



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

3 EXACT is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and returning to the grass, after failing to score – as the odds-on choice – vs \$50,000 maidens going 6 furlongs on the dirt last out. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Luis Saez handling the needed class relief.

2 SHOULDACKNOBETTER was well-meant in defeat when she returned from GP West and finished 2nd – beaten a half-length – at this level and distance: Jesus Rios rides. **9 BAHAMIAN RHAPSODY** drops, and gets Lasix, after hitting the board in 1 of 3 turf sprints at the \$35-25,000 levels. Trainer Ron Spatz has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-9

RACE 2:

9 OBSTINATE is dropping to the \$6,250 level on the main track after debuting locally for Eddie Kenneally and finishing a sightseeing 9th vs \$35,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going 8 ½ furlongs on the dirt: Jose Ortiz rides. **1 CREATE A STORY** is spotted perfectly today after skipping a condition and finishing 2nd – as the tepid favorite – vs \$6,250 'non-winners of 3-lifetime' runners at the distance. Trainer Bob Hess Jr has Paco Lopez handling the inside post. **5 LADY FIORELLA** is dropping to this level in the first start since finishing 2nd vs better before going to the sidelines last May. Trainer Antonio Sano has Junior Alvarado handling the return to action.

SELECTIONS: 9-1-5

RACE 3:

3 HARTLING moved to the Jose D'Angelo barn via the claim, and cuts back to 7 furlongs, after posting her 2nd consecutive victory when she crushed a field of \$6,250 claimers going a 1-turn mile. The barn, 22% with new claims, has Edgard Zayas going for 3 in a row.

1 FREE TO FLY is stretching out an additional furlong after drawing clear late to defeat this level of competition going three-quarters of a mile. Kent Sweezey has Paco handling the stretchout. **2 BIMINI** is stepping up to the \$12,500 level after responding to the dropdown in competition with a much-the-best \$6,250 victory going 6 furlongs. Peter Walder has Corey Lanerie handling the stretchout to 7 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-2

RACE 4:

2 PHILLY SPECIAL is dropping to the \$16,000 level in the first start since facing better here last summer with a modicum of success. Mary Eppler removes the blinkers, and has Paco Lopez atop the \$300,000 daughter of Blame. **3 LIVIN AT THE BEACH** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after breaking slowly in her return going 5 furlongs. The daughter of Treasure Beach, who has run okay in the past when going around 2-turns on the turf, should have the proverbial screws tightened in the 2nd race off the bench. **8 ADDI**, a daughter of Wicked Strong, is headed to uncharted territory when she steps up, stretches out, and moves to the turf, after so-so campaign on the dirt.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-8

RACE 5:

3 BLACK JET, a 6-time local turf winner, and a 10-time winner at the distance, returns after ending his sprint campaign at GP West with a victory vs \$12,500 claimers. Trainer Georgina Baxter will have Emisael Jaramillo playing 'catch me if you can'.

7 KANTHAROS' IMAGE is dropping into a winning spot after losing his best chance when he was checked early before finishing 6th behind repeat winner Mai Ty One On in a \$35,000 conditioned claimer at the distance. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Edgard Zayas handling the dropdown. **1 APACHE BRAVE** 4th on the turf – as the favorite – vs a competitive group of \$16,000 claimers 2 starts back, returns to the turf after the chase-and-fade outing in a race moved to the main track. Trainer Georgina Baxter, who also conditions the top choice, has Jose Ortiz returning on the 7-year-old.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-1

RACE 6:

3 FIRST INVESTOR is stepping up to face winners after turning on the afterburners when defeating \$35,000 maidens in her 5-furlong career debut on the main track. Trainer Mike Lerman has Paco Lopez handling 4-year-olds first major class check.



4 STRIPPING, who broke her maiden vs \$40,000 maidens going 7 furlongs on a wet Keeneland main track, is going back to the dirt after encountering some trouble on the first turn when finishing 7th and last vs \$50,000 starter allowance runners going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Brendan Walsh, 31% with the turf to dirt angle, has Tyler Gaffalione in the irons. **2 BARGAINAIRE** is hoping to find another performance like her last when she rallied to finish 2nd – at 42-1 – in a \$25,000 optional claimer at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-2

RACE 7:

1 GLITTER BAY will depart from the rail, and receive Lasix, after a bang-up turf debut in which she set the pace and was nailed at the wire when 2nd vs \$35,000 claimers going a mile over a firm course. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Emisael Jaramillo on the inside speed. **3 SERENADE A KITTEN**, who defeated Glitter Bay last out with a perfectly timed ride by Tyler Gaffalione, is going for her 3rd consecutive victory over the local sod. Trainer Mike Maker adds Lasix for her sophomore debut. **9 COFFEE BUZZ BUZZ**, who was 3rd behind the top 2 when they competed on December 30th, renews the rivalry after a set-the-pace 2nd vs \$40,000 starter optional claimers last out. Trainer Brittany Russell has Edgard Zayas handling the outside draw.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-9

RACE 8:

3 LAUDA SPEED is cutting back to a sprint distance on the dirt after following a solid sprint campaign on the dirt, during his freshman season, with a pair of stalk-the-pace and weaken outings going 2-turns on the grass, which includes the recent 4th place finish in the \$75,000 Dania Beach. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr is 29% with the turf to dirt angle. **7 THE ICE BEAST** is getting the blinkers back after stalking the pace and settling for 3rd vs state-bred allowance runners going 7 furlongs. Trainer Mike Yates has Luis Saez handling the turnback. **1 MAHOMES MONEY** is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear to defeat \$50,000 maidens in his local debut at the distance. Trainer Dale Romans adds Lasix for this assignment.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-1

RACE 9:

5 KING OF SPADES is wheeling back after surrendering a late lead when 2nd – beaten a head – in a \$25,000 starter allowance contested at this mile and a half distance. Trainer Kelly Breen has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. **1 SHAMROCKET**, who has shown in the past that he can run well at marathon distances, stretches out to 12 furlongs after rallying to finish 2nd in the \$75,000 mile and a sixteenth Sunshine Turf. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Irad handling the added real estate. **2 PERFECT** is stretching out an additional furlong after returning from the layoff to finish 3rd – part of a 3-horse blanket finish – going 11 furlongs vs this level of opposition. Trainer Rusty Arnold has Corey Lanerie trying to get the colt out of 3rd gear.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-2

RACE 10:

1 LEASE is turning back to a mile after responding to the both the dropdown, and the addition of Lasix, with a 2nd-place finish vs \$25,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Bill Mott has Jose Ortiz named to ride. **10 BREAKING ALONE** is dropping into the maiden claiming ranks, for trainer Brian Lynch, and trying the turf, after finishing 5th in his special weight debut going a mile & 70 yards on the Woodbine Tapeta surface while in the Kevin Attard barn. The gelded son of Lea has Luis Saez at the controls. **3 UNDER FIRE** moved to the Mary Eppler barn via the claim, and the new gelding gets Lasix, and blinkers, after showing speed and fading in his mile and sixteenth debut on the dirt. The son of Empire Maker, out of the Tapit mare Jade Princess, is bred to love the grass.

SELECTIONS: 1-10-3

BEST BET: RACE 10 – 1 LEASE

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 5 KING OF SPADES

