



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

8 LI LI BEAR, now in the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, the daughter of Liam's Map is cutting back to 5 furlongs on the Tapeta after losing all chance when she stumbled at the start of a 7-furlong maiden special weight sprint at Saratoga while in the Phil Gelaves barn. Saffie, 23% with new additions to the shedrow, has her firing bullets at Palm Meadows. **7 BOO BOO KITTY** is debuting locally after dueling for the lead and getting beat a head vs special weight company going 5 ½ furlongs on the Presque Isle synthetic surface. Owner/trainer Kevin Rice has Leonel Reyes handling the local debut.

4 MOON PARTY is wheeling back after responding to a surface switch to the Tapeta with a 3rd place vs similar going about 5 ½ furlongs. Gilberto Zerpa has Cristian Torres in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 8-7-4

RACE 2:

4 I KICKN, a reclaim by Victor Barboza Jr, was freshened after finishing 2nd to hard-knocking Fast Loaded at this level and distance in June. The new/old connections readied him for the return with a bullet 3-furlong drill over the main track. **6 BEASTER** is freefalling to the \$6,250 level in the first race since defeating \$50,000 claimers here during March. Antonio Sano has J C Diaz Jr named on this shaky proposition.

3 GUACO, another from Victor Barboza Jr, steps up to face open competition after rallying to defeat \$6,250 conditioned claimers at the distance. The barn, 31% with new claims, has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle again.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-3

RACE 3:

2 LORD DARNLEY is stretching out slightly on the Tapeta with the tactical speed needed to steal this race from on or with the pace. Trainer Roger Laurin has Luca Panici atop the lone speed. **7 EXPONENTIAL** is stretching out to mile and a sixteenth, and dropping to the \$12,500 level, after closing strongly to finish 3rd – beaten a half-length – vs \$20,000 claimers going a mile & 70 yards. He'll be there to pick pieces if the top choice fails to negotiate the distance. **4 NOT SO EASY** is another stretching out to about 8 ½ furlongs after closing finish 2nd – beaten a neck - vs similar going a mile & 70 yards last out. Trainer Katheen O'Connell is 3 for 9 (33%) on the Tapeta.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-4

RACE 4:

7 KUHLE STAR continues his slide down the claiming ranks after responding to the dropdown from special weight to the \$25,000 level with an improved 3rd place finish at the distance. Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas handling the drop to the \$12,500 level. **4 PAPI BELLO** is a son of Astern debuting for trainer Jorge Delgado, who has a 29% win-average with his debut maiden claimers. Chantal Sutherland rides.

5 SINGINTHRUTHESTORM is dropping a level, and stretching out to the 1-turn mile, after finishing a distant 3rd vs \$16,000 maidens going 7 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. Trainer Herbert Miller has David Boraco atop the recent gelding.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-5



RACE 5:

7 BRODY'S CAUSEWAY is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and turning back to 5 furlongs, after finishing a so-so 6th vs \$35,000 maidens going a mile & 70 yards on the Tapeta. Trainer Mark Casse, 5 for 15 (33%) on the surface, and 19% with the turnback angle, has Cristian Torres up. **10 MISS BLUEBIRD** is another dropping to this level after dueling for the lead and weakening vs \$35,000 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs on the Tapeta. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has go-to jock Luca Panici handling the class relief. **11 GREATEST GLORY** moves to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim, and changes surfaces, after chasing the pace and fading vs similar going 5 ½ furlongs on the main track. The barn, 28% with new claims, has Chantal handling the Tapeta.

SELECTIONS: 7-10-11

RACE 6:

6 BOLDNESS is stretching out to a mile after setting the pace and finishing 2nd behind much-the-best winner Wandering West going 7 furlongs. Red-hot trainer David Fawkes, 9 for 21 (43%) thus far, has Chantal in the saddle again. **1 SEAZAN**, beaten a nose when claimed by Carlos David 3 starts back, drops after taking the overland route when finishing a wide 7th and last vs \$35,000 starter optional claimers going a mile. Hector Berrios handles the needed class relief. **3 UNO TIGER** is stretching out to 8 furlongs after dueling through the lane and finishing 3rd – a half-length behind Boldness last out. Don't ignore the previous winner at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-3

RACE 7:

6 CONCRETE GLORY, who broke his maiden on the Presque Isle synthetic, returns to the Tapeta after crushing a field of allowance runners on the Thistledown main track, and received a whopping 84 Beyer for his effort. Trainer Gerald Brooks, winning races at a 21% clip, has Jermaine Bridgmohan named to ride.

1 BARONE CESCO is switching to the Tapeta after rallying to finish 3rd – a neck behind repeat winner Last Leaf - on the turf - in the 5-furlong \$75,000 Hollywood Beach. Trainer Antonio Sano, 6 for 27 (22%) on the Tapeta, has Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch.

3 FULL DISCLOSURE, listed as a gelding, is stepping up to face winners after the driving maiden special weight score going 5 ½ furlongs on the main track. Trainer Mike Yates has Miguel Vazquez atop the son of Cajun Breeze.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-1

RACE 8:

2 MAX K.O. is back locally, and moving to the Tapeta, after shipping to Kentucky Downs to defeat \$25,000 starter allowance runners going a mile & 70 yards on the turf. Saffie Joseph Jr, 3 for 22 (14%) on the Tapeta, has Edgard Zayas handling the surface change.

5 LOUDER THAN BOMBS is stepping up the competition, and switching surfaces, after holding sway to defeat \$20,000 claimers going a mile on the turf. Trainer David Fawkes, 'The King of the Tapeta' is 7 for 12 (58%) on the new surface. **6 KROY**, a hard-knocking 7-year-old, who loves the Gulfstream turf, will try to transfer his fondness for the local surroundings to the Tapeta surface. Trainer Juan C Avila readied him for the return to with a solid half-mile workout.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-6

BEST BET: RACE 3 – 2 LORD DARNLEY

LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 6 CONCRETE GLORY

