



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**3 RUMSON RALLY**, a sharp 2<sup>nd</sup> at the distance vs \$30,000 maidens 2 starts back, drops to the \$20,000 level after rallying to get beat a half-length vs \$35,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth last out. Trainer Kelly Breen has Albin Jimenez at the controls. **2 HEZA KITTEN** is another dropping to the \$20,000, and racing without the blinkers, after surrendering a late lead when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> – a neck behind Rumson Rally - when they hooked up on February 1<sup>st</sup>. **10 ALPHADAR** should be primed and ready to offer more after shipping in from Del Mar for trainer Bob Hess Jr and finishing a late-closing 4<sup>th</sup> at this level and distance.

**SELECTIONS: 3-2-10**

## RACE 2:

**3 FLASHING DIAMOND**, a 6-time winner, is making her first start since dueling for the lead and weakening to finish 6<sup>th</sup> behind next-out stakes winner Shanghai Starlet in a \$12,500 state-bred optional claimer going a mile last July. Trainer Ruben Gracida has Tyler Gaffalione atop the speed of the speed. **4 PRETTY OVERDRIVEN** was given some time off after back-to-back 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes vs this caliber of competition. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Luis Saez named on the consistent 4-year-old. **2 ALLIYA'S STORY** has her claiming tag sliced in half after pressing the action and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in a \$25,000 conditioned claimer at the distance. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Paco Lopez handling the dropdown.

**SELECTIONS: 3-4-2**

## RACE 3:

**9 CONISTON** is wheeling back after breaking from Post 11, dueling for the lead, and fading to finish 4<sup>th</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Paco Lopez handling the gelding's 3<sup>rd</sup> start 'off the bench'.

**7 VINO** renews the rivalry with Coniston after dueling with him early and fading to finish 5<sup>th</sup> when making his first start in 2 months. Trainer Kelly Breen has Albin Jimenez handling the rematch. **8 MORE MO** moved to the Tammy Levy barn via the claim after making a 5-wide move to defeat \$20,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth on a firm course; Leonel Reyes rides.

**SELECTIONS: 9-7-8**

## RACE 4:

**5 GRAND UNION** is dropping to the \$35,000 level after encountering early traffic (steadied) when finishing 4<sup>th</sup> going 5 ½ furlongs in his \$50,000 career debut in the slop. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa is 8 for 10 (80%) with maidens making their 2<sup>nd</sup> start. **4 CAGLIARI** is making the usually fruitful 3<sup>rd</sup> start back from the layoff after rallying along the inside and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a length – at this level and distance. Trainer Yvon Belsoeur tabs Tyler Gaffalione to ride. **1 HASTA LA BYEBYE**, listed as a gelding, drops after returning from the layoff to finish a late-running 4<sup>th</sup> vs a solid group of \$50,000 maidens.

**SELECTIONS: 5-4-1**

## RACE 5:

**3 SPAC** moved to the Rohan Crichton barn via the claim after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 4-wide 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at this level and distance. Note that the barn is 5 for 9 (56%) with recent claims. **10 GENERAL JUNE** is dropping to the \$20,000 level after taking the overland route when finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in her \$35,000 career debut. Trainer Mike Maker has Jose Ortiz named to ride. **4 ROSA STAR**, now in the Gustavo Delgado barn, the daughter of Skipshot is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after setting a pressured pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance. She's the one to catch.

**SELECTIONS: 3-10-4**

**RACE 6:**

**6 MATH WIZARD** moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim after following a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish behind undefeated Maximum Security with back-to-back open-length victories. The new connections keep the status quo with Jose Ortiz going for the hat trick. **1 BRONZED** is stepping up to face winners after returning from the 5-month layoff for trainer Jason Servis and proceeding to crush a field of \$50,000 maidens going 6 furlongs; Luis Saez handles the stretchout to 8 furlongs.

**2 JOE DI BAGGIO** is stretching out to a mile after following his maiden victory with a 4-wide 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Gran Paraiso going 7 furlongs. Trainer Stanley Gold has go-to jock Jeffrey Sanchez handling the added distance.

**SELECTIONS: 6-1-2**

**RACE 7:**

**6 FOLLY** is dropping to the \$20,000 level after facing tougher in her local turf outings for trainer Christophe Clement; Luis Saez handles the needed class relief.

**1 MIA'S BOBTAIL** goes from the outside (Post 11) to the rail after vying for the lead and finishing a game 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Tyler Gaffalione handling the inside speed. **9 NOT INTERESTED** moved to the Eddie Keneally barn via the claim, and turns back to a mile, after rallying to come within three-quarters of length when finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in her mile and a sixteenth career debut. Trainer Eddie Kenneally, 9 for 25 (36%) with new claims, has Jose Ortiz handling the turnback.

**SELECTIONS: 6-1-9**

**RACE 8:**

**4 RICHIE'S SISTER** moved to the Jason Servis barn via the claim after returning from the layoff and using her speed to defeat this level of competition in a race moved from the turf to 5 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. The barn, 18 for 41 (44%) with recent claims, has Luis Saez handling the 3-time turf winner.

**6 ALL ABOUT STELLA** was solid in defeat when she rallied 3-wide to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Jena Antonucci has Jose Ortiz atop the daughter of Gio Ponti.

**3 SALT POND**, 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Richie's Sister in the slop, and a late-running 4<sup>th</sup> behind All About Stella on the grass last out, has Javier Castellano named to try to turn the tables on the top two.

**SELECTIONS: 4-6-3**

**RACE 9:**

**10 MODERN TALE**, the best closer in the field, breaks from the outside looking to sit the 'trip' behind the speed and spring the upset.

**9 DANCE PROUDLY** is making his first start since rewarding his backers when he scored – as the 3-to-5 favorite – at this level and distance on December 27. Leading trainer Jorge Navarro is 34% with the 61-180 days layoff. **5 SLEEPING GIANT** wheels back after disputing strong early fractions and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>, beaten a nose and a neck, respectively, in a pair at this level and distance. Trainer Ron Potts Jr has Jose Ortiz trying to get the gelding out of 2<sup>nd</sup> gear. **4 TENACITY ZIP** is dropping to the \$16,000 level after encountering early traffic and finishing 9<sup>th</sup> behind a trio of next-out winners in a 'key' \$25,000 starter optional claimer at the distance. Trainer Yvon Belsoeur has Luis Saez named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 10-9-5-4**

**RACE 10:**

**5 STARSHIP TAXI** is the logical choice to deliver in the nightcap after just getting beat a nose at this level and distance. Trainer Steve Dwoskin has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle. **3 VAUGHAN** is hoping to turn the tables on the top choice after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind him at this level and distance last out. **2 ROCKY STRANGE** is cutting back to 6 furlongs on the main track after failing to show much on the turf last summer. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Tyler Gaffalione handling the combo surface switch/comeback.

**SELECTIONS: 5-3-2**

**BEST BET: RACE 5 – 3 SPAC**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 10 MODERN TALE**