



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

9 CUY is dropping a notch on the claiming scale with the speed needed to be on or with the pace vs a field that's a light sparse in the speed department. Trainer Liz Dobles has Jose Ortiz named to ride.

8 PARETO OPTIMAL (FR) is freefalling to the \$16,000 level, and getting a kitchen sink full of changes. The first-time gelding gets Lasix, and blinkers, after failing to show much in his maiden special weight debut at Monmouth during July. Trainer Chad Brown is 21% with similar class drops.

5 BIG PERM is dropping to this level after responding to the equipment change (blinkers off) with an improved 2nd vs \$20,000 maidens at this mile distance. Paco rides for Kent Sweezey

SELECTIONS: 9-8-5

RACE 2:

5 NIMBLE BEAST has his claiming tag carved in half after stepping up off the claim by Kelly Breen and finishing a stalk-the-pace 4th vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile: Irad Ortiz Jr rides.

1 EXCALIBUR is turning back to this 1-turn mile after closing well to finish 2nd vs this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Jorge Delgado has Luis Saez atop the previous winner at the distance. **7 HARPER GO LUCKY** moved to the Pedro Sobarzo barn via the claim, and stretches out to a mile, after finishing a 5-wide 2nd – as the favorite - going 7 furlongs vs similar last out: Jesus Rios rides.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-7

RACE 3:

10 GENERIC JOE (IRE) is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and removing the blinkers, after breaking from a tough outside post and finishing 6th in his local sprint debut at the \$25,000 level. Trainer Wesley Ward has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride.

1 THE KING AQUILES drops, and departs from the rail, after stalking the pace and weakening to finish 4th – at 67-1 – in his career turf debut at this 5-furlong distance. Trainer Alexis Delgado has Leonel Reyes in the saddle.

3 CON PERMISO, who has tried the turf only once previously, goes back to the grass, and gets Lasix, after hitting the board in a pair of bottom level sprints on the dirt. Trainer Antonio Sano has Paco Lopez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 10-1-3

RACE 4:

6 UNION GAP is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and removing the blinkers, after debuting locally and getting mugged at the start when finishing a distant 2nd vs \$50,000 maidens going a mile. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr is 25% with the route to sprint angle.

5 CHIPSHAPE, who was beaten a half-length at this level on the dirt, albeit on a sloppy GP West surface, returns to the main track after the pair of clunkers vs better on the turf. Trainer Larry Bates adds Lasix today. **1 LONGTAIL** is dropping into the maiden claiming ranks after breaking slowly and never getting untracked in his special weight debut at this 7-furlong distance. Trainer Jack Sisterson has Joe Bravo handling the inside draw.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-1

RACE 5:

6 CAPTAIN RON is wheeling back after returning from the layoff to finish 2nd – beaten less than a length – by repeat winner Mai Ty One On - at this level and distance. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Paco Lopez in the irons. **4 THREE OUTLAWS** is hoping to get away from the starting gate in a timely fashion after breaking slowly and finishing 4th behind Captain Ron last out. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Emisael Jaramillo up. **3 FACE OF VICTORY** moved to the Emmy Gaffney barn via the claim, and makes his first start since setting the pace and finishing 3rd behind hard-knocking Soglio going a mile and a sixteenth here last February. Junior Alvarado will handle the turnback to 5 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-3



RACE 6:

6 EAGERLY is dropping to the \$50,000 level, and stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, after showing speed and finishing 3rd vs maiden special weight runners going a mile. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Irad atop the gelded son Pioneerofthe Nile.

2 BLUE LOU BOYLE (IRE), who showed promise on the turf here before going to the sidelines last January, returns to action for Mark Casse with a trio of 5-furlong stamina enhancing workouts showing on the Palm Meadows turf: Luis Saez rides.

4 MAURO'S TEAM is turning back to 8 ½ furlongs after returning from the 11-month layoff to finish 2nd vs \$35,000 claimers going a mile and a furlong. Trainer Jose D'Angelo has Paco Lopez in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-4

RACE 7:

8 GEMO moved to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim after responding the dropdown in competition with a 2nd-place finish – behind repeat winner Man of Vision – at this level and distance. Trainer Barboza, 36% with new claims, keeps the status quo with Irad in the saddle. **7 CASH NOW** is plunging to the \$12,500 level after failing to show much vs \$25,000 optional claimers going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Brad Cox has Luis Saez named to ride. **3 TAAMER** moved to the Jose Garoffalo barn after the claim, and is looking to improve on the recent 4th place finish behind Gemo last out: Leonel Reyes rides.

SELECTIONS: 8-7-3

RACE 8:

3 TRACY ANN'S LEGACY is back in the optional claiming ranks after pressing swift fractions and finishing 3rd in the \$75,000 Abundantia Stakes. Trainer Kelly Breen reunites the mare with Paco Lopez, who rode her to victory 2 starts back.

5 BOERNE is debuting on the turf, and making her first start since a stellar sprint campaign on the dirt ended when the wheels came off vs stakes competition at Keeneland. Trainer Juan Avila has Edgard Zayas atop the speedy daughter of Fed Biz.

1 CHOOSE JOY breaks from the rail again after getting beat a nose -at 17-1 – here last out. Trainer Steve Dwoskin has Miguel Vazquez handling the inside draw.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-1

RACE 9:

5 ROYAL SQUEEZE is dropping to the \$12,500 level after returning from the layoff to chase the pace and fade vs \$25,000 optional claimers last out. The hard-knocking 9-year-old hasn't run this cheap in many a moon. **6 RAY'SWARRIOR** is going back to his best surface, and dropping to the \$12,500 level, in the first start since the claim by Collin Maragh. The other 9-year-old in the field will keep it a family affair with Rajiv Maragh at the controls.

8 FRONT LOADED moved to the Kelly Breen barn via the claim, and immediately drops to the \$12,500 level, after encountering trouble at the start in a \$25,000 optional claimer going 6 ½ furlongs: Irad Ortiz Jr rides.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-8

RACE 10:

3 KOURVOISIER (IRE) is debuting locally at the \$20,000 level after encountering trouble at the start when finishing 5th vs \$32,000 optional claimers going a mile on the Tampa turf. Trainer Eddie Kenneally has Jose Ortiz named to ride.

4 ALL ABOUT KATHERN has been knocking on the door in both local turf outings at this level and distance. Trainer Mary Eppler has Paco Lopez trying to improve on the recent pair of 2nd-place finishes.

2 LOVELY BROWN is turning back to a mile after disputing the pace and finishing 3rd vs similar quality going 9 furlongs. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Luis Saez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-2

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 3 TRACY ANN'S LEGACY

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 5 ROYAL SQUEEZE

