



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**6 FIAMMA MAMMA** moved to the Gustavo Delgado barn via the claim, and stretches out to a mile for the first time, hoping both karma changes cure the chalk-burning status; Emisael Jaramillo rides. **8 MAD ABOUT MADNESS** is dropping a notch on the maiden scale, and stretching out to 8 furlongs, after failing to show much in her \$25,000 career debut going 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer Ralph Nicks has apprentice Cristian Torres handling the added real estate. **2 MY LITTLE GARDNER** is dropping to this level on the main track after failing to mount a rally when finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in her \$50,000 career debut going 5 furlongs on the turf.

**SELECTIONS: 6-8-2**

## RACE 2:

**4 HELEN** is getting a full compliment of changes when she moves to the David Fawkes barn after the claim, steps up to the \$35,000 level and stretches out around 2-turns on the turf. Note the daughter of Gio Ponti was stakes-placed on the turf as a 2-year-old, albeit at 6 furlongs.

**1 NIGHT WATCH** will try to make it 2 in a row at this level and distance after parlaying and inside bid into a game neck victory last out. Trainer Stanley Gold has leading jock Edgard Zayas in the saddle again. **8 HENNY'S TREASURE** is wheeling back, and departing the outside, looking to close the gap after finishing a late-closing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Night Watch last out. Trainer Joe Orseno has strong finisher Jairo Rendon in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 4-1-8**

## RACE 3:

**5 GRISACEO** is hoping to find more in the 2<sup>nd</sup> start under these conditions after responding in the first race after the claim by Juan Arriagada with a track-the-leader 4<sup>th</sup> – as the favorite – at this level and distance. **2 TOTONO** is stepping up to the next level after drawing clear to defeat \$6,250 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' competition, at the distance, by 3 lengths. Trainer Antonio Sano has Jairo Rendon going for 2 in a row.

**3 OSKAR BLUES** is eligible to show more after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>, and then be placed 2<sup>nd</sup> via a steward's decision, at this level and distance last out.

**SELECTIONS: 5-2-3**

## RACE 4:

**5 SAVANNAH GRASS** is a daughter of Itsmyluckyday who drops to the \$40,000 level, and debuts on the turf, after tracking the action and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs maiden special weight competition on the main track. Note the sophomore is bred on both sides of the family tree to respond favorably to the surface switch.

**2 TIZZIRE** is turning back to 5 furlongs in the first race since opening and surrendering an early 7-length lead when finishing a distant 5<sup>th</sup> here going 7 ½ furlongs during July. Trainer Wesley is 4 for 11 (36%) with horses turning back from a route to a sprint on the Gulfstream turf. **3 LADY NOY** is back in South Florida after 'hitting the board' in back-to-back turf sprints at Colonial, including the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish under special weight conditions in her last.

**SELECTIONS: 5-2-3**

**RACE 5:**

**5 DIZZY GILLESPIE** will try to make it 2 in a row after responding to the stretchout from 7 to 8 furlongs with a wire-to-wire score. Note that the hard-knocking gelding has shown in the past that he can string together back-to-back victories. **6 CHARLIE THE GREEK** is hoping to bounce back after following the pair of impressive hard-fought victories with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish behind Dizzy Gillespie last out. Never count out his game son of Adios Charlie.

**4 DOUBLE WHAMMY** is making his local return for trainer Mary Eppler looking to sit in the garden spot behind the speed. Trainer Eppler, 5 for 9 (56%) at the meeting, has Jairo Rendon named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 5-6-4**

**RACE 6:**

**9 THANKS MOM** was given some time off after rallying between horses to defeat \$10,000 conditioned claimers here during July. Trainer Mary Eppler, 7 for 37 (19%) with mid-level sprinters on the turf, has Paco Lopez handling the return to action. **2 BLUE MAGIC** moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and returns to the turf at the \$10,000 level after rallying to finish a well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$16,000 open-claimers going 5 furlongs on sealed sloppy track; Samy Camacho rides.

**5 GRAN LETIZIA** wheels back after responding in the first race after the claim by leading trainer Victor Barboza Jr with a duel-for-the-lead 4<sup>th</sup> place vs this familiar competition last out; Edgard Zayas rides.

**SELECTIONS: 9-2-5**

**RACE 7:**

**1 BARRY KARAFIN BETS** is hoping to bounce back on a fast track after responding in the first race after the claim by Aubrey Maragh with a 6-length score going 6 ½ furlongs on a fast track with a stalk-and-fade outing on the sealed 'sloppy' surface last out.

**2 FROSTED GRACE** is back home after following his 4<sup>th</sup> place finish here in the \$75,000 Carry Back with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish vs allowance competition going 6 furlongs at Saratoga. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has Jairo Rendon named to ride. **4 NOON TIME GEM** is turning back to this distance (3-1-0-0) after stalking the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in back-to-back claimers going a mile. Trainer Juan Carlos Perez Jr has Leonel Reyes in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 1-2-4**

**RACE 8:**

**4 AVENIDA MANANA**, who was a sharp 2<sup>nd</sup> on this course vs \$75,000 optional claimers during March, returns after failing to earn a check when trying the turf at Ellis Park and Indiana Grand, and the dirt when sprinting at Churchill. Trainer David Fawkes has Paco Lopez handling the homecoming. **6 PARTY DANCER** is dropping to the \$16,000 level after facing tougher in both local turf outings since arriving from California. Trainer Cam Gambolati has Cristian Torres atop the \$175,000 daughter of Artie Schiller.

**1 BLUES SONG** is turning back to 7 ½ furlongs after returning from the 2-month layoff to come within a head of notching her '2-lifetime' condition going a mile and a sixteenth in her last.

**SELECTIONS: 4-6-1**

**BEST BET: RACE 2 – 4 HELEN**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 6 – 9 THANKS MOM**

