**RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS**

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**RACE 1:**
1 **GRAN NETWORK** is a son of Dialed In, out of the Alzao mare Freshwater Pearl, debuting for leading trainer Victor Barboza Jr with a steady morning work tab showing. The freshman starts his campaign with Lasix, and Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.
6 **SAP THIRTEEN** is a son of Perspective (Malibu Moon) debuting for trainer Mike Maker with Lasix, and jockey Edgard Zayas added to the equation. The tote action should tell us more.

2 **GRAN AIRSPEED**, another from Victor Barboza Jr, is dropping to the $20,000 level on the turf after chasing the action 4-wide and finishing 5th in his $35,000 career debut on the main track.

**SELECTIONS:** 1-6-2

**RACE 2:**
6 **VICKY QUEEN** is stretching out to a mile in the first start since rallying to finish 2nd in front of a pair of next-out winners in a $12,500 conditioned claimer contested at 7 furlongs on a sealed ‘sloppy’ track. Note that the Victor Barboza Jr trainee broke her maiden at this distance by 9-plus lengths.
3 **THE BLONDE**, another from the Victor Barboza Jr juggernaut, is expected to show more after returning from the layoff to duel for the lead before weakening to finish a distant 5th at this level and distance. The barn, 25% with the 2nd start after a 45-180 days’ layoff, has apprentice Aby Medina named to ride.
4 **MISS ADARA** is another eligible to offer more after hitting the board in 1 of 2 recent races at this level and distance.

**SELECTIONS:** 6-3-4

**RACE 3:**
3 **EXCLUSIVE REWARD** is dropping a notch on the claiming scale after showing speed and weakening late in 4 consecutive turf outings at the $10,000 level. He’ll need to stay out of a duel with 5 **COMMAND PETER** to offer his best. The latter, trained by Lilli Kurtinecz, is another dropping to the $8,000 level after dueling for the lead and finishing 3rd vs $10,000 conditioned claimers last out.; Leo Salles rides.

4 **LITTLE MATT**, who does his best running from a stalk-close position, can end up sitting the ‘trip’ if the expected pace duel between the top two materializes. Trainer Carlo Vaccarezza has al rojo vivo jock Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS:** 3-5-4

**RACE 4:**
1 **GO GONE GONE** is plunging to the $10,000 level on the dirt after dueling for the lead and coming up empty when trying $25,000 maidens going 5 furlongs on the turf last out. This is the easiest spot in his 7-race campaign.
7 **GASPARILLA TROVE** is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after rallying to finish 2nd vs similar quality going 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer David Fawkes has Pedro Monterrey Jr returning on the logical choice.
4 **DREXELS GOLD** is dropping a notch, and turning back to his best distance thus far (3-0-2-0), after coming up empty from the rail when facing $12,500 types in a rained-out turf race moved to 7 furlongs on a sealed ‘sloppy’ track.

**SELECTIONS:** 1-7-4

**RACE 5:**
2 **HOLLYWOOD ROYAL**, 3rd on the turf in her 5 ½-furlong debut at Saratoga, and a set-the-pace-and-fade 7th going 7 furlongs on the Belmont sod, cuts back to 5 furlongs in her local turf debut for trainer Mark Casse; Emisael Jaramillo rides the $250,000 daughter of Distorted Humor.
1 **MEANT TOBE MINE** is a daughter of versatile sire Kantharos debuting on the grass for trainer Kathleen O’Connell after showing speed and tiring late in a trio of maiden special weight sprints on the dirt; Edgard Zayas rides.
6 **TAKE A STROLL**, beaten a head on the turf here at this level and distance in June, is going back to the lawn in the first start since showing little in a 5-furlong sprint moved from the grass to a sealed ‘sloppy’ track (July 21st).

**SELECTIONS:** 2-1-6
RACE 6:
2 SOUNDS LIKE MUSIC is hoping to offer more after responding to the dropout in competition with a distant 2nd place finish – as the favorite – behind much-the-best winner Roses in the South.
3 MAIS QUI D’OR is taking a drop to the $12,500 level after following a 2nd place finish vs $16,000 maidens in the slop with a poor showing in which she was eased crossing the wire in a $25,000 maiden event going 6 panels in the slop. She’s a shaky call at best. 5 OVERTHEMOONFORPINK is eligible to offer more after dueling for the lead and finishing a tiring 4th in her career debut at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-5

RACE 7:
4 TIGGER TOWN moved to the Marcial Navarro barn via the claim, and returns to sprinting on the grass (8-2-1-3), after showing speed and finishing 3rd in a $6,250 open-claimer going 5 ½ furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. 5 SWAGGER is looking to flaunt his stuff at the $8,000 level after the pair of stalk-and-fade performances vs competitive $10,000 claimers at the distance during July and August. The 4-time winner at the distance classes up perfectly in this spot.
6 RUNFORTHETREEDS is making his first start since hitting the board in 2 of 3 turf sprints vs $10,000 conditioned claimers from June to August.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-6

RACE 8:
6 DIXIE TALK is dropping to the $25,000 level after encountering some trouble at the start (hit gate), then taking the overland route when stalking wide and finishing 5th in her state-bred maiden special weight debut. 2 POWER JAK is looking up to faunt his stuff at the $8,000 level after the pair of stalk-and-fade performances vs competitive $10,000 claimers at the distance during July and August. The 4-time winner at the distance classes up perfectly in this spot.
8 PRECOCIOUS PEACH is a daughter of Doctor Peach (Tiznow) debuting for trainer Eddie Broome with 11 local workouts showing in preparation for the long-awaited debut; Tyler Gaffalione rides.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-8

RACE 9:
6 SISTINE SISTA, who does her running when stalking the pace, breaks from an improved post after departing from the outside (Post 10), making a middle move, and fading to finish 8th in a $25,000 optional claimer at the distance.

4 TIUNA, who used her speed to defeat Sistine Sista going 7 ½ furlongs on July 27th, and then set the pace before fading and finishing 6th in front of her last out, leaves little doubt as to what her running tactics will be, but she needs to stay out of a suicide duel with 2 MI CUAIMA to offer her best. The latter, trained by Oscar Gonzalez, is stepping up the competition after using her front running ability to defeat cheaper in back-to-back turf routes at the $16,000 and $10,000 levels, respectively.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-2

RACE 10:
4 BOLD ENVOY is stepping up to face winners after the head-swirling debut in which he drew off to defeat next-out winners Midnightonbroadway and Our Boss by 9-plus lengths. 6 MCFLY will face $12,500 optional claimers after rallying to finish 3rd behind Thanks God, who came back to spring a 15-1 upset when he won again on Sunday. Trainer Stanley Gold has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.
2 DANGEROUS BEND is making the 3rd start of his current form cycle after a couple of sharp sprint efforts in which he finished 2nd, including the well-meant outing vs state-bred allowance runners last out; don’t ignore.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-2

RACE 11:
8 HONEY HEARTS is wheeling back after showing a fondness for the turf when she dueled for the lead and finished 2nd vs $25,000 maidens at the distance. 3 EROTIC KISS, a good 3rd in her career debut at this level and distance on the turf, is going back to the grass after opening and surrendering an early 3-length lead when finishing 5th in a 5-furlong maiden special weight event moved from the blades to a sealed ‘sloppy’ track. 5 TRAPPED AT SEA is a daughter of Trappe Shot (Tapit) debuting for trainer David Fawkes, who has a strong 37%-win average with all his debut maiden claimers. The freshman gets Lasix, and has Pedro Monterrey Jr in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-5

BEST BET: RACE 5 – 2 HOLLYWOOD ROYAL

LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – 2 MY MASTERPIECE