



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**11 BEYOND THE CALL** drops to the \$12,500 level, and turns back slightly to 7 ½ furlongs, in the first start since facing tougher on the turf, with some success, before going to the sidelines in March. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has Luca Panici atop the gelded son of Colonel John. **2 WORDMAN** is stretching out around 2-turns after returning from the layoff to finish a useful 5<sup>th</sup> vs similar quality going 5 furlongs. Trainer Phil Serpe has Joe Trejos handling the added distance.

**6 JACK EL BARBARO** will try racing around 2-turns on the turf, with the blinkers removed, after following a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish going 5 furlongs on the grass with a press-the-pace 4<sup>th</sup> going 6 ½ panels on the dirt. The sophomore, trained by Agustin Bezara, should be part of the pace at 7 ½ furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 11-2-6**

## RACE 2:

**6 DESCENTE** will try to make it 2 in a row, and her 5<sup>th</sup> victory this year, after responding in the first race after the claim with a much the best score going a 1-turn mile across town. Trainer Jose D'Angelo has Emisael Jaramillo handling the stretchout to a mile & 70 yards.

**7 GRACE'S DRAMA** is another stretching out around 2-turns after winning 2 of 3 races going a mile at GP. Trainer Bobby Dibona, who claimed her 3 races back, has apprentice Alberto Burgos going for the hat trick. **4 PAYNTER FEST** has chased Grace's Drama home in back-to-back races, and is 8 for 9 'in the money' this year, so leaving her off the ticket can prove to be a costly mistake.

**SELECTIONS: 6-7-4**

## RACE 3:

**5 MISS AURAMET** is back in the Ed Plesa Jr barn, and back on the turf (9-3-2-2), after stringing together impressive back-to-back allowance scores in races moved from the turf to the main tracks at Laurel and Delaware.

The classy daughter of Uncaptured, who broke her maiden sprinting on this course, will have Edgard Zayas at the controls.

**1 HEAR MY PRAYER**, who won the \$75,000 Melody of Colors at GP during March, is back in S Fla after returning from the 6-month plus layoff to show speed and fade in the \$100,000 The Very One on a yielding Pimlico turf. Trainer David Fisher has Victor Lebron named on the lightly raced daughter of The Big Beast.

**3 ITSMYLUCKYCHARM**, another from Ed Plesa Jr, is returning from the 8-month layoff looking to recapture the turf form she displayed during 2019. She'll try 5 furlongs for the first time with Angel Arroyo at the controls.

**SELECTIONS: 5-1-3**

## RACE 4:

**3 GALIT JAK** is dropping to the \$10,000 level on the main track in the first race since showing speed and fading when facing tougher on the turf before the 9-month plus layoff. Trainer Jose D'Angelo has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

**7 FLORADO**, now in the Peter Walder barn, the daughter of Commissioner cuts back to 6 furlongs on the main track in the first start since setting the pace and fading vs \$16,000 maidens going a mile on the turf, while in the Mike Maker barn.

**4 FIERY PRINCESS** figures on the 'what have you done lately' angle after dueling for the lead and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – as the odds-on choice - in her across town finale at this level and distance. Trainer Dolphin Black has Marcos Meneses in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 3-7-4**

## RACE 5:

**7 TONY'S ROSE** has her claiming tag sliced in half after returning from the 2-month freshening to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – at the distance – vs \$25,000 '2-lifetime' claimers. Trainer Kent Sweezey has Alberto Burgos named to ride.

**2 CLASSY BEAST** is another dropping to the \$12,500 level, and returning to the turf, after following a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish behind Tony's Rose on the grass with a duel-for-the-lead-and-weaken 5<sup>th</sup> vs \$25,000 open-claimers going 7 furlongs on the dirt. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. **3 BELLA BIONDA** is wheeling back after a solid effort at this level and distance in which she set the pace and was nailed at the wire when beaten a neck – at 23-1 - on a 'good' GP turf. Trainer Dan Pita has Marcos Meneses up.

**SELECTIONS: 7-2-3**

**RACE 6:**

**4 LUSITANO** moved to the Louie Roussel barn via the claim, and debuts locally at 6 furlongs, after finishing 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$40,000 claimers going 7 furlongs on the Saratoga main track. Emisael Jaramillo rides the consistent son of Violence (21-7-1-2).

**5 LIFE IN SHAMBLES** moved to the Peter Walder barn after the claim, and steps up to this level, after rallying to finish 4<sup>th</sup> behind repeat winner Clench in a \$25,000 claimer going 6 furlongs at the Spa. Trainer Walder, 26% with new claims, has Miguel Vazquez named to ride.

**2 ROYAL SQUEEZE** is dropping into this \$40,000 claimer after a trio of sprints at the distance vs tougher, which includes the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the \$60,000 Opening Lead, and another 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish vs \$62,500 optional claimers 2 starts back. His back class must be respected.

**SELECTIONS: 4-5-2**

**RACE 7:**

**1 FULMINI** is returning to the turf after highlighting his versatility when chasing the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the \$75,000 Armed Forces, which was moved from the turf to 7 furlongs on a sealed sloppy GP main track. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas returning on the son of Overdriven.

**5 KING BUDDHA** is stepping up to face winners after proving he could handle 2-turns when he wired a field of maiden special runners going 8 furlongs on the GP turf. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa is 24% winning consecutive races. **2 CASTLE KING** renews the rivalry with Fulmini after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in front of him on the grass in the Proud Man, and a distant 3<sup>rd</sup> behind him – in the slop – in the Armed Forces.

**SELECTIONS: 1-5-2**

**RACE 8:**

**2 ASSAIL**, a 6-time winner on the dirt, is going back to the main track after returning from the layoff to set-the-pace-and-fade vs \$16,000 claimers going 5 furlongs on the turf. The Rasharn Creque trainee will be running and gunning as soon as the spring the gate. **4 SAMMY'S TOWN** is stretching out to 6 furlongs after the pair of sharp efforts in 5-furlongs sprints moved from the turf to wet tracks. The daughter of First Samurai walloped \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers 2 starts back, and was 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$20,000 '3-lifetime' foes last out. However, the zero-for-3 record at the distance is a concern. **6 BARGAINAIRE** is hoping to bounce back after returning locally and failing to get untracked behind free-running bias-aided Choose Joy in a \$25,000 optional claimer going 6 furlongs on a super-fast track.

**SELECTIONS: 2-4-6**

**RACE 9:**

**4 ATAKAN** is going back to the turf after dueling throughout and holding sway to defeat \$10,500 '2-lifetime' runners going a mile on the Gulfstream main track. The son of Morning Line can turn out to be the controlling speed in a race where the main contenders like to do the running from 'off the pace'. **5 TIME FOR TROUBLE** is stepping up to the next level after rallying late to defeat \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the GP turf. The \$170,000 son of English Channel, who is now a perfect 2 for 2 at the distance, will have Edgard Zayas in the irons.

**8 BUDGET BUSTER** is going back to his preferred surface after rallying on a sealed sloppy track to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs this level of competition going a mile on the GP main track.

**SELECTIONS: 4-5-8**

**BEST BET: RACE 8 – 2 ASSAIL**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 4 ATAKAN**

