



## Race by Race Analysis

Handicapping Analysis by Trifecta George

### Thursday, September 1

**FIRST** – At the end of the meet more horses run out of their next condition, IF YOU BUILD IT is eligible for a non-winners of three race but ends up in an open \$5000 claimer. He was sharp winner here last month after a four month layoff and had five weeks to recover from that career best effort. He's fast enough to get the lead and looking for repeat gate-to-wire score. E M MAXIMUS hasn't been on the turf for awhile but has three wins on grass. Both his starts on dirt at the meet were good, a win last month then 3<sup>rd</sup> when he had a lot of traffic trouble ten days ago. EL SOMBRE has checked in as runner-up all three tries here this summer. All his previous turf races have been going long but best recent form has been sprinting on dirt but see him in a spot underneath again today. KIAWAH'S WARRIOR won three races here last summer but hasn't looked the same this year. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish two starts back on the grass was ok but not convinced.

*Selections*      **3-6-2-1**

**SECOND** – TRACE OF MOJO started off 2016 with longshot maiden win at Churchill then had a terrible trip here going a mile against allowance company. He raced from an outside post that day, got up near the lead and was stopped in the stretch. He tried the turf three weeks later and was 3<sup>rd</sup> in a quickly run race against \$30,000 claimers. I like the move back to dirt and think he'll be just off the lead of PATRIOTIC AMERICAN who returns from a four month layoff. AMERICAN won sprinting at Oaklawn then good 3<sup>rd</sup> beaten less than a length trying a mile. His last race caught a sloppy track shows nice work pattern for the return. He's usually on the lead and figures to be sharp having not run in awhile just not quite sure he gets a mile first start back. Second part of trainer Buff Bradley entry CRUSH hasn't raced in three months but shows six published works, including ½ mile bullet last week.

*Selections*      **6-5-2-1**

**THIRD** – MIDNIGHT DECISION won't be 25/1 as he was August 21 when 4<sup>th</sup> beaten two lengths in a similar \$7500 maiden turf sprint. He finished ahead of two others in today's field in that race and rest of this field is weaker than he faced ten days ago. He should be close to the lead and not many others in here have shown much early pace. SAVVY AMATEUR looks most likely to keep him company up front. He was 2<sup>nd</sup> on the dirt against \$5000 claimers last race, only beaten a couple of lengths and well clear of show horse; 5-year old has never raced on turf but see him in the mix. THUNDERCLOUD is the only real class dropper in here, 5<sup>th</sup> last race on dirt vs. \$16,000 claimers but hasn't hit the board in lifetime starts. CONNECT A PEG could improve making just his second career start.

*Selections*      **6-5-3-1**

**FOURTH** – KATIE'S WARRIOR was 3<sup>rd</sup> here last start when she dropped down to \$7500 claiming level. She was going a mile that day, drew the far outside post and was wide the entire trip. She should be a little closer to the front today against a field with no evident early speed, shows a ½ mile breeze since last race and repeat of her last would be good enough here. PATSY EM moves back to the dirt; didn't show much turf sprinting against a little better group than this field. Her best races were ¾ mile sprints and usually is making up some ground late. ALREADY BETTYE has a chance to improve off that race August 19. It was her first start in almost two years and she beat half the field on the grass. Wouldn't be surprised to see her on the lead here, no one else has shown much early speed.

*Selections*      **4-8-5-3**

**FIFTH** – Always tough to beat winners first time after breaking the maiden but SWEET BETTY comes in off a convincing score at this same \$7500 claiming level. She benefited from a nice trip that day and won by five lengths as 7/5 favorite. Corey Lanerie is back aboard and will have to work out a trip from the nine post but thinking she had something left coming out of last race. TRACI IS READY takes a big drop after a three month layoff and tries turf first time. This is only her third start of the year, bred to run on turf and class drop alone makes her worth a look. Another filly coming in here off a maiden win is SUPERDUPEJUSTICE; she had two 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes against maiden \$7500 company before getting the win three weeks ago. Indiana-bred LADY TEMPLE was a winner here in her only turf race two starts back.

*Selections*      **9-1-7-2**

**SIXTH** – WAR RIDE finally got the maiden win last month here. 4-year old colt was a \$1.1 million yearling purchase was unlucky in a few previous races to hook some tough fields and third place finisher from the win here came back to win last weekend. He gets a nice outside draw for the 6 ½ trip today and should sit just off early speed to his inside. Given some time he shows four local works since and like the home court advantage for the repeat. FORGE AHEAD FRANKI was 3<sup>rd</sup> here in the same race a month ago. He breaks from same rail post and will need to work out a trip from usual mid-pack position. CATAROUX has been off since March and. He had a nice maiden win at Oaklawn then ok effort in a \$100 stake there. He's been gelded since last race and expecting him to fire fresh, been on the lead all three races and one they will have to catch.

*Selections*      **8-1-6-3**

**SEVENTH** – Full field of twelve maiden 2-year old fillies, half of them making their first career start. Two that have run before finished within a length of each other in a race here on August 13. FUNNY HOLIDAY didn't take much betting action that day, off at 26/1 but beat half the field after dueling for the early lead. She gets a better post position here and trainer Buff Bradley usually better second time out than with debut runners. She was only ½ length behind FRIEND OF LIBERTY who makes her third start, once 3<sup>rd</sup>, then 4<sup>th</sup> last race; ran evenly both starts with similar speed figure both races and inclined to use her underneath. Homebred HOLIDAY'S ANGEL makes first start for trainer Brad Cox who wins 22% first out and almost 30% for all his 2yos. Daughter of recently deceased sire Harlans Holiday hasn't missed a work in three months but will have to overcome outside post. TAP ME FREE is by top stallion Tapit; nice 5/8<sup>th</sup> mile breeze on August 10 but looking to use in minor spots.

*Selections*      **3-6-12-8**

**EIGHTH** – A BAND APART was a winner here opening day for three times today's claiming price, then went up to Indiana and didn't beat a horse. That last race did produce some next out winners and his last six starts have shown a good/poor pattern; he's only horse in the field with a win over this track and class drop alone makes him worth a look. PHENOMINAL PHOENIX was 2<sup>nd</sup> beaten just two lengths three weeks ago first time running at the \$5000 claiming level. He shows mostly mid-pack finishes this year but most of those races were against much tougher; in the mix. PAPA SOL won back-to-back races impressively at Indiana before poor effort last time out. His wins were both gate-to-wire trips had last time had wide trip from outside post. He cuts back in distance here from those two turn races to one turn 7/8<sup>th</sup> mile and not sure he's fast enough to get to the front against a few sprinters in this field; using underneath.

*Selections*      **3-6-2-7**