



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

1 CAT LADY moved to the Bill Tharrenos barn via the claim, and returns to the turf, with the speed needed to use the inside post to her advantage. Edgard Zayas rides the daughter of Kitten's Joy.

6 PARDON MY HEART is wheeling back after rallying to finish 3rd at this level and distance last out. The daughter of Declaration of War will be there to pick up the pieces if the top choice fails to stretch her speed to the wire. **4 SHADILEE**, another daughter of Declaration of War, is debuting on the turf after shipping in from Kentucky and running 2nd vs \$35,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going 6 furlongs on the dirt. Trainer Mike Maker has Paco Lopez handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-4

RACE 2:

1 NIMBLE BEAST is cutting back to 6 ½ furlongs after moving to the Mauricio Fuentes barn via the claim, setting the early pace, and weakening to finish 4th going a mile and a sixteenth. The gelding, 2 for 4 'in the money' at the distance, has Emisael Jaramillo handling the inside draw. **6 CHAMBERLAIN** is stepping up to the next logical level after using his speed to defeat \$12,500 maidens by 4-plus lengths. Trainer Marcial Navarro has Angel Arroyo handling the additional half-furlong. **7 ONE EYED JACK** moved to the Enrique Amado barn after the claim, and turns back, after making a middle move prior to fading to finish 5th behind Nimble Beast last out.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-7

RACE 3:

3 MUTARAAFEG is dropping to the \$35,000 level after responding to both a surface and distance switch with a duel-for-the-lead 2nd vs \$50,000 maidens going this mile distance. Trainer Todd Pletcher has John Velazquez named to ride.

4 LEASE moved to the Guadalupe Preciado barn via the claim, and tries the dirt for the first time, after racing exclusively on the turf while in the Bill Mott barn. Note the barn is 25% with the grass to dirt angle.

6 WEIGHT OF GLORY, another from Guadalupe Preciado, who finished a distant 2nd at this level and distance on the dirt 2 starts back, shifts back to the main track after setting the pace and yielding late to finish 5th vs \$50,000 maidens going 5 panels on the turf.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-6

RACE 4:

7 POR QUE NO is stepping up to the next level after following her 35-1 upset maiden victory with a 3 ½-length score vs \$35,000 optional claimers going a mile last out. Trainer Kent Sweezey has John Velazquez handling today's the mile and a sixteenth distance. **1 LULLULA** moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim after shaking off early trouble (hit gate) to defeat \$50,000 maidens at a mile. The new connections keep the status quo with Tyler Gaffalione atop the daughter of Flintshire.

2 SUNSHINE CITY must be respected on her ability to be part of the pace when she stretches out after showing speed going short on both turf and dirt. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Leonel Reyes named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-2

RACE 5:

3 TIZZARUNNER, a 6-time winner, who fits the conditions of this starter allowance perfectly, and who does his best running in the latter stages of the race, should sit the 'trip' in a field loaded with horses that need to lead to run their best. Trainer Mike Maker, who claimed him last out, has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride. **7 MID DAY IMAGE**, who can turn out to be the speed of the speed, will try to make it 3 in a row after back-to-back front running victories at this level, including the score at the distance last out. **1 TUSK** moved to the Mary Eppler barn via the claim, and stretches out to 8 ½ furlongs, after finishing 3rd – as the 4-to-5 favorite – going a mile last out: John Velazquez rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-1



RACE 6:

1 C.P.A. GENIUS moved to the Peter Walder barn via the claim, and is counting on the drop in competition, the surface switch, and the addition of Lasix, to produce a victory at the \$12,500 level on the dirt: Paco Lopez rides. **4 BERHANU**, who broke his maiden at the \$12,500 level 2 starts back, drops after stalking the pace and weakening to finish 4th vs \$20,000 open-claimers last out. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Tyler Gaffalione handling the dropdown. **5 PERUVIAN DANCER**, 2nd vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers at this distance 2 starts back, shortens up after finishing 2nd vs '2-lifetime' foes going a mile last out. Trainer Antonio Sano has Junior Alvarado atop the consistent son of Girolamo.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-5

RACE 7:

3 DADDY'S JOY, beaten a neck going a mile and a sixteenth vs this level of competition during December, stretches out to a mile after returning from the layoff to finish a set-the-pace 2nd going 5 furlongs last out. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas atop the speedy daughter of Daddy Long Legs. **2 REAL DOOZIE** moved to the Peter Walder barn via the claim after dueling throughout and finishing 3rd – beaten a neck – vs \$16,000 claimers going a mile last out. The barn, 31% with new claims, has Junior Alvarado up. **6 COPPER** moved to the Joe Orseno barn via the claim, and turns back to 8 furlongs, after setting a measured pace and defeating \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile and a sixteenth last out. The daughter of Colonel John has shown the ability to win from on or just off the pace, which can be 'key' vs a field stocked with speed.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-6

RACE 8:

3 INCLUDE THE BEAST is stretching out to 6 furlongs after moving to the Marcial Navarro barn via the claim, chasing the pace, and finishing 4th in a productive state-bred allowance that's produced 4 next-out winners from 6 starters. **5 FOOLISH HEART**, who finished 2nd in front Include the Beast going 5 ½ furlongs 2 starts back, drops after finishing 3rd vs \$50,000 starter optional claimers going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Carlos David has Emisael Jaramillo handling the rematch.

1 DEM A WONDER is turning back to three-quarters of a mile, and removing the blinkers, after dueling for the lead and weakening to finish 4th vs state-bred allowance runners going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Jerry O'Dwyer has Tyler handling the turnback.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-1

RACE 9:

11 CIBOLIAN, now in the Rodolphe Brisset barn, the son of Temple City stretches out to 12 furlongs in the first start since finishing 7th – beaten 2 lengths at 50-1 – vs allowance runners going 11 furlongs at Aqueduct during November. The barn, 19% with new additions to the shedrow, have the 4-year-old working solidly on the Palm Meadows turf.

1 PILLAR MOUNTAIN should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the 6-month layoff to finish 5th at this level and distance. Trainer Todd Pletcher, 22% with the 2nd start back from 45-180 days layoff, has John Velazquez atop the son of Kodiak. **10 CALL CURT**, bred to respond favorably to this marathon distance, stretches out after rallying to defeat \$50,000 starter allowance runners going a mile and a sixteenth last out. Trainer Juan Avila has Edgard Zayas handling the stretchout. **8 PREFECT** is a candidate for a rebound performance after following a well-meant 3rd going 11 furlongs 2 starts back with a stalk-and-flatten 7th going a mile and a half last out.

SELECTIONS: 11-1-10-8

RACE 10:

4 LIESEL is dropping a notch after tracking the pace and finishing 2nd in a \$16,000 maiden race moved from the turf to a mile on the main track. Trainer Jorge Delgado has Paco Lopez up. **6 HOT BABE** moved to the Jose D'Angelo barn via the claim, and makes her first start coming up empty at this level and distance during January. The barn, 22% with new claims, has the filly working well for the return. **1 ADDI** is dropping to the \$12,500 level on the main track after failing to fire when trying \$16,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has Junior Alvarado handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-1

BEST BET: RACE 5 – 3 TIZZARUNNER

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 11 CIBOLIAN