Thursday, September 30, 2021

RACE 1:
5 BRETT'S WORLD is debuting on the Tapeta after highlighting his versatility when he was 2nd on the turf 3 starts back, 2nd in the slop 2 starts back, and 2nd-beaten a half-length by repeat winner Khocu going 7 furlongs on a fast surface last out. **6 EMOJI GUY** is stretching out to about a mile and a sixteenth after returning from the layoff to get beat a neck vs similar going a 1-turn mile in the slop. Kathleen O'Connell has Edwin Gonzalez handling the 2nd start off the bench.
7 JUST LIKE MIKE is stretching out around 2-turns on the Tapeta after the inconsistent pair sprinting on a sloppy track last out, and the grass 2 starts back. Armando De La Cerda, 21% with horses stretching out in distance, has Edgard Zayas handling the new surface.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-7

RACE 2:
7 ANNA'S DREAM is dropping to the $35,000 level after breaking from the outside (Post 12), pressing the pace, and fading in her maiden special weight debut. Saffie Joseph Jr, 38% with similar class drops, has Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **3 CHESS NOT CHECKERS** is dropping a notch on the maiden scale after 'hitting the board' in a trio of sprints at the $50,000 level. Trainer Dave Braddy has Miguel Vazquez returning on the consistent daughter of Astern (Aus). **1 ALOBRAH** is an Al Shaqab Racing homebred daughter of Mshawish debuting for Ralph Nicks with a series of solid workouts over the track. Edwin Gonzalez rides.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-1

RACE 3:
9 DESIGNED TO DAZZLE is dropping to the $16,000 level, and breaking from the outside, after departing from Post 12, chasing the winner, and finishing 3rd in her $35,000 career debut on the turf. Trainer Kelsey Danner is 1 for 2 (50%) with the turf to synthetic angle.
4 WOW TAPIT is dropping to this level, and debuting on the Tapeta, after returning from the 5-month layoff to finish 3rd vs $25,000 maidens going 5 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. Amador Sanchez has Hector Berrios handling the surface switch. **2 ROMANCE IN HABANA** is a daughter of Awesome of Course debuting for Antonio Sano with a couple of swift gate workouts showing in preparation for this assignment. 7-pound apprentice Rene Diaz rides.

SELECTIONS: 9-4-2

RACE 4:
5 BIONIC BOTTLE is moving to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim, and turning back to three-quarters of a mile, after chasing the pace and weakening vs similar going 7 furlongs. The barn, 28% with new claims, has go-to jock Chantal Sutherland named to ride.
7 TAKESTWOTOWIGGLE, who has been competitive with similar quality since notching her 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' condition 3 starts back, she gets in light with 7-pound apprentice Frankin Calles in the saddle. Her recent Beyer figures put her right in the hunt vs this group.
2 SILVER PACKAGE is cutting back to 6 furlongs after tracking the pace, and making a failed 5-wide bid, when finishing 5th behind repeat winner Beyond Heavenly going seven-eighths of a mile last out. Leonel Reyes rides.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-2

RACE 5:
4 ALARM CLOCK is a $125,000 daughter of Not This Time debuting for Todd Pletcher, who is 24% with his freshman runners, but zero for 2 with a very small sampling of runners on synthetic surfaces. The tote action should tell us more about her chances to win at first asking.

1 STRATEGY QUEEN is debuting the Tapeta surface, and stepping up to maiden special weight competition again, after dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd vs $50,000 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs on the dirt. Note that Saffie Joseph Jr is zero for 5 on synthetic surfaces thus far.

5 R GIRL'S WERTH IT is a daughter of Uncaptured debuting for Georgina Baxter, who is 28% with first time starters, 29% with 2-year-olds, 29% with her sprinters, and 11% with maiden special weight runners.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-5

RACE 6:
6 BLUSHING KEYLEN is dropping to the $35,000 level after solid pair vs $75,000 optional claimers in which she was 3rd on a fast track 2 starts back, and a duel for the lead and weaken 4th behind next-out Hollywood Beach Stakes winner Last Leaf going three-quarters of a mile on a sealed sloppy surface last out. Sharon Boland has Samy Camacho named to ride.

3 SHE NASTY is another dropping into this $35,000 starter allowance after following her $25,000 debut victory with a 4th place finish behind Blushing Keylen on August 8. Jorge Delgado has Chantal handling the rematch.

4 CANDYMEISTER will give the dirt a try after using her speed to defeat $35,000 maidens going 5 panels on the turf. Gilberto Zerpa is 6 for 14 (43%) with the grass to dirt angle.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-4

RACE 7:
3 LIGHT FURY is moving to the Tapeta after the consistent campaign on the turf, which includes back-to-back victories, and a well-meant 2nd behind front running **4 VOW ME NOW** last out. The former, trained by Ron Spatz, has Samy Camacho handling the stretchout to a mile and 70 yards, while latter, trained by Ed Plesa Jr, has Edgard Zayas handling this interesting rematch on the Tapeta surface.

2 MADEIRA WINE, who has shown the ability to run well from a stalking position, albeit on the turf, should be able to secure a 'key' trip behind what should be an honest early pace scenario. Patrick Biancone has Romero Maragh handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-2

RACE 8:
9 CALIDAD is stretching out to a mile after responding to the surface switch with a 2nd place finish – beaten a neck as the 3-to-5 favorite – going 7 furlongs. Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas handling the added distance.

8 FROST THIS is plunging to the $12,500 level after failing to fire behind 8 ¼ length dead-heat winners Alluramore and Fru Fru Zan in a $40,000 maiden test going 6 furlongs. The daughter of Frosted is bred to get the distance.

4 CHAMPINA is dropping to this level on the main track, and getting blinkers, after showing speed and retreating vs $16,000 maidens going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Saffie Joseph Jr is 29% with the grass to dirt angle, and 26% with first-time blinkers.

SELECTIONS: 9-8-4

BEST BET: RACE 3 – 9 DESIGN TO DAZZLE

LONGSHOT: RACE 6 – 6 BLUSHING KEYLEN