



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## Race 1:

**2 ZIG ZILLION** moved to the Jason Servis barn via the claim after using his speed to defeat \$16,000 '3-lifetime' claimers at the distance. The popular gelding, claimed in 3 consecutive races, will have Nik Juarez in the irons for the newest connections. **3 DANCE PROUDLY** is looking to make amends after returning from the 10-week layoff to finish 4<sup>th</sup> – beaten a half-length as the even-money favorite – at the \$16,000 level. Trainer Jorge Navarro has Emisael Jaramillo handling the dropdown.

**6 DAY OF RECKONING** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after losing all chance when he leapt at the start of a \$16,000 open-claimer at the distance.

**SELECTIONS: 2-3-6**

## RACE 2:

**3 AMAZING CAT**, the only 4-year-old in the field, the son of Bluegrass Cat debuts for trainer Jason Servis with Lasix, and Nik Juarez named to ride. It's a perfect spot for a first-time starter to be successful. **5 BUDDY'S RUN** is a son of Street Sense debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks with Lasix, and a slew of workouts showing in preparation for this assignment; Edgard Zayas rides the sophomore. **4 STEADILY** figures on the experience angle when he switches to the main track after returning the 4-month layoff to finish 4<sup>th</sup> behind \$50,000 maidens sprinting on the turf.

**SELECTIONS: 3-5-4**

## RACE 3:

**5 MYSTERY WITNESS** moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim after posting his 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive victory, and 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive score at this level and distance; Paco Lopez guides the red-hot gelding. **1 FLAT OUT FLYING** will try to make it 2 in a row after returning from the 2-month layoff, dropping from the \$20,000 level, and rallying to score at this level and distance. Trainer Aubrey Maragh has Tony Maragh named to ride. **3 GRAN TOGOSHI** is dropping to the \$12,500 level in the first start since facing tougher before the layoff, which includes the 5<sup>th</sup> place finish, behind a pair of next-out winners, in a \$30,000 conditioned claimer contested in the slop.

**SELECTIONS: 5-1-3**

## RACE 4:

**4 ANGELIA** is turning back to a mile, and facing winners for the first time, after hard-fought maiden victory going a mile and a sixteenth during February. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Edgard Zayas atop the daughter of Curlin.

**7 ZEE DROP** is stretching out to a mile after the promising 7-furlong debut at Tampa in which she recovered from a pinball start to defeat a trio of next-out winners under maiden special weight conditions. **3 EQUIFOX**, another from trainer Todd Pletcher, the daughter of Oxbow makes her first start since drawing clear to win her 5 ½-furlong debut here last July; Feargal Lynch rides.

**SELECTIONS: 4-7-3**

**RACE 5:**

**4 ROTATE** is dropping a notch on the maiden scale after returning from the 2-month freshening to duel for the lead and weaken late when beaten 2 lengths at the \$50,000 level. Trainer Bill Mott has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. **2 BEATING THE ODDS** is a daughter Verrazano, and a half-sister to local stakes winner Blue Bahai, debuting for trainer Jason Servis with Lasix, and Nik Juarez named to ride. **6 BLUE EYED BETH** will depart from an improved post after breaking from the outside (Post 10), making a middle move, and flattening out when finishing 6<sup>th</sup> behind Rotate; Paco Lopez rides for Ron Spatz.

**SELECTIONS: 4-2-6****RACE 6:**

**8 CELEBRATEME** will try to make it 2 in a row at this level and distance, and notch her 3<sup>rd</sup> career victory, after tracking the pace and getting up to win by a measured neck. The Carlos David trainee should see a similar pace scenario that afforded her the victory last out. **2 TRACY ANN'S LEGACY** moved to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim, and returns to the turf, after posting her 2<sup>nd</sup> victory when she crushed a field of \$25,000 claimers on the main track. Miguel Vazquez guides the previous turf winner. **1 MATZO BELLA** will face winners from the rail after responding in the first race after the \$25,000 claim by Jason Servis with a \$50,000 maiden victory at the distance; Nik Juarez rides.

**SELECTIONS: 8-2-1****RACE 7:**

**1 SANTIAMEN** is back in the optional claiming ranks after following the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish behind Grade 1 Dubai Golden Shaheen winner X Y Jet at this level and distance with a poor showing in the Grade 3 GP Sprint last out. Trainer Antonio Sano has Paco Lopez named to ride.

**6 HARRYHEE** the 7-year-old has found the fountain of youth recently after posting back-to-back impressive victories at the distance. Trainer Brett McLellan has Luca Panici going for the hat trick. **7 REASON TO SOAR** was give some time off after chasing the pace and weakening in the stretch to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind X Y Jet and Santiamen during February. Trainer George Weaver has Miguel Vazquez named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 1-6-7****RACE 8:**

**9 GLORY ROLL** moved to the Joe Orseno barn via the \$20,000 claim, and drops to the \$12,500 level, after dueling for the lead and fading to finish 4<sup>th</sup> at the distance; Paco Lopez handles the dropdown. **5 IMMACULATE HEART**, a daughter of Kantharos, is dropping to this level on the grass after returning from the 3-month layoff to finish a stalk-the-pace 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$20,000 maidens going 6 furlongs on the dirt. **7 JAMAICAN MAGICIAN**, who faced much better in her only previous turf sprint, is going back to the lawn after 'hitting the board' in 1 of 2 races vs similar on the dirt.

**SELECTIONS: 9-5-7****BEST BET: RACE 5 – 4 ROTATE****LONGSHOT: RACE 6 – 8 CELEBRATEME**