



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

10 BE THE ONE is dropping to this level after hitting the board in one of two recent \$16,000 maiden races going long on the Tapeta. Fausto Gutierrez has Edgar Perez named to ride. **2 LOVE CHANNEL** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after coming off the extended layoff and breaking awkwardly vs \$25,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth on the Tapeta. Jorge Delgado has Sonny Leon handling the dropdown.

5 MISS KEEN should find this level of competition more to her liking after proving no match for repeat winner Hardspun Woman in her last two starts. Jorge Delgado, who also trains Love Channel, has Miguel Vazquez atop this half of his uncoupled entry.

SELECTIONS: 10-2-5

RACE 2:

3 DEMOCRACY moves to the Kent Sweezey barn via the claim, and steps up the competition, after notching his second consecutive victory vs \$12,500 'three-lifetime' foes going seven furlongs. Jesus Rios goes for the hat trick. **1 OLD TIME REVIVAL**, a four-time winner at this tricky seven-furlong distance, drops after stepping up off the winning claim by Dan Pita three starts back and failing to handle tougher competition in both subsequent races. **6 SEA TRIDENT** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after showing speed and tiring when facing \$35,000 starter optional claimers going seven furlongs on a good track. Miguel Vazquez rides for Chris Gatis.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-6

RACE 3:

3 TINKER TAILER finds an ideal spot to step up the competition after breaking from a demanding outside post, setting the pace, and finishing second in front of a pair of next-out winners in a \$16,000 maiden test at this mile and 70-yard distance on the Tapeta. Leonel Reyes rides for Fernando Abreu. **8 STRONG AGAIN**, third at this distance two start back, stretches out after stalking the pace and finishing third – at 25-1 – vs \$25,000 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs on the all-weather track.

5 KING ALFREDO is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after dueling with Tinker Tailor early, steadying at the 5/16th pole, and finishing third – a length behind him last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-5

RACE 4:

4 STAR JUANCHO, a reclaim by Efen Loza Jr, cuts back to six furlongs after notching his third consecutive victory when defeating \$8,000 claimers at seven furlongs. Jesus Rios rides. **6 UNCORK THE BOTTLE** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile (6-3-0-2) after returning the freshening to defeat this level of competition going a mile - by a hard-fought head. Rohan Crichton, 19% with the turnback angle, has Edgar Perez in the saddle. **5 VINNIE VAN GO** is back on his preferred surface after dueling for the lead and weakening to finish fifth vs \$10,000 claimers going 5 ½ furlongs on the Tapeta. The nine-time local winner has Leonel Reyes handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-5

RACE 5:

2 KHOZY BOY is a son of productive Florida sire Khozan debuting for Jorge Delgado, who is 36% with his debut maiden claimers, and 29% overall with his freshman runners. Apprentice Franklin Calles rides.

4 EL DE LEO, listed as a gelding, moves to the Claudio Gonzalez barn via the claim, and hopes to rebound, after following an even third in his career debut with a poor showing vs \$35,000 maidens going five furlongs on the Tapeta. The barn, 22% with new claims, has Jose Morelos handling the son of Arrogate.

5 NOVA FOLHA is a gelded son of Fast Anna debuting for Ralph Nicks, who is 23% with his debut maiden claimers. Apprentice Jason Huayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-5

RACE 6:

4 ROYAL MAHOGANY is stepping up to face winners after responding in the first race after the claim by Jorge Delgado, and a switch in surface, with a driving four-length victory going five furlongs on the Tapeta. The barn, 24% winning consecutive races, has apprentice Ailsa Morrison going for two in a row.

5 HIGH PRESS was game in defeat when he rallied six-wide to finish second – beaten a length – at this level and distance last out. Joe Catanese has Luca Panici at the controls. **1 OFFICER COUNTRY** is dropping to the \$16,000 level after responding after the claim by Monica McGoey with back-to-back late running fourth-place finishes vs similar quality going 5 ½ and five furlongs, respectively, on the Tapeta. Edgar Zayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-1

RACE 7:

5 KEANU is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after posting his best performance yet when finishing second to Dr Fager Stakes entrant Cajun Hope going six furlongs last out. Carlos David has apprentice Jason Huayas named to ride. **1 BEAST MARKET** is stretching out an additional furlong after splitting horses in the stretch to finish second going 5 ½ furlongs on a sealed muddy track. Rafael Romero has Leonel Reyes handling the tricky inside post. **4 GET KHOZY** is a \$60,000 son of Khozan debuting for trainer Jose D'Angelo with a string of solid workouts showing. The barn, 20% with first-time starters, has Edgar Perez in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-4

RACE 8: THE FLORIDA SIRE DESERT VIXEN

5 GO LIL LADY, a full-sister to freshman stakes winner Cajun Casanova, stretches out to six furlongs after rocketing clear to win her 4 ½-furlong debut by seven-plus lengths. Trainer Mike Yates has Miguel Vazquez returning on the daughter of Cajun Breeze. **3 LYNX** is stretching out an additional furlong, and making her first start since defeating a pair of next-out winners in her five-furlong debut during May. Carlos David has Edgard Zayas atop the daughter of Brethren.

9 MAJOR PRYCE, still a maiden, stretches out after the promising 5 ½-furlong debut in which she rallied to finish second to Val's Gal. She has the ideal stalking style needed to use the outside post to her benefit.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-9

RACE 9:

2 WITH LIBERTY is stepping to face winners at the \$6,250 level after returning from the layoff to defeat \$12,500 maidens by open lengths. Trainer Jorge Delgado has apprentice Franklin Calles going for two in a row. **4 ADIOS DIXIE**, the only two-time winner in the field, stretches out after failing to offer her best when trying a wet track for the first time last out. Kathy Mongeon has Leonel Reyes atop the daughter of Adios Charlie.

5 YEGUITA QUEEN is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after rallying to finish fourth behind also eligible Awesome Appeal and Chasing Joy, who both could be favored if they got into the race.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-5

RACE 10: THE FLORIDA SIRE DR. FAGER

3 ZELENSKY STRONG, who was so impressive winning his 4 ½-furlong debut here, is back locally, and in the Jorge Delgado barn, after shipping up to Belmont and finishing fifth vs open company in the \$150,000 Tremont. Ailsa Morrison rides without the apprentice allowance. **10 THIS RUN'S FOR YOU** couldn't have been more impressive when he turned on the afterburners to win his six-furlong debut by 11 lengths. He returns in 13 days for Kathleen O'Connell with the moniker of strictly the one to beat. **4 TURBO**, a full-brother to Awesome Mass, who is multiple stakes-placed in the Florida Sire Series, stretches out after a sharp debut from Post 11 in which he drew clear to win. Juan Alvarado has Edgard Zayas atop the Arindel homebred son of Brethren. **9 CAJUN HOPE** will try to make it two in a row after putting it all together last out when he shook off a bobbling start to score at today's six-furlong distance.

SELECTIONS: 3-10-4-9

RACE 11:

7 DAKOTA BOY is wheeling back after a solid effort from the tough inside post in which he rallied three-wide to finish second. Claudio Gonzalez readied him for this assignment with a bullet half-mile drill in 47 flat. **3 MEKANO** is turning back to seven furlongs for the red-hot Bobby Dibona barn, and removing the blinkers, after dueling for the lead and tiring vs similar going a one-turn mile. Leonel Reyes rides. **9 HIDDEN TRUTH** is a son of Soaring Empire debuting for Kathleen O'Connell with Lasix added. The barn, 19% with debut maiden claimers, has leading jock Miguel Vazquez at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-9

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 5 GO LIL LADY

LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 3 ZELENSKY STRONG