



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**6 GODS PROMISE** is dropping to the \$35,000 level, and turning back to 6 furlongs, after showing speed and fading behind next-out Grade 3 Holy Bull winner Greatest Honour in a mile and a sixteenth maiden special weight race here last out. Trainer Juan Rodriguez has Jose Ortiz named to ride.

**2 CARROBIO** is debuting locally with Lasix after shipping into Tampa and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a half-length – going 7 furlongs under special weight conditions. Trainer Rodolphe Brisset has Irad Ortiz Jr in the saddle. **4 BOTTOM DECK**, a half-brother to grade 2 winner Get Smoking, is dropping to this level after a chase-and-fade debut going a mile vs special weight foes on the turf: Junior Alvarado rides for Ron Spatz.

**SELECTIONS: 6-2-4**

## RACE 2:

**6 DROPPED ANCHOR** is stepping up to face winners after responding to both a dropdown, and a surface switch, with a rousing 7 ¾-length victory vs \$16,000 maidens going a mile on the dirt. Trainer Antonio Sano has Jose Ortiz up. **2 HICKERSON** is dropping a notch, and getting Lasix, after debuting locally, bumping hard at the start, and closing to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$20,000 open-claimers. Trainer Ken McPeck has Robby Albarado named to ride. **1 PERUVIAN DANCER** is plunging to the \$12,500 level in the first race since defeating maiden special weight company going 7 furlongs here last August. Trainer Sano, who also conditions the top choice, has Junior Alvarado handling this half of the uncoupled entry.

**SELECTIONS: 6-2-1**

## RACE 3:

**8 INFATUATING** will face winners after responding to a dropdown in competition with an almost 6-length maiden score vs \$25,000 state-bred runners. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has red-hot jock Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **3 STRONG AZTECA** drops to the \$12,500 level after setting a pressured pace and getting caught late when finishing 5<sup>th</sup> vs \$20,000 claimers last out. She'll be playing catch me if you can with 2<sup>nd</sup>-time Lasix, and Luis Saez at the controls.

**5 TEXAS REWARD** is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile finish a respectable 2<sup>nd</sup> vs this level of competition going 7 furlongs. Trainer Tony Pecoraro has Rajiv Maragh in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 8-3-5**

## RACE 4:

**6 ETCHED IN STONE** is debuting on the turf, for trainer Larry Rivelli, after drawing clear to defeat special weight company going 6 furlongs on the Hawthorne main track. Trainer Rivelli, 33% with the turf to dirt angle, has Irad atop the son of Cairo Prince.

**3 NITRO TIME** will try to make it 3 in a row after responding in the first race after the claim by Saffie Joseph Jr with a front running victory vs \$25,000 starter allowance competition. The turf sprint specialist has Tyler Gaffalione going for the hat trick.

**1 HIGHWAY BOUND**, a son of super sire Into Mischief, is debuting on the grass, and getting Lasix, after proving no match for Grade 3 Swale Stakes winner Drain the Clock going 6 furlongs in the \$75,000 Limehouse. Trainer Bill Mott has him training sharply at Payson Park for the surface switch.

**SELECTIONS: 6-3-1**

## RACE 5:

**6 MARKISTAN**, a reclaim by Jorge Delgado, cuts back to three-quarters of a mile after an uncharacteristically poor showing vs similar quality going 7 furlongs. The daughter of Khozan, who was 12-4-5-1 in 2020, has Hector Berrios named to start the new year in winning fashion. **3 SUBSIDIARY** is dropping to the \$6,250 level on the main track after showing speed and weakening late when facing better sprinting on the grass. Trainer Bobby Dibona, 19% with the turf to dirt angle, has Edgard Zayas handling the combo dropdown/surface switch. **7 PAPA'S LITTLE GIRL** moved to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim, and gets the blinkers back, after chasing the pace and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> – as the favorite – going a mile last out. The barn, 25% with new claims, has Irad handling the turnback to 6 furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 6-3-7**



**RACE 6:**

**1 I'M A COCO PEBBLES** will depart from the rail after setting the pace and finish 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance last out. Trainer Danny Hurtak has Junior Alvarado handling the inside speed. **6 GAGA OH LA LA** is a daughter of Fury Kapcori stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after finishing a promising 2<sup>nd</sup> – at 35-1 – in her \$12,500 debut going 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer Anna Varsi adds Lasix, and Tyler Gaffalione, to the mix. **3 QUID PRO GLOW** is stepping up, and stretching out, after dueling for the lead and finishing a distant 2<sup>nd</sup> in what should prove to be a screw-tightening debut vs \$12,500 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer Ron Spatz adds Lasix, and Luis Saez will ride.

**SELECTIONS: 1-6-3**

**RACE 7:**

**4 LILLIE'S HEAT** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth with the great equalizer on her side – Speed! The daughter of Twirling Candy should be playing 'catch me if you can' vs a field where the main contenders doing their bidding from off the pace.

**2 CODRINGTON** is getting some needed class relief after showing late interest in a pair of 'out of the money' finishes at the \$35,000 level. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas handling the late-running mare.

**7 NYMUE'S TREASURE** is wheeling back after tracking Lillie's Heat and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in front of her last out. It can be déjà vu all over again with Luis Saez in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 4-2-7**

**RACE 8:**

**9 R ADIOS JERSEY** is stepping up to face state-bred allowance competition, and getting Lasix, after drawing clear to win her \$35,000 career debut by almost 13 lengths. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Edgard Zayas atop the daughter of Adios Charlie.

**5 FOOLISH HEART** is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after setting the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs this level of competition going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Carlos David has Angel Arroyo atop the daughter of Chitu. **1 TO A T** is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after following her \$50,000 maiden breaker going 6 furlongs with a stalk-and-fade outing vs \$50,000 starter optional claimers going a mile. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr adds Lasix, and has Jose Ortiz handling the shorter distance.

**SELECTIONS: 9-5-1**

**RACE 9:**

**4 HOPEFUL GROWTH**, a previous winner at the distance, turns back in the first start since competing in 4 consecutive graded races going longer, which includes the victory in the Grade 3 Monmouth Oaks in August, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the Grade 2 Black Eyed Susan in October. Trainer Tony Margotta Jr has Irad atop the classy daughter of Tapiture.

**8 FINDING FAME**, who was a perfect 2 for 2 here last year, makes her 4-year-old debut after ending her sophomore campaign with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish vs \$62,500 optional claimers going 6 ½ furlongs at Belmont during June. Trainer Shug McGaughey, 21% with the longer than 180 days layoff, has Jose Ortiz in the saddle.

**6 LAKE AVENUE**, whose younger half-brother (Highway Bound) is running in the 4<sup>th</sup> race, and who was 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Swiss Skydiver in the Grade 2 GP Oaks here last March, returns for trainer Bill Mott. The previous winner at the distance has Junior Alvarado in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 4-8-6**

**RACE 10:**

**4 SIMPLY THE BEST** simply looks the best when she stretches out to 7 ½ furlongs after breaking from a tough outside post (12) and finishing a chase the pace 3<sup>rd</sup> vs competitive field of maiden special weight sprinters. Trainer Danny Gargan has Luis Saez handling the stretchout around 2-turns.

**6 CAUSINGAHULLBALOO** should be primed and ready to score after stalking the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in her local turf debut at this level and distance. Trainer Mark Casse has Emisael Jaramillo atop the daughter of Malibu Moon. **9 SYSTEMATIC**, a daughter of Out Work (Uncle Mo), who is debuting on the turf for trainer George Weaver with the breeding needed to take to the grass like a lawnmower run amok. The barn, 21% with their debut turf runners, will have Tyler handling the surface switch.

**SELECTIONS: 4-6-9**

**BEST BET: RACE 9 – 4 HOPEFUL GROWTH**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 4 LILLIE'S HEAT**