



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

5 MIST is a daughter of productive sire Brethren debuting for Arindel and trainer Juan Alvarado, who is 22% with this freshman runners. Emisael Jaramillo rides, **1 SUN AZTECA** is a \$110,000 daughter of Sharp Azteca debuting for trainer Jose D'Angelo, who sports a 22%-win average with two-year-old runners. Edgar Perez will handle the always demanding inside post. **7 BUCCHERA** is a daughter of Bucchero debuting for trainer Laura Cazares with a trio of solid three-furlong workouts showing. Paco Lopez will be at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-7

RACE 2:

1 HARD BELLE is dropping to the \$12,500 level and stretching out to a mile after shipping up to Tampa in December to defeat \$20,000 open claimers going 6 ½ furlongs on the main track. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr, 20% with the 61-180 days layoff, has Edgar Perez overseeing the inside post.

5 MR TITO'S, a five-time winner at the distance, drops to this level after facing better with limited success in the three starts since returning from the layoff. He should get the pace needed to help with his late running tactics. **3 RHYMES LIKE DIMES** moves to the Jennifer Young barn via the claim and steps up the competition after drawing clear to defeat \$6,250 open claimers at the distance. The colt's current form must be respected (4-2-2-0).

SELECTIONS: 1-5-3

RACE 3:

1 FATIH moves to the Kelly Breen barn via the claim and turns back to seven furlongs on the main track after prompting the pace and fading vs \$35,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Paco Lopez rides. **6 SOLOMONS GOLD**, who ran into a buzzsaw named Doctor Delay going 6 ½ furlongs last out, stretches out hoping the added distance helps improve recent pair of second-place finishes going 6 ½ and six furlongs, respectively. Trainer Larry Bates has Edgar Perez atop the Tapiture gelding.

3 EVENTFUL will try to turn the tables on Solomons Gold at seven-eighths of a mile after finishing third to him in a pair going shorter. Trainer Antonio Sano has Miguel Vazquez overseeing the rematch.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-3

RACE 4:

8 TROTTING GEAR is dropping to the \$12,500 level and stretching out to a mile on the main track with blinkers added after breaking poorly and finishing fifth vs \$16,000 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs on the Tapeta. The recent bullet half-mile gate work indicates the shades might do the trick.

3 BLACK ICE is the logical choice after responding to the surface switch with a second-place at this level and distance on the main track. Armando De La Cerda has Edgar Perez at the controls.

5 QUICKSTYLE is eligible to show more after taking a positive step forward figure wise when closing to finish fourth behind Black Ice last out. Trainer Ray Yanez has Sonny Leon atop the lightly raced sophomore.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-5

RACE 5:

4 BRAVO ZULU drops to the \$20,000 level and turns back to eight furlongs after setting the pace and fading late vs \$35,000 conditioned claimers going a mile and sixteenth. She's the speed of the speed and a threat to take them gate to wire at a price. **3 BOSTON PRINCESS** moves to the Ron Spatz barn via the claim and turns back to a mile after breaking from a tough outside post (11) and stalking the eventual winner before fading from her earlier exploits to finish fifth going a mile and a sixteenth. Paco Lopez rides for the new connections. **1 SPECTACULAR GAL** is going back to the turf and removing the blinkers after moving to the Bobby Dibona barn via the claim and stalking the pace and fading when beatent double digit lengths in a race moved from turf to Tapeta. The barn, 3 for 7 taking the blinkers off, has Leonel Reyes in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-1


RACE 6:

5 BREAKING BULLET is wheeling back after responding to both the dropdown and surface switch with a second-place finish at this level and distance on the Tapeta. Trainer Leon McKanas has Edgar Perez atop the daughter of Bullet Gone Astray.

2 WILDCAT STAR is returning from the layoff with blinkers added and going back to the Tapeta after showing speed and fading to finish a distant third vs \$20,000 maidens going six furlongs on the main track. Jose Garoffalo has Leonel Reyes managing the return to action. **7 AVE FENIX**, 4 for 9 in the money vs similar quality on the Tapeta, is returning to the all-weather surface after failing to fire vs \$20,000 maidens going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Trainer Monica McGoey has apprentice Angel Morales named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-7

RACE 7:

5 MY LADY JAMES is dropping into this \$35,000 conditioned claimer after holding her own vs allowance level competition on the Tapeta before going to the sidelines in February. Trainer Claudio Gonzalez, 23% with the 61-180 days layoff, has apprentice Angel Morales in the irons.

8 PARCHITA, 3 for 4 in the money sprinting on the Tapeta, is another going back to the all-weather surface after returning from the layoff to show speed from the rail before yielding in the stretch to finish sixth vs \$25,000 optional claimers going five furlongs on the turf. Trainer Jose D'Angelo has Edwin Gonzalez managing the surface switch.

6 STRIKE JAK, another from Jose D'Angelo, drops to this level after facing \$75,000 optional claimers on the Tapeta with little success before going to the bench in February. The connections remove the blinkers for this assignment.

SELECTIONS: 5-8-6

RACE 8:

6 DONTLOOKBACKATALL is making her freshman debut with Lasix and stretching out a mile after following her debut victory going 5 ½ furlongs at Saratoga with fourth-place finishes in the 6-furlong Grade 3 Matron and Steward Manor Stakes on the Aqueduct turf. Trainer Christophe Clement has Paco Lopez atop the classy daughter Peace and Justice (War Front).

8 BLIND SPOT will receive both Lasix and blinkers after returning from the layoff for Saffie Joseph Jr and finishing a stalk-and-fade eighth in the Grade 3 Herecomesthebride. Leonel Reyes will oversee the outside stalking trip. **3 SCOTTISH SYMPHONY**, a well-meant fourth vs \$75,000 optional claimers in her only previous turf race, is returning from the layoff and going back to the grass after showing speed and fading vs this level in a race moved from the lawn to Tapeta.

SELECTIONS: 6-8-3

RACE 9:

4 BIG BALLOONS is plunging to the \$16,000 level on the main track after sightseeing fifth-place finish vs maiden special weight runners going five furlongs on the turf. Trainer Dale Romans has Edgar Perez atop this shaky proposition. **3 COPPERMASTER** drops to the \$16,000 level on the main track after failing to get untracked behind repeat winner Drinking Problem in a \$35,000 maiden race going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Trainer Jose D'Angelo is 14% with the turf to dirt angle. **2 MOUSEFAST** is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after making a middle move and flattening out when finishing fourth vs \$12,500 maidens going three-quarters of a mile. Jose D'Angelo keeps it light with apprentice Angel Morales in the saddle. **8 LUSCIOUS DANCER** is stepping it up a notch after rallying to finish second – beaten a length – vs \$12,500 maidens going three-quarters of a mile. Javier Negrete has Martin Ramirez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-2-8

BEST BET: RACE 3 – 1 FAITH

LONGSHOT: RACE 5 – 4 BRAVO ZULU

