



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**2 BREAKTHROUGH** is dropping to the \$25,000 level, and trying to breakthrough on the turf, after returning from a layoff at Turfway to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs special weight runners going 6 ½ furlongs on their synthetic surface. **7 THE KING AQUILES** moved to the Kelly Breen barn via the claim, and steps up to the \$25,000 level again, after setting a pressured pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$16,000 maidens. It looks and feels like a lateral move in this spot. **5 ANDRES EDUARDO** is turning back to 5 furlongs hoping the latest karma move helps improve the zero-for-6 record on the turf.

**SELECTIONS: 2-7-5**

## RACE 2:

**4 SPHEROID**, a solid 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$50,000 maidens on the dirt 2 starts back, returns to the main track after showing nada vs \$50,000 maidens going 8 ½ furlongs on the turf. Trainer Dale Romans is 17% with the grass to dirt angle.

**6 BRETT'S WORLD** is dropping to this level, and adding blinkers, after finishing a sightseeing 4<sup>th</sup> – as the favorite – vs \$50,000 maidens going a mile. Trainer Butch Reid has Paco Lopez named to ride.

**2 BILLY YANK** is dropping, moving to the main track, and getting blinkers, after chasing the pace and failing to fire a winning salvo when 6<sup>th</sup> vs \$50,000 maidens going 8 ½ furlongs on the turf. Trainer Brad Cox is 28% with the turf to dirt angle.

**SELECTIONS: 4-6-2**

## RACE 3:

**3 JOST SAYIN** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after tracking the pace and finishing an okay 4<sup>th</sup> vs similar going a mile. The Carlos David trainee gets the tepid nod in a wide-open affair.

**5 ISADORABLE AIDA** is stretching out to 8 ½ furlongs, and getting the services of red-hot jock Irad Ortiz Jr, hoping both adjustments produce positive results.

**6 TOWA** is stretching out after prompting the winner throughout and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> going a mile. The concern is the zero-for-2 record at this distance.

**SELECTIONS: 3-5-6**

## RACE 4:

**6 EPICUREAN** is dropping to the \$50,000 level on the dirt, getting Lasix, and removing the blinkers, after setting the pace and fading vs special weight competition going 6 ½ furlongs on the Kentucky Downs turf. Trainer Wesley Ward has Irad in the saddle. **1 EMUNAH** will depart from the rail after making a bid to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – as the favorite – at this level and distance. Trainer Fernando Abreu has Tyler Gaffalione returning on the one to beat.

**4 SMOOTH PEBBLE** is a daughter of Dialed In debuting for trainer Christophe Clement with Lasix, and a solid morning work tab showing over the stamina-tweaking Payson Park training surface: Edgard Zayas rides.

**SELECTIONS: 6-1-4**

## RACE 5

**7 PEACHY QUEEN** is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile, and breaking from an improved post, after departing from Post 11, making a move for the lead, and settling for 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a little over a length. Trainer Danny Gargan has Tyler Gaffalione returning on the daughter of Runhappy.

**4 GAGA OH LA LA** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after prompting the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$25,000 state-bred maidens. Trainer Bob Hess Jr, who claimed her for \$16,000 2 starts back, has Paco Lopez named to ride.

**10 I'M A COCO PEBBLES** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after responding to the addition of Lasix with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish going 7 furlongs in a \$16,000 sprint moved from turf to dirt.

**SELECTIONS: 7-4-10**



**RACE 6:**

**5 FIELD DAY** is debuting locally for trainer Brad Cox after showing promise sprinting vs \$50,000 optional claimers, on both turf and slop, at the Fair Grounds. The speedy gelded son of Broken Vow will have Irad Ortiz Jr at the controls.

**2 NO QUE NO** proved he could compete at this level when he followed his special weight turf victory with a troubled (steadied early) 4<sup>th</sup> place finish last out. Trainer Fausto Gutierrez has Edgard Zayas up. **3 ROCKSTAR RO**, 3<sup>rd</sup> behind No Que No in that fruitful special weight sprint 2 starts back, responded to the addition of Lasix with a hard-fought victory – as the favorite – last out. Trainer Brian Lynch has Tyler Gaffalione going for 2 in a row.

**SELECTIONS: 5-2-3**

**RACE 7:**

**1 LULLULA** moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim, and stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth, after shaking off early trouble (hit gate) to defeat \$50,000 maidens going a mile. The new connections keep Tyler Gaffalione at the controls.

**8 BIG BAD DIVA** is back locally, and returning to the turf, after crushing a field of maiden special weight runners going 9 furlongs on the Tampa main track. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Jose Ortiz handling the turnback to a mile and a sixteenth.

**2 SHANG'S SISTER** is stepping up a notch after stalking the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> – beaten a length – vs \$25,000 starter optional claimers. Trainer Joe Orseno has Miguel Vazquez named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 1-8-2**

**RACE 8:**

**5 HARD GAME** moves to the Guadalupe Preciado barn via the claim, after notching his 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive victory when defeating a solid group of \$20,000 claimers going a mile. The popular son of Hard Spun, claimed in 3 consecutive races, has one constant, at that's Irad Ortiz Jr going for his 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive victory. **4 AWESOME BEACH**

moves to the Bob Hess Jr barn via the claim, after drawing clear to post his 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive victory when defeating \$20,000 claimers at this 6-furlong distance: Emisael Jaramillo goes for the hat trick.

**2 JOSHY JAK** is stepping up to face winners after parlaying a stretch-long drive into a state-bred special weight victory at the distance. Trainer Antonio Sano has Leonel Reyes going for 2 in a row.

**SELECTIONS: 5-4-2**

**RACE 9:**

**5 DOUBLE BLESSED** is debuting locally after rallying to defeat a pair of next-out special weight winners going 9 furlongs on the Tampa turf. Trainer Mike Dini has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

**7 ALWAYS LATE** is stepping up, and stretching out, after returning from the layoff to break her maiden here going a mile and a sixteenth here. Trainer Bill Mott has Jose Ortiz returning on the daughter of Animal Kingdom.

**1 TRAFFIC LANE**, who broke her maiden on the Aqueduct turf, is going back to the grass, and getting Lasix, after back-to-back tries vs stakes competition on the Big A main track: Irad Ortiz Jr rides.

**SELECTIONS: 5-7-1**

**RACE 10:**

**1 HIGHER LAW** is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and adding blinkers, after hitting the gate, and breaking last, before finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in his state-bred special weight debut. Trainer George Weaver is 25% with maidens making their 2<sup>nd</sup> start.

**6 HE AIN'T NO SAINT** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth again after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> again when trying a mile last out. Trainer Jose Pinchin has Jose Ortiz named to ride.

**11 MR. EINSTEIN** is making a smart move to the \$16,000 level after failing to show much in back-to-back turf outings vs better. Trainer Mike Maker has Irad Ortiz Jr in the saddle again!

**SELECTIONS: 1-6-11**

**BEST BET: RACE 5 – 7 PEACHY QUEEN**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 5 DOUBLE BLESSED**