



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

1 GAGAOVERYOU has the back class, the speed, and the post, to lead this group from flag-fall to finish. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Paco Lopez handling the inside draw. **4 ICE SHOW**, sharp on the turf in back-to-back sprints, goes back to the grass after losing all chance when she broke poorly and finished last behind a pair of next-out winners in a \$16,000 claimer on the main track. **8 BRIGHT VENEZUELAN**, a reclaim by Steve Klesaris, is going back to what is clearly her preferred surface and distance (17-4-6-2) after rallying 3-wide to finish 2nd on the dirt vs \$6,250 open-claimers; Edgard Zayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-8

RACE 2:

6 GRAN BONITA CHICA moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim after her 3-race win streak ended when she failed to fire – as the odds-on choice – at this level and distance. Trainer Mike Maker has Feargal Lynch quarterbacking the rebound performance. **2 VALERIE FIRST**, competitive with this caliber of competition on the dirt, drops after tracking the pace and finishing 5th vs \$25,000 claimers going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. **4 JAZZY BEACH** is stretching out to a mile after taking the overland route when breaking from Post 10 and finishing a wide 3rd going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Kathy Mongeon, who claimed her last out, tabs her go-to jock Hector Berrios to ride.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-4

RACE 3:

6 ROYAL SQUEEZE is stretching out to one of his best distances (10-3-2-0) after following a pair of 3rd place finishes vs stakes caliber competition with a game score vs \$50,000 starter optional claimers going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Samy Camacho named to ride. **4 JUST KIDDING** is cutting back to 7 furlongs after a strong outing at a mile in which he dueled throughout and was beaten a head at 11-1. Trainer Bob Hess Jr has Nik Juarez in the irons. **5 CHATIMENT** moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim, and turns back to 7 furlongs, after losing his best chance when he broke slowly in a \$25,000 optional claimer contested at a mile and a sixteenth.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-5

RACE 4:

3 SONAR, a full-sister to Capriati, who was 3 for 3 – in the money - as a 2-year-old, including a 3rd place finish in the Desert Vixen Division of the Sire Stakes, debuts for trainer Juan Alvarado and Arindel with a sharp morning work tab showing. **4 MARVA** is a daughter of Iqbaal debuting for trainer Wesley Ward, who is a master with his 2-year-old runners. The recent 3-furlong bullet, over the deep GP West training track, should set her perfectly for this assignment. **2 REITERATE** is a daughter of Competitive Edge debuting for trainer Mark Casse, who has a 17% win average with his freshman runners.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-2

RACE 5:

5 COURTESY NOTICE moved to the Marcial Navarro barn via the claim after following a game \$35,000 maiden victory with a slow starting troubled trip (checked) vs this level of competition; Angel Rodriguez rides. **9 KARENINA** drops to the \$20,000 level for trainer Rohan Crichton looking to recapture the form she displayed competing with hard-knocking optional claimers at the 2018 Championship Meet. Note the barn sports a 33% win average with their turf runners.

10 YOU PEOPLE is stepping up to face winners after responding to a dropdown in competition with a driving \$20,000 maiden victory at the distance. Trainer Brendan Walsh has Feargal Lynch atop the daughter of Lonhro.

SELECTIONS: 5-9-10

RACE 6:

11 VOW ME NOW is cutting back slightly to 7 ½ furlongs after following his impressive victory in the \$60,000 Sage of Monticello with an equally impressive score in a \$50,000 starter optional claimer going a mile. **4 BAFFIN BAY** is another turning back after following the 2nd place finish behind Vow Me Now in the Sage of Monticello with a \$35,000 optional claiming victory going a mile and a sixteenth. **9 BAD TO THE CORE (FR)** can end up sitting the 'trip' behind the speed after just getting edged for 2nd when finishing 3rd behind Baffin Bay last out; Jose Batista rides.

SELECTIONS: 11-4-9

RACE 7:

6 MARY LEE AND ME wheels back at the same level, and should find a kinder speed scenario, after setting a pressured pace and fading to finish 3rd vs this familiar competition. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas rationing her speed.

5 POESIA, another from trainer Antonio Sano, should be ready to offer more after hounding her stablemate early and finishing 2nd – a neck in front of Mary Lee last out. **2 GLORIOUS MYSTERY** will be outfitted with blinkers after stalking the top two 5-wide and settling for 4th. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr is 6 for 21 (29%) with first-time blinkers.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-2

RACE 8:

1 FLY is making her first start since rallying to finish 3rd behind next-out Captiva Island Stakes winner Samara, and next-out \$62,500 winner Factorofwon, at this level and distance. Trainer Jason Servis is 35% with his turf sprinters.

7 ISLAND REWARD, stakes-placed at the distance, is making her first start since chasing the pace and fading vs considerably tougher going a mile here last August. Trainer Yvon Belsoeur has Paco Lopez trying to rekindle her back class.

5 BEECHWOOD ELLA (IRE), who was impressive defeating \$75,000 optional claimers here in late January, is making her first start since failing to fire – as the favorite - in the \$75,000 Melody of Colors. Trainer Patrick Biancone has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-5

RACE 9:

11 SASSY LASSY is stretching out around 2-turns after chasing solid fractions of 21 & 3 and 45 flat before fading to finish 4th going 5 furlongs on the lawn. The daughter of Exclusive Quality is bred to handle the distance. **1 TAPIZAR GIRL**, who has shown the ability to come from 'off the pace', can end up sitting in the catbird seat behind what looks like it's going to be a hot and heavy pace duel. **6 LILLIE'S HEAT** is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after opening and surrendering an early 2-length lead when 4th going a mile last out. Trainer Bobby Dibona, who claimed the speedster 2 starts back, has Samy Camacho named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 11-1-6

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 1 FLY

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 11 SASSY LASSY