



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

6 GABRIELLA SUNSHINE, listed as a gelding, drops to the \$25,000 level in the first start since failing to handle maiden special weight competition going 5 furlongs on the turf. The freshman, who ran an okay 4th in his special weight debut on the dirt, is spotted perfectly in the opener. **3 ALTMAN** is a gelded son of Bellamy Road debuting for trainer Kathleen O'Connell with 7 workouts showing over the GP West main track. Edgard Zayas hops aboard. **2 FIRSTCADETE** has his claiming tag carved in half after racing greenly and finishing 4th when trying \$50,000 maidens for trainer Jena Antonucci: Angel Arroyo rides.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-2

RACE 2:

8 MS BIG SPRING, who skipped a couple of conditions when defeating \$12,500 open claimers going 6 furlongs on the dirt during June, returns to the main track after finishing a stalk-the-pace 4th vs this level of competition going 5 panels on the grass.

2 WORDS OF DIVINE is dropping into this 'non-winners of 3-lifetime' sprint after finishing 3rd in 4 consecutive races from the \$16-18,000 levels. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Edgard Zayas trying to get the sophomore out of 3rd gear. **6 TALKTHETALK** is dropping to the \$12,500 level on the dirt after a classic stalk-and-fade outing going 5 furlongs on the grass. This is lowest level the 4-year-old has ever competed at on the main track.

SELECTIONS: 8-2-6

RACE 3:

2 AVOCADO TOAST will try to spread her speed all the way to the wire after opening and surrendering a 3-length lead when finishing 3rd, at this level, going a mile on the GP turf. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Edgar Prado rationing her speed. **8 CARIBBEAN KITTEN**, a daughter of Kitten's Joy, is going back to what looks like her preferred surface after returning from the layoff to finish a track-the-pace 2nd in a race moved from the grass to a 1-turn mile on a sealed sloppy track. Trainer Fausto Gutierrez has Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch. **7 KARENNINA** is going back to the turf, and returning to GP West, hoping both karma changes help produce the elusive 2nd career victory (34-1-11-9). Trainer Rohan Crichton has Miguel Vazquez handling the hard-trying 5-year-old mare.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-7

RACE 4:

7 GRAN RUNNER, a son of freshman sire Runhappy, is stretching out around 2-turns after recovering from a slow start to finish 3rd in his 6-furlong debut. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael Jaramillo handling the added real estate. **1 SLASHING** will try a 2-turn mile with blinkers added after finishing a distant 2nd behind impressive winner Raison d'Air in a 1-turn mile special weight across town. Trainer Kent Sweezey has Angel Arroyo handling the inside draw. **6 FIGO** is another trying a 2-turn mile locally after finishing a distant 3rd behind Slashing when they competed at GP last out. Trainer Dan Pita has Miguel Vazquez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-6

RACE 5:

5 MYSTICAL MOON is stepping up to face open competition with the distinction of being the only entrant in the body of the race with a previous victory at a mile and an eighth: Hector Berrios rides this longshot for trainer Enrique Amado. **12 SPEED FRANCO** moved to the Carlos David barn via the claim, and stretches out, after drawing clear at a mile and a sixteenth to wallop a field of \$12,500 '3-lifetime' claimers by 5 ½ lengths.

2 TWENTY FOUR SEVEN, who has run well at this level in the past, drops, and stretches out to 9 furlongs, after failing to get untracked vs \$18,000 claimers going a mile on the GP turf. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has apprentice Alberto Burgos trying to get the gelding's first score at the distance (2-0-0-0). **3 SOUPER COURAGE** moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim, and immediately drops to the \$12,500 level, after finishing a sightseeing 6th vs \$16,000 starter optional claimers going a mile across town: Edgard Zayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 5-12-2-3

RACE 6:

6 DEM A WONDER is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after back-to-back 2nd place finishes going 5 and 5 ½ furlongs, respectively, across town. Trainer Rohan Crichton readied her for this longer distance with a 5-furlong drill over the local terrain. **4 FRANKLY MY DEAR** is turning back to this distance after finishing 2nd to impressive winner Big Rings going 6 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Allen Iwinski has Rajiv Maragh returning on the daughter of Jess's Dream. **2 SHEA D SUMMER** is a daughter of Summer Front debuting for trainer Carlos David with a steady morning work tab showing over the Palm Meadows training track. Note the jock/trainer combo of Jaramillo & David win races at a 28% clip.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-2

RACE 7:

8 GRAN OLD PARR is freefalling to the \$16,000 level again after finishing 4th vs considerably tougher in both sprints since Mike Maker claimed him for \$16,000 in June: Edgard Zayas rides. **6 HERO OF THE HOUR**, who tried sprinting on the grass only once previously, will try again after a stalk-the-pace 4th vs \$20,000 state-bred optional claimers going a mile. Trainer Louie Roussel is 25% with the turnback move. **10 HYDRAULIC**, who ran okay sprinting on the turf vs \$30,000 conditioned claimers 2 starts back, goes back to the lawn after the 3rd place finish vs \$8,000 claimers going 6 ½ furlongs on the dirt: Cheap, maybe?

SELECTIONS: 8-6-10

RACE 8:

7 DREAMING THOUSAND, 3 for 3 'in the money' at the \$16,000 level, drops after ending his sprint campaign across town with a troubled starting distant 3rd vs \$25,000 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs in the slop.

2 SILVER DOLLAR CITY is dropping to this level, and adding blinkers, after showing some early interest and fading in a pair of sprints at the \$50,000 level. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Edgard Zayas handling the class relief.

11 THE METHOD, another from Ralph Nicks, has his claiming tag carved in half after taking money and finishing 5th in his 7-furlong career debut going 7 furlongs in the slop: Emisael Jaramillo rides. **10 PARTY OF NO** is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after finishing a promising 4th – at 36-1 – in his career debut vs similar going 5 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-11-10

BEST BET: RACE 3 – 2 AVOCADO TOAST

LONGSHOT: RACE 5 – 5 MYSTICAL MOON