



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

4 FISHING FOR FUN, 3 for 3 'in the money' sprinting here, including the well-meant 2nd place finish behind multiple stakes winner Octane, returns locally, and is back in the Ron Spatz barn, after the chase-and-fade outing vs special weight sprinters at Belmont. Miguel Vazquez rides. **7 HEY HOMBRE** is dropping to the \$35,000 level after facing state-bred special weight competition in 3 prior races, which includes the 3rd place finish behind runaway winner Simplification. **5 COMMANDING**, a half-brother to hard-knocking local runners Je Di Baggio, and Archer Road, debuts for trainer Carlos David with a consistent work tab showing. The Arindel homebred will have Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 4-7-5

RACE 2:

7 LEVIOSA is dropping to the \$35,000 level after following the 4th place finish vs special weight runners here on the main track with a duel-and-fade 4th going 5 ½ furlongs on the Saratoga turf. Saffie Joseph Jr, 39% with similar class drops, and Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

8 ARETE'S CHALICE is dropping back to the \$35,000 level after chasing the leader and finishing 2nd vs \$50,000 maidens last out. Trainer Henry Collazo has Chantal Sutherland in the irons. **3 R GIRL'S WERTH IT** is dropping to this level on the main track after dueling for the lead and tiring to finish 5th in her special weight debut going 5 ½ furlongs on the Tapeta. Trainer Georgina Baxter is 3 for 10 (30%) with maidens making their 2nd start.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-3

RACE 3:

6 MO HAWK is turning back slightly after setting the pace and finishing 2nd vs this level of opposition going about a mile and a sixteenth on the Tapeta. Leonel Reyes rides for Juan C Avila. **1 THENORTHREMEMBERS** will try \$35,000 conditioned claimers after encountering double-trouble (blocked, steadied) when finishing 4th vs \$20,000 starter optional claimers going about 8 ½ furlongs on the Tapeta. Leon McKanas has Chantal in the saddle again. **2 OUTSHINE** is debuting on the Tapeta after the okay campaign vs similar quality on turf before going to the sidelines in June. Trainer Pan Pita has Cristian Torres handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-2

RACE 4:

10 GLORIOUS BUSINESS moves to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and cuts back to 5 furlongs, after dueling for the lead and finishing a game 2nd vs similar quality going 5 ½ furlongs on the all-weather surface. The barn, 25% with new claims, has Edgard Zayas atop their new acquisition. **1 WILLY THE SHOE**, now in the Danny Gargan barn, the freshman tries the Tapeta after showing some early interest and fading in his \$25,000 debut going 5 ½ furlongs on the Delaware main track. The barn, 31% with new additions to the shedrow, has Miguel Vazquez handling the inside draw.

4 IT'S NOT EASY is a son of The Big Beast debuting for trainer Kent Sweezey with Paco Lopez named to ride. The tote action should tell us more.

SELECTIONS: 10-1-4



RACE 5:

4 FLIPPING FISH, a reclaim by trainer Ron Spatz, hopes to rebound after tracking the pace and finishing 4th vs \$20,000 claimers going 6 furlongs. The old/new connections are 26% with horses stretching out in distance.

6 BRETT'S WORLD moves to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim, and steps up the competition, after shaking off early pressure to draw clear and defeat \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile. Zerpa, 28% with new claims, tabs Paco Lopez to ride.

7 SASSY BUT SMART is cutting back to a 1-turn mile on the dirt, and adding blinkers, after setting the pace throughout before getting nailed at the wire in a \$12,500 claimer going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Peter Walder, who claimed him last out, is 25% with the turf to dirt angle. Edgard Zayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-7

RACE 6:

5 GREAT WARRIOR (IRE) is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs on the Tapeta in the first start since finishing 4th vs maiden special weight company going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf here last February. Trainer Mark Casse, 20% with the turf to synthetic move, has go-to jock Edwin Gonzalez atop the regally bred daughter of War Front. **1 FRANKLY MY DEAR** should attract some attention when she returns from the layoff with blinkers in the first race since finishing 2nd vs state-bred special weight runners going 6 furlongs on the main track during July. Rajiv Maragh handles the move to the Tapeta.

6 HIGH SPEED STEF will try the all-weather track at 5 ½ furlongs after pressing the winner when finishing a distant 2nd vs maiden special weight runners going 6 furlongs on the dirt. Saffie has Edgard atop the \$140,000 son of Liam's Map.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-6

RACE 7:

2 STARSHIP NALA is turning back to 6 furlongs after following the 2nd-place finish to stablemate Starship Bonita in the 7-furlong \$100,000 Sheer Drama with slow starting distant 3rd vs this level of competition going a mile on a sealed sloppy track. The mare, 2 for 3 at the distance, will have Jesus Rios handling the turnback in distance.

1 LORILOUPIES, in for the \$62,500 tag in this optional claimer, the daughter of Rattlesnake Bridge makes her first start since defeating \$25,000 optional claimers going 6 furlongs in the slop during September. Saffie Joseph Jr, 23% with similar layoffs, has Edgard Zayas handling the return to action. **7 COMPENSATE**, a winner on the dirt, at this level and distance in April, returns to the main track after stalking the pace and finishing 4th vs \$62,500 optional claimers going about 5 furlongs on the Tapeta. Cam Gambolati has Miguel Vazquez atop this major player.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-7

RACE 8:

2 CHUCKY is making the usually fruitful 3rd start back from a layoff after following the \$12,500 maiden victory with a 2nd place finish vs \$20,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile last out. Jorge Delgado has Chantal handling the drop to the \$12,500 level. **4 BOLDNESS** is another dropping to the \$12,500 level after setting the pace and weakening to finish 3rd behind Chucky last out. Dave Fawkes has Emisael Jaramillo in the irons, as Chantal moves to Chucky.

9 CONVERTER is hoping to find more firepower for the stretch drive after responding to the surface switch from turf to dirt with a press-the-pace 2nd at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-9

BEST BET: RACE 7 – 2 STARSHIP NALA

LONGSHOT: RACE 5 – 4 FLIPPING FISH