



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**1 SLEEPING GIANT** moved to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim, and drops to the \$12,500 level, in the first start since coming within a neck of defeating \$16,000 claimers when 3<sup>rd</sup> on March 15; Edgard Zayas rides.

**6 ZIG ZILLION** moved to the Julio Cartagena barn after notching his 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive victory with front running zeal. The popular gelding, claimed in 4 consecutive races, has Angel Rodriguez at the controls.

**4 DAY OF RECKONING** moved to the Herman Wilensky barn after the claim, and tries to find more, after chasing Zig Zillion and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> behind him last out.

**SELECTIONS: 1-6-4**

## RACE 2:

**2 LIAM LETS GO** will try to make it 2 in a row after defeating 2 of the 4 rivals his faces today in a state-bred allowance at the distance. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

**5 BUDDY'S RUN** will get his first class check after drawing clear and hiding in his debut when defeating \$50,000 maidens by 10-plus lengths.

**1 RUNNING FOR RIZ**, 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Liam 2 starts back, renews the rivalry, with blinkers added back, after duel-and-fade performance at the distance last out.

**SELECTIONS: 2-5-1**

## RACE 3:

**5 LOVE TREE** moved to the Peter Walder barn via the claim, and faces these \$12,500 dated claimers, after recovering from an awkward start to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind next-out winner W W Concerto in a \$6,250 open claimer contested at a mile and a sixteenth.

**4 PRINCE TITO** was given some time to regroup after responding to a dropdown in competition with a stalk-and-fade outing vs this caliber of competition on March 21. Trainer Jose Garoffalo has Jesus Rios named to ride.

**3 STRONG COMPOSITION** is stretching out to a mile after showing signs of improvement when 4<sup>th</sup> behind considerably tougher in a \$6,250 claimer going 6 ½ furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 5-4-3**

## RACE 4:

**2 PANDA** is stepping to face winners after stalking early, and drawing clear late, to defeat \$10,000 maidens at the distance by almost 7 lengths. **5 ROSEPATH** wheels back after setting a pressured pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in a solid performance at this level and distance.

**6 AZARCH** is dropping into this \$6,250 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' affair after following her \$12,500 maiden score with a stalk-and-weaken 5<sup>th</sup> place finish at the distance vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers.

**SELECTIONS: 2-5-6**

## RACE 5:

**10 DUBAIAN** is sitting on a winning performance after responding to the dropdown in competition with a well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at this level and distance. Trainer Mike Maker has Emisael Jaramillo atop the lightly raced 5-year-old daughter of Hansen. **2 FOR REEF'S SAKE** is stretching out around 2-turns after breaking from a demanding outside post and finishing a late-charging 3<sup>rd</sup> going five-eighths of a mile. The sophomore should be closer to the pace when trying 7 ½ furlongs from Post 2.

**11 RED HOT KITTEN**, another from Mike Maker, the daughter of super turf sire Kitten's Joy debuts on the grass after tracking the pace and finishing a distant 3<sup>rd</sup> vs '2-lifetime' allowance runners on the Turfway synthetic track; Edgard Zayas rides.

**SELECTIONS: 10-2-11**

**RACE 6:**

**8 KING ORB** moved to the Rohan Crichton barn via the claim, and makes his first start since setting the pace and yielding late to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimers. **6 CONISTON** breaks midpack after leaving from Post 10, stalking the pace, and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Albin Jimenez in the irons. **1 LIVE LIKE LARRY** is stepping up to tussle with winners after dueling throughout and holding sway to defeat \$20,000 maidens at the distance. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr is 28% winning consecutive races.

**SELECTIONS: 8-6-1**

**RACE 7:**

**5 GET THE NEWS** is the story in this field when dropping to the \$50,000 level after posting the best last-out Beyer figure (80) when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> - beaten 1 ½ lengths – vs maiden special weight competition. Trainer Mark Casse has Feargal Lynch named to ride. **3 BLUESKY KITTEN** is looking to make amends after flattening out and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> – as the tepid favorite – at this level and distance. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Emisael Jaramillo at the controls.

**4 STAR SWEEP** is making her first start after getting mugged at the start and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> at this level and distance on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Edgard Zayas handling the boys.

**SELECTIONS: 5-3-4**

**RACE 8:**

**2 WAIKIKI** is dropping to the \$25,000 level, and adding Lasix, after showing brief interest and fading to finish 5<sup>th</sup> in her special weight debut. Trainer Stanley Gold is 27% with similar class drops.

**1 R SEA SMOKE** is a \$75,000 daughter of Lea (First Samurai) debuting for trainer Wesley Ward for a \$25,000 tag. The freshman starts her campaign with Lasix, and Albin Jimenez handling the inside post. **4 RAVEN**, a daughter of Brethren, debuts for Arindel and trainer Oscar Gonzalez with Lasix, and Miguel Vazquez named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 2-1-4**

**RACE 9:**

**3 DIAMOND MINT**, who has turned finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> into an art form, moves to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim hoping to improve on the also-ran status. **5 CAN'TTAKEITWITHYOU** is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and turning back to 5 furlongs, in the first race back from the 7-month plus layoff for a barn that sports a 31% average with horses turning back from a route to sprint on the grass. **11 EARTH** is making the usually fruitful 3<sup>rd</sup> start back from the layoff after finishing a sharp 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level. The obvious concern is the tough outside post (11).

**SELECTIONS: 3-5-11**

**RACE 10:**

**9 CHERORAMA** is eligible to show more and score at a price after breaking slowly from the rail prior to rallying and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> behind Vina last out. Trainer Terri Pompay has Miguel Vazquez atop the daughter of Big Drama.

**2 HIRE THE LADY** is stepping up the competition after the promising \$12,500 debut in which she broke from the outside, dueled for the lead throughout, and finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. Trainer Milt Wolfson has Samy Camacho in the irons.

**12 VINA** will break from the outside (Post 12) after returning from Tampa to stalk the pace and finish 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has Edgard Zayas returning on the daughter of Anthony's Cross.

**SELECTIONS: 9-2-12**

**BEST BET: RACE 5 – 10 DUBAIAN**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 9 CHERORAMA**