



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

4 CAT LADY, a reclaim by Fausto Gutierrez, stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth after setting the pace and weakening to finish 4th vs similar quality going a mile last out. The speedy daughter of Kitten's Joy will have Edgard Zayas trying to stretch her speed to the wire. **6 SHADILEE** moved to the Terri Pompay barn via the claim, and stretches out, after rallying to finish 2nd in front of Cat Lady going the mile last out. She'll be there to pick up the pieces if the top one fails to negotiate the distance. **3 KATZ A DREAM**, bred on both sides of the family tree to relish the turf, the daughter of Tiznow stretches out to 8 ½ furlongs on the grass in the first start since finishing 3rd vs \$35,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going 6 furlongs on the main track. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Joe Bravo handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-3

RACE 2:

6 COMBINATION moves to the Luis Ramirez barn after the claim looking to sit the 'trip' behind the abundance of speed signed in this field: Paco Lopez guides the 7-time local winner.

3 GAME BOY BENNY is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after using his tactical speed to defeat \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers by 4 widening lengths. Trainer Cheryl Winebaugh has Edgard Zayas up. **1 KALU** will depart from the rail after dueling throughout and finishing 2nd – beaten a half-length – vs \$16,000 conditioned claimers going this 6-furlong distance: Miguel Vazquez rides for Kent Sweezey.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-1

RACE 3:

7 THIS DUDES NO FOOL is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after responding to the dropdown to the \$6,250 level with a 3rd place finish going 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer Carlos David, who claimed him for \$12,500 two starts back, has Angel Arroyo named to ride.

3 CAPTURED BY FATE, listed as a gelding, the 4-year-old moves to the Liz Dobles barn via the claim, and stretches out, after making the pace prior to weakening to finish 4th behind the top choice going 5 ½-furlongs last out. The new connections tab Edgard Zayas to ride. **5 EMIT** is dropping to this level after returning from the layoff to finish a wide 2nd – at 80-1 – vs \$12,500 open claimers going 6 furlongs. The shaky proposition has Miguel Vazquez at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-5

RACE 4:

1 ALONZO MOSELY is cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs after surrendering a late lead to finish 2nd – beaten a length – vs this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Joe Orseno has Paco Lopez handling the inside draw.

4 INDOCTRINATE has his claiming tag sliced in half after 'hitting the board' in 2 of 3 turf outings at the \$50,000 level. Trainer Mark Casse has Miguel Vazquez atop the \$90,000 son of Exaggerator.

7 CITY MAGIC is another dropping to the \$25,000 level after stepping up off the claim by Mike Maker and finishing 3rd – from a tough outside post – vs \$35,000 maidens going a mile: Edgard rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-7

RACE 5:

8 WEISSER is turning back to three-quarters of a mile, and adding blinkers, after setting a pressured pace and fading to finish 5th – as the favorite – going 6 ½ furlongs. Strong gate rider Emisael Jaramillo will handle the outside stall.

7 FLAWLESS MOON, now in the Armando De La Cerda barn, the gelding hopes to rise to the occasion after the chase-and-fade outing vs this level of competition going 6 ½ furlongs: Jose Morelos rides.



1 MOON PISTOL is cutting back to this distance after rallying to finish 2nd in front the top choice when they hooked up at 6 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Ernesto Ochoa lightens the impost with 7-pound apprentice Gaddiel Martinez handling the inside draw.

SELECTIONS: 8-7-1

RACE 6:

1 ROYAL HABIBI moves to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and tumbles to the \$12,500 level, after recovering from a troubled start to get beat a neck vs \$35,000 claimers going 5 furlongs here during December. Edgard Zayas will handle the Calabrese dropdown. **8 CRAFTY LASS** is debuting locally on the grass in the first start since finishing a track-the-pace 3rd vs \$25,000 claimers going 5 ½ furlongs at Monmouth last August. Trainer Jane Cibelli, 27% with the longer than 180 days layoff, has go-to jock Paco Lopez in the saddle again. **4 COOKIE COVE** is dropping a notch, and figures on the ‘what have you done lately’ angle after rallying to finish 2nd here vs \$16,000 ‘2-lifetime’ foes on April 2nd. Trainer Fernandez Noda has apprentice Gaddiel Martinez up.

SELECTIONS: 1-8-4

RACE 7:

2 BIMINI is stretching out to one of her most productive distances (8-3-2-0) after drawing clear to defeat this level of competition going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa has Edgard Zayas going for 2 in a row. **6 TIME TO TWO STEP** is making the 3rd start of her current form cycle after rallying 4-wide to finish 2nd – beaten a nose – vs \$25,000 conditioned claimers going this 1-mile distance. Note that trainer Peter Walder, and jockey Paco Lopez, win races here at a 21% clip. **1 JUST SAYIN**, who is 2 for 4 on the dirt, is going back to the main track after finishing a troubled 5th behind hard-knocking Isadorable Aida in a \$16,000 claimer going a mile and a sixteenth on the grass. Trainer Carlos David has Miguel Vazquez handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-1

RACE 8:

3 FOREVER MO, who has beaten this level of competition in the past, gets the Lasix back after failing to fire when stepping up the competition in the Grade 3 Appleton Stakes. Trainer Tim Hills has Leonel Reyes guiding the longshot special.

7 CHUCK WILLIS (IRE), a gelded son of Kodiak (GB), who hasn’t tried the grass since 2018, is debuting locally after crushing the competition when sprinting on the synthetic Tapeta surface at Woodbine last summer. Trainer Mark Casse has the 5-year-old burning up the Palm Meadows turf in preparation for the return. **2 BLAMELESS** moves to the Mike Maker barn via the claim, and cuts back to 7 ½ furlongs, after proving no match for repeat winner Sayaaf going a mile at the \$62,500 level. The usually consistent gelding will have Paco Lopez trying get him back to his competitive ways.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-2

RACE 9:

6 T WALTZ is dropping to the \$16,000 level after bumping at the start prior to finishing 4th vs \$25,000 maidens. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo handling the dropdown.

5 CHIPS AND SALSA is another getting some class relief after rallying from 11 lengths back to finish 3rd vs \$25,000 maidens. Trainer Mark Casse has Miguel Vazquez named to ride.

7 WRONGFULLY ACCUSED is turning back to 5 furlongs after losing her best chance when she was forced out, and checked, going into the first turn of a \$16,000 maiden test going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Antonio Sano has apprentice Gaddiel Martinez atop this intriguing longshot.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-7

BEST BET: RACE 4 – 1 ALONZO MOSLEY

LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 3 FOREVER MO