



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**9 SKYE SNOW** is stretching out slightly to a mile after just getting nipped at the wire when beaten a neck going 7 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Carlos David has Miguel Vazquez trying to get the daughter of Lemon Drop Kid out of 2<sup>nd</sup> gear.

**4 LOVELY BROWN** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after hitting the board in 3 of 4 recent turf outings at the \$25-20,000 levels. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Edgard Zayas up. **6 INFATUATING**, the only 3-year-old in the field, and the only 3-time winner in the group, albeit on the dirt, debuts on the turf looking for her 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive victory. Trainer Dave Fawkes has Jose Morelos handling the surface switch.

**SELECTIONS: 9-4-6**

## RACE 2:

**1 FRENCHMEN STREET** is dropping into this \$12,500 conditioned claimer on the dirt after returning from the layoff to finish 6<sup>th</sup> – beaten 1 ¼ lengths – vs \$16,000 open-claimers going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr is 31% with the turf to dirt move. **3 ZAINO BOYZ** is freefalling to this level on the main track after showing speed and fading vs \$35,000 types sprinting on the grass. Note the last time the colt went from turf to dirt he won the Inaugural at Tampa, albeit in 2019. **4 PUTTHEGLASSDOWN**, now in the Jennifer Young barn, the 5-year-old drops into a competitive spot after losing all chance when he broke in a tangle and never got in contact with a field of \$16,000 conditioned claimers last out: Leonel Reyes rides.

**SELECTIONS: 1-3-4**

## RACE 3:

**5 VENERABLE** is debuting locally, cutting back to 5 furlongs, and getting Lasix, in the first start since dueling for the lead and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> behind next-out stakes winner Never Surprised going 6 furlongs on the Aqueduct turf. Trainer Christophe Clement has Joe Bravo atop the \$410,000 son of Tiznow.

**4 CITIZEN WEST** is debuting locally on the turf in the first start since coming up empty going a mile and a sixteenth in the mud at the Fair Grounds. Owner/trainer Louie Roussel has the son of productive turf sire Quality Road firing bullets for the turnback to 5 furlongs. **3 SI COMO NO** who has shown speed in his previous turf sprints, turns back with blinkers added, looking to be part of the pace scenario for Antonio Sano and Edgard Zayas: don't ignore.

**SELECTIONS: 5-4-3**

## RACE 4:

**4 COLONEL TOM** moves to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and drops to the \$12,500 level, looking to sit the garden spot behind what should be a mad scramble for the early lead: Edgard Zayas rides. **8 GRAN MALBEC** is another dropping a notch after disputing swift fractions and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a nose – vs \$16,000 claimers. Trainer Bobby Dibona has hot-jock Hector Berrios named to ride. **5 EARTH** can turn out to be the speed of the speed when he drops to this level after setting fractions of 20 & 3 and 43& 1 before fading to finish 6<sup>th</sup> vs \$16,000 starter allowance runners. The son of Orb will take them as far as he can.

**SELECTIONS: 4-8-5**

## RACE 5:

**1 HOT BABE** should be primed and ready to score after returning from the layoff to duel for the lead and finish 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Jose D'Angelo has Emisael Jaramillo handling the inside post. **5 ADDI** is hoping to get away from the gate in a timely fashion after breaking slowly prior to finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Hot Babe last out. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has jockey Edwin Gonzalez named to ride.



**9 FROSTED MISTRESS** has her claiming tag carved in half after failing to get untracked in back-to-back sprints at the \$25,000 level. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Edgard Zayas handling the stretchout to a 1-turn mile.

**SELECTIONS: 1-5-9**

**RACE 6:**

**5 ZAP DADDY** is turning back slightly to 7 ½ furlongs after his 2-race win streak ended when he prompted the pace and faded to finish 4<sup>th</sup> behind hard-knocking Kroy in a \$16,000 state-bred optional claimer going a mile last out. The gelding, who does his best running from a stalk/close position, should see the pace needed to bolster his running style. **9 MID DAY IMAGE** is turning back after notching his 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive turf victory when defeating this level of competition with a pair going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Luis Carvajal Jr has Edgar Prado going for the 4-peat.

**11 VOW ME NOW**, who likes to win races in bunches, will try to make it 2 in a row after returning from the 20-month layoff to defeat \$16,000 dated claimers at the distance. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Angel Arroyo atop the gelded son of Broken Vow.

**SELECTIONS: 5-9-11**

**RACE 7:**

**2 DROPPED ANCHOR** proved he could compete at this level when he responded on the first race after the claim by Alfredo Velazquez with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish, behind repeat winner Hercules, last out. He'll be playing catch me if you can with Angel Arroyo at the controls. **1 GEGE CONQUEST** is hoping to find more for the stretch drive after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Dropped Anchor last out. Trainer Antonio Sano has Paco Lopez handling the rematch. **4 KHOZANDO** is hoping to break trouble free after losing his best chance when his head was turned at the start. The usually consistent son of Khozan has Emisael Jaramillo in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 2-1-4**

**RACE 8:**

**2 YES I AM FREE** is back in the allowance optional claiming ranks after squandering his best chance when he broke slowly in the \$75,000 Silks Run last out. Trainer Mark Casse has Emisael Jaramillo atop the multiple winner at the \$62,500 level. **4 MAI TY ONE ON**, who defeated the top choice at this level 2 starts back, and was 4<sup>th</sup> in front of him in the Silks Run, should take the lion's share of the action off his recent form. Trainer Jane Cibelli has Joe Bravo named to ride.

**1 CITRUS BURST** certainly adds to the intrigue in the feature race when he followed the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish behind the top 2 on Feb 5<sup>th</sup> with a well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish on the Silks Run. Trainer Jeff Engler has Romero Maragh handling the tough inside post.

**SELECTIONS: 2-4-1**

**RACE 9:**

**4 SOPE**, who lost all chance when he was mugged at the start of his previous grass race at 5 furlongs, turns back in the first start since attending the pace and weakening vs \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile on the Tampa turf. Trainer Efren Loza Jr has Jesus Rios atop this longshot play. **11 DISCREET TUNE** is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear to defeat next-out winners Marsac and Charlieando in a \$16,000 maiden sprint at the distance. Trainer Joe Orseno has Paco going for 2 in a row.

**8 FRENCH REEF (IRE)** was solid in defeat when he dueled throughout and was beaten a half-length at this level and distance. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 4-11-8**

**BEST BET: RACE 6 – 5 ZAP DADDY**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 4 SOPE**