



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

5 PLATINUMCENTS, who was beaten a nose by repeat winner Betterthanyourx at this level and distance on the turf during July, drops and returns to the grass, after showing speed and fading vs better in a pair of rained out affairs on the main track. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Edgard Zayas in the irons. **2 MATCHA** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the layoff to finish a late-closing 2nd here at this level and distance on the turf. Trainer Kent Swezey has Samy Camacho atop the lightly raced 5-year-old daughter of Macho Uno.

8 TWINKIESANDTURNIPS is going back to the turf after taking a positive step forward when finishing an improved 3rd in a race moved from turf to dirt last out. Trainer Larry Bates has Luca Panici up.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-8

RACE 2:

6 PLAYERA will face state-bred special weight competition at 6 ½ furlongs after a game outing vs \$50,000 open-maidens in which she looked for room turning from home, ducked to the rail, and finished 2nd going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Rodolfo Garcia has Jesus Rios in the saddle again. **2 DEM A WONDER** is hoping to keep a straight course at 6 ½ furlongs after drifting out late in a pair vs this level of competition going three-quarters of a mile. Leading trainer Rohan Crichton has Cristian Torres named to ride.

5 THEUNCAPTUREDLADY is a daughter of Uncaptured debuting for the productive Kathleen O'Connell barn looking to make a winning statement at first asking: Edgard Zayas hops aboard.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-5

RACE 3:

2 PANGO is back in the Ron Spatz barn after the successful turf campaign at Penn National in which he was able to win at both 5 and 8 ½ furlongs. The versatile son of Artie Schiller is spotted perfectly vs \$10,000 claimers.

9 THE MIGHTY JUDGE is making his local return for trainer Jane Cibelli fresh off his \$12,500 claiming victory going a mile on the Monmouth turf: Paco Lopez rides. **8 RULE YOURSELF**, now in the Carlos David barn, the gelded son of Giant's Causeway drops to the \$10,000 level after finishing 4th, before being placed 3rd in a restricted allowance race while in the Lacy Gaudet barn at Laurel. The concern is the zero-for-12 record at the distance (12-0-3-2). **6 CASH CALL KITTEN** is turning back to a mile and a sixteenth after breaking from an outside post (11) and finishing a rallying 2nd vs similar going 9 furlongs last out. Trainer Joe Orseno has Victor Lebron atop the previous winner at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 2-9-8-6

RACE 4:

1 AWESOME BEACH is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs, and removing the blinkers, after setting the pace and weakening to finish 3rd – vs \$25,000 maidens – in a race moved from the turf to 7 furlongs on the main track. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Samy Camacho handling the turnback in distance. **2 EMIT** has his claiming tag sliced in half, and wears blinkers, after pressing swift early fractions and fading when facing \$50,000 maidens going 7 furlongs last out. The son of Violence should benefit from both the dropdown and turnback. **4 LITTLE DUDE** is returning to the \$25,000 level after following a 2nd place finish – at this level and distance – in the slop - with a chase-the-winner 3rd vs \$32,000 maidens, which was also contested ay 5 ½ furlongs on a sloppy track.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-4

RACE 5:

5 FRIENDLY FELLA, a consistent son of Hear No Evil, who is 8 for 10 'in the money' in his career, is stretching out to a mile & 70 yards after drawing clear to defeat \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers going 7 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Miguel Vazquez atop the 4-year-old, who has won going long on the turf.

4 TAAMER, who broke his maiden going a 1-turn mile at Gulfstream, is stretching out around 2-turns after closing to finish 3rd vs this level of competition going 6 ½ furlongs here last out. Trainer Jeff Engler has Victor Lebron handling the added distance. **2 JANUARY WON**, who defeated \$6,250 2-lifetime' claimers a going a 2-turn mile here, albeit on a muddy track, is stretching out again after breaking from a tough outside post (12) and finishing 5th when facing this caliber of competition going 7 furlongs on a wet-fast track.

SELECTIONS: 5-4-2

RACE 6:

2 RICHARD THE GREAT, who crushed the competition the last time he faced claimers going 7 furlongs on the main track, returns after facing stakes caliber competition in the three races prior to going on the shelf in January. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Emisael Jaramillo atop the hard-knocking 8-year-old. **6 OUTSHINE** returns from the layoff, and is back to a competitive level, in the first start since following a \$20,000 '3-lifetime' victory on the grass with a 4th place finish vs \$62,500 optional claimers going a mile on the GP main track during July. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas handling the return to action.

7 APACHE will be tested for class after the pair of impressive local victories, which includes the 10-length \$10,000 maiden victory, followed by an open-length \$25,000 '2-lifetime' score. The 'now' horse will have Paco Lopez at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-7

RACE 7:

4 SUNSET EMPIRE is stepping up, and stretching out to 7 furlongs again (10-3-1-2), after following her \$6,250 claiming victory going 6 furlongs with a \$12,500 score going 5 furlongs in a race moved from turf to dirt. Trainer Kent Sweezey has Samy Camacho going for the hat trick.

5 UNCAPTURED RUBY is making her Gulfstream West debut for trainer Kelly Breen after posting back-to-back sprint victories vs open-competition at Monmouth. She's back against Fla-bred competition with Edgard Zayas named to ride. **7 SHES ALL WOMAN**, who is 7 for 9 'in the money' at 7 furlongs, stretches out after using her tactical speed to defeat \$25,000 conditioned claimers – as the favorite - going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Bob Hess Jr has Cristian Torres going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-7

RACE 8:

4 GRAND UNION is stationed to have good performance going 5 furlongs on the turf after following a pair of okay outings sprinting on the GP grass with a troubled starting (banged gate) last-place finish in a race moved from the lawn to 7 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. Trainer Juan Avila has Emisael Jaramillo handling the surface change. **5 TOOK A CAB**, who made a nice move to be 2nd the last time he sprinted on the grass, is going back to the turf after finishing another positive 2nd in a race moved from the grass to the dirt. Trainer Dave Braddy has Edgar Prado trying to get the gelding out of 2nd gear.

7 WHO IS JARRETT, now in the Kathleen O'Connell barn, the \$90,000 son of Medal Count drops after facing tougher on the turf before the extended layoff. The tote action should tell us more about his chances to compete in the first start off the bench.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-7

BEST BET: RACE 6 – 2 RICHARD THE GREAT

LONGSHOT: RACE 3 – 2 PANGO