



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

3 FROZEN HANNAH drops a notch, and runs for the \$25,000 tag in this starter optional claimer, after coming within a neck of scoring at this 1-mile distance. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

2 DELICIOUS PURSUIT is stretching out around 2-turns after setting the pace and finishing 2nd vs similar quality going 5 furlongs. The currently hot Rohan Crichton barn has 7-pound apprentice Cristian Torres handling the stretchout.

4 UNA LUNA is turning back to a mile in the first race since finishing a rallying 3rd vs \$25,000 optional claimers going a mile and an eighth on April 7. Trainer Jose Gallegos has Emisael Jaramillo up.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-4

RACE 2:

7 VINA is dropping to the bottom on the dirt after showing speed and fading when facing \$20,000 maidens going 5 furlongs on the grass. Note that the daughter of Anthony's Cross is 2 for 3 'in the money' on a fast-main track. **6 VELDT** moved to the Angel Rodriguez barn via the claim, and drops to the \$10,000 level on the main track, in the first start since facing tougher, on both turf & dirt, before the 4-month layoff.

8 GOLDEN GEM APPLE tries the dirt after failing to earn a placing when facing bottom level foes going 5 furlongs on the turf; 2nd-time blinkers for the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 7-6-8

RACE 3:

4 UNO EMAYO is dropping to the \$20,000 starter optional claiming level after a shaking off the poor showing in the Grade 3 Appleton with a solid victory vs \$25,000 starter optional claimers. The gelding classes up perfectly in this spot.

2 TROPICAT is stepping up the competition after using his speed to defeat a field of \$12,500 open-claimers – as the favorite - going 7 ½ furlongs.

7 DEXTER ROAD is hoping to turn the tables on the top choice after encountering trouble at the start (bumped), pressing the pace, and then fading from his earlier efforts to finish 5th – beaten 4 ½ lengths by Uno Emayo.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-7

RACE 4:

3 DOUBLETURBO is dropping to the \$25,000 level after finishing a useful 5th in his maiden special weight debut, a race that has already produced a next-out winner (Cajun Casanova).

7 FAYEZ is a son of Palace (City Zip) debuting for trainer Antonio Sano with Lasix, and promising apprentice Cristian Torres named to handle the 5-furlong distance.

1 STROLL BY LEA breaks from the always-adventurous inside post with a series of solid workouts showing at Palm Meadows. The tote action should tell us more about his chances to win at first asking.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-1

RACE 5:

5 BIG SPORT moved to the Scott Becker barn via the claim, and debuts on the turf, after returning from the layoff to defeat \$20,000 maidens in a race moved from the grass to 7 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. The gelded son of Kantharos is bred to love the turf.

4 CONISTON is turning back slightly to 7 ½ furlongs after knocking on the door in back-to-back \$20,000 conditioned claimers going a mile.

6 STRIKE PLAY moved to the Elizabeth Dobles barn via the claim, and steps up the competition, after dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd in his local debut vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers.

SELECTIONS: 5-4-6

RACE 6:

6 STARSHIP APOLLO returns from the layoff, and hopes to rekindle the 'horse-for-course' status (30-7-3-4), when making the first start since coming up empty vs a solid group of \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers in late March. The 7-furlong specialist (9-3-1-3) has leading jock Edgard Zayas at the controls.

5 ONE FINE RIDE, a reclaim by trainer Emmy Gaffney, will try to make it 3 in a row, and 3rd straight at the distance, after defeating \$6,250 open-claimers as the even-money favorite.

3 DR. HARLAN will try to turn the tables on One Fine Ride after one fine effort last out, in which he dueled with that rival and finished 2nd. Emisael Jaramillo gets the call as Edgard moves to Starship Apollo.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-3

RACE 7:

1 AQUEMINI moved to the Peter Walder barn via the claim, and stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth, after making a 5-wide charge to finish 3rd behind repeat winner Paint the Corners, and in front of next-out winner Yum Yum, in fruitful \$12,500 open-claimer going a mile.

3 LOOKINLIKEAQUEEN, 1 of 2 in the field for Rohan Crichton (Pillango), makes her first start since displaying good speed when 4th vs this caliber of competition going 7 ½ furlongs on April 14th. She's can get brave with apprentice Cristian Torres at the controls. **4 PASSION PLUS**, a previous winner at the distance, stretches out after shipping in from Indiana Grand, encountering traffic, and still managing to finish 3rd vs this caliber of competition going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Antonio Sano secures the services of leading jock Edgard Zayas.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-4

RACE 8:

2 JALEN JOURNEY is stepping up, and stretching out, in the first race since the pair of commanding sprint victories here during March, which includes the driving score going 7 furlongs last out. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Edgard handling the added distance.

5 STRATOSPHERE is another trying a 1-turn mile after returning from an 18-month layoff to duel for the lead and weaken to finish 4th vs this caliber of competition going 6 furlongs. Trainer Jonathan Thomas has Emisael Jaramillo atop the \$190,000 gelded son of Graydar (Unbridled's Song). **4 ZIPPY** is cutting back to a mile after returning to GP for trainer Leo Gabriel, pressing the pace, and finishing useful 4th vs \$25,000 optional claimers. The drop, and turnback, looks like a winning proposition.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-4

RACE 9:

11 HUNT BREAKFAST is making the first start since finishing 3rd behind a pair of next-out winners in 5 furlong maiden special weight sprint 364 days ago. Trainer Bill Hickey has Samy Camacho atop the lightly raced 5-year-old.

7 NY BETH GETSITDONE figures on the 'what have you done lately' angle when she wheels back looking to improve on the recent 2nd place finish at this level and distance. Trainer Steve Dwoskin has Emisael Jaramillo returning on the daughter of Into Mischief.

2 TWICE AS MAGICAL is returning from the 13-month plus layoff for trainer Emmy Gaffney, and debuting on the turf, with a pair of stamina tweaking 5 furlongs workouts showing in preparation for this assignment; J J Gonzales rides this interesting proposition.

1 PEACEFULLY is a daughter of win-early sire Kantharos debuting on the turf for trainer Georgina Baxter with Lasix, and leading pilot Edgard Zayas named to handle the inside post.

SELECTIONS: 11-7-2-1

BEST BET: RACE 7 – 1 AQUEMINI

LONGSHOT: RACE 5 – 5 BIG SPORT