



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

5 OFFICIATING, a half-brother to Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner Caledonia Road, drops to the \$50,000 level, and debuts on the turf, after the inconsistent campaign on the dirt vs maiden special weight competition in New York. Trainer Bill Mott adds Lasix, and has Junior Alvarado in the irons.

8 COMEDY TOWN is stretching out around 2-turns after encountering some traffic (steadied) at the 1/8th pole when 3rd in his 5-furlong debut. Trainer Mike Trombetta has Jose Ortiz in the irons.

4 CREATIVE CLOUD is a son of Creative Cause debuting for trainer Saffie Joseph Jr with Lasix, and leading jockey Irad Ortiz Jr named to ride. The tote action should tell us more.

SELECTIONS: 5-8-4

RACE 2:

1 VEGAS WEEKEND is stretching out to a mile, and adding blinkers, after rallying to finish 2nd in her local debut going 6 furlongs. Trainer Kelly Breen, 21% with horse stretching out in distance, has Luis Saez named to ride. **2 LEN LO LADY** is dropping to the \$50,000 level after debuting locally and finishing a troubled starting 4th (forced out) vs special weight company going this 1-turn mile. **4 YES IT'S FREE** is trying a mile after returning from the 4-month layoff to finish a so-so 6th behind Vegas Weekend. The daughter of Tapiture, bred to like the distance, will have Leonel Reyes handling the added real estate.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-4

RACE 3:

8 HONORABLE is hoping to bounce back after his 2-race win streak ended when he opened a clear lead before drifting through the lane and finishing 3rd vs \$50,000 starter optional claimers at the distance. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Edgard Zayas returning on the son of Constitution. **5 CHAO**, beaten a head by Honorable 2 starts back with Irad Ortiz Jr in the saddle, is reunited with both after failing to fire vs similar last out. It's the old bounce/rebound angle.

6 GOLOVKIN is stepping up to face winners after dueling from start to finish and holding sway to defeat \$50,000 maidens by a nose. Trainer Carlos David has Corey Lanerie named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 8-5-6

RACE 4:

2 EMMA ROSE is stretching out to a mile after shaking off trouble at the start (reared) to finish 2nd – beaten a half-length – going 6 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Ken McPeck has Jose Ortiz handling the stretchout. **4 FAVORITE SIN** will be outfitted with blinkers after making an inside bid to finish 2nd in her local return at this level and distance. Trainer Ian Wilkes has Corey Lanerie named on the daughter of Awesome Again. **5 ISHFAAQ**, a half-sister to Grade 1 Vosburgh winner Takafal, and Gotham Stakes winner Haikal, is debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and Luis Saez named to ride. Tab the tote action for more clues about her chances to win at first asking.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-5

RACE 5:

3 DREAM FRIEND, now in the Mike Maker barn, the 6-year-old drops into this conditioned claimer after showing speed vs tougher before going to the sidelines in November. The son of Ghostzapper will have Jose Ortiz rationing his speed. **9 NINJA DUST** proved he could win at this level when he skipped a condition and defeated 'non-winners of 3-lifetime' competition here by a late-closing neck. Trainer Carlos Martin has Edgard Zayas going for 2 in a row. **8 CAIRO CAMPAIGN** moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim, and wheels back, after surrendering a late lead when finishing 3rd behind Ninja Dust at this level and distance last out. Irad Ortiz Jr rides this half of the Maker uncoupled entry.

SELECTIONS: 3-9-8

RACE 6:

3 SHOP GIRL is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd in the 6 ½-furlong \$75,000 Glitter Woman last out. Trainer Christophe Clement has Luis Saez returning on the daughter of Constitution.



2 FLIGHT TO SHANGHAI is returning locally, for trainer Jane Cibelli, and making her sophomore debut, the first start since drawing clear in the slop to break her maiden at Monmouth by 6 widening lengths. The daughter of Shanghai Bobby shows a series of stamina tweaking 5-furlong workouts at Palm Meadows in preparation for the return.

6 REINFORCED is making her 3-year-old debut after the interesting freshman campaign on the Woodbine Tapeta surface. The daughter of Tonalist won her debut in impressive fashion, and then was a disappointing 6th in the 7-furlong \$100,000 Glorious Song Stakes. Trainer Josie Carroll has John Velazquez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-6

RACE 7:

2 PLEASECALLMEBACK, who does his best running in the latter stages of the race, should get the perfect setup with the abundance of speed signed to compete in this race. Trainer Mike Maker has strong finisher Tyler Gaffalione atop the son of Hard Spun, who is still looking for the elusive 2nd victory. **6 SHOOTIN THE BREEZE** is stepping up the competition after responding in the start in the Danny Gargan barn with a \$50,000 2-lifetime' victory at the distance: Luis Saez rides. **1 CALIBRATOR** will depart from the rail after using his speed to defeat \$35,000 '2-lifetime' claimers in driving fashion. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-1

RACE 8:

8 MO MAVERICK, a 3-time winner at the distance (10-3-2-2), is stretching out after rallying between horses to finish 3rd – beaten a length – vs \$62,500 optional claimers going 5 furlongs last out. Trainer Mike Maker has Jose Ortiz atop the gelded son of Uncle Mo. **4 RENAISSANCE FROLIC**, another 3-time winner at the distance, is dropping to the \$50,000 level after bumping and losing the rider in a \$75,000 optional claimer won by stakes-faced Social Paranoia. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr removes the blinkers, and has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

3 UNMOORED, another from the Mike Maker juggernaut, stretches out on the grass after shipping to Turfway Park and finishing a set-the-pace 4th in the 6 ½-furlong Forego, contested on the synthetic surfaced main track: Irad Ortiz Jr rides.

SELECTIONS: 8-4-3

RACE 9:

4 LORILOUPIES, who showed tons of promise in her brief sophomore campaign, returns for Saffie Joseph Jr with a string of swift workouts showing over the track, which includes the recent 5-furlong bullet in :59 & 2: Emisael Jaramillo rides. **7 COMP'D** is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after setting the pace and settling for 2nd at this level and distance last out. Trainer Fernando Abreu has Irad handling the outside draw. **3 LET'S BE HONEST** who does her best when stalking the pace, can end up sitting the 'trip' behind what should be a glib early pace scenario. Trainer Marcial Navarro has Luis Saez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 4-7-3

RACE 10:

11 WINTER PRINCESS, who has the best closing pace figure in the field, should get the perfect setup needed to spring the late-charging upset in the nightcap. Trainer Juan C Avila has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

1 SHE'SANEARTHMOVER is stepping up a notch, and breaking from the rail, after dueling throughout and finishing 3rd vs \$25,000 maidens at the distance. She's has speed, the rail, and Jose Ortiz in the saddle. **9 KATIESDREAMGIRL** is stretching out to a mile, and getting Lasix, after rallying late to come within three-quarters of a length of breaking her maiden going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Irad named to ride. **4 TIME SENSITIVE** was solid in defeat when she tracked the pace and finished 2nd a half-length in front of pacesetter She'saneearthmover last out. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has Luis Saez up.

SELECTIONS: 11-1-9-4

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 8 MO MAVERICK

LONGSHOT: RACE 10: 11 WINTER PRINCESS