of Malibu Moon, is dropping to this level in the first start since finishing 3rd vs maiden special weight runners going a mile & 70 yards on the Delaware turf last September. Trainer Christophe Clement, 18% with this type of layoff, has Joe Bravo in the irons.

4 FEAR THE DEER, now in the Larry Bates barn, the son of Declaration of War exits the same race as the top choice looking to improve on that useful career debut at the distance. The new connections tab Edwin Gonzalez to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-4

RACE 4:

5 ENANO ASTRAY is stretching out to a mile after trio of solid sprints, which includes the stalk-the-pace 2nd going 7 furlongs last out. The gelded son of Gone Astray should sit in the catbird seat behind the hot pace expected.

2 HAPPY CHAMP is stepping up to face winners after responding in the first race after the claim by Peter Walder, and the addition of Lasix, with a commanding 12-length victory vs \$16,000 maidens going a mile in a race moved from turf to dirt. **1 QUICK STEP ED** drops to his lowest level ever after shipping up to Tampa and finishing 3rd vs \$25,000 2-lifetime' claimers going 6 furlongs. Note the 5-year-old is 2 for 2 'in the money' at a mile.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-1



RACE 5:

4 BRYNBELLA is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and turning back to 5 furlongs, after showing speed and getting caught late vs better going around 2-turns on the local turf. Trainer Kelly Breen has Emisael Jaramillo handling the first-ever try at the distance. **5 BUXOM BEAST** is going back to the turf after returning from the almost 7-month layoff set the pace and weaken to finish 4th in a screw-tightening return in a 'claim protected' \$16,000 sprint moved from turf to dirt. Trainer Georgina Baxter is 24% with the grass to dirt angle. **3 HASHTAG LUCKY** breaks from an improved post after departing from an outside slot (Post 11) and finishing a track-the-pace 4th at this level and distance on the grass. Trainer Antonio Sano has Leonel Reyes up.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-3

RACE 6:

1 SOMETHING MAGICAL will depart from the rail after shaking off early trouble (steadied), then reaching the lead at the 1/8th-pole, before finishing 2nd at this level and distance. Trainer Anthony Pecoraro has Paco Lopez atop the inside speed. **5 BEAN COUNTER** is dropping into this \$16,000 dated-claimer after returning from the 2-month freshening to finish 5th – beaten a couple of lengths – vs \$25,000 optional claimers going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Todd Pletcher, 22% with this type of freshening, has Edgard Zayas handling the class relief.

2 SAND DRIFT, a 4-time local turf winner, returns, and drops into this 'non-winners of race since October 1st' field after facing \$16,000 open claimers in a pair on the Tampa turf. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Joe Bravo trying to notch the mares first win since September 3rd.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-2

RACE 7:

1 GANGLY is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after facing considerably tougher in races, at distances from 6 to 8 furlongs, since arriving from California. Trainer Bob Hess Jr has Paco Lopez handling the turnback. **4 NORTHERN** is stepping up the competition after couple of sharp \$6,250 sprints since he was claimed by Peter Walder. The gelding turns back to 5 ½ furlongs after the pacesetting score going three-quarters of a mile. **7 MAN OF VISION** moves to the Sandra Matier barn via the claim, and turns back, after chasing the pace and finishing 4th behind repeat winner High Heater going 7 furlongs – as the 4-to-5 favorite - for the previous connections.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-7

RACE 8:

9 COACH PAUL is hoping for clear sailing after having to steady at the ¼-pole when finishing 2nd – beaten a length – going a mile. Trainer Richard Silvestri has Miguel Vazquez handling the turnback to about 7 ½ furlongs.

2 OUTDOOR DINING is making his first journey around 2-turns after couple of so-so efforts going 5 furlongs on the grass vs similar quality. Trainer Kent Sweezey has impressive rider Edwin Gonzalez handling the added real estate.

10 CHARLIECANDO is another stretching out to almost a mile after returning from the layoff to finish 3rd going 5 panels. Trainer Kelsey Danner has Angel Arroyo atop the gelded son of Shanghai Bobby.

SELECTIONS: 9-2-10

BEST BET: RACE 3 – 3 ALONSO MOSLEY

LONGSHOT: RACE 6 – 1 SOMETHING MAGICAL