



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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**RACE 1:**

4 - Pokerist  
1 - Yes Siree  
7 - Golden Kantharos  
**SELECTIONS: 4-1-7-6**

**RACE 2:**

3 - Takedown  
4 - High Flying Guy  
2 - Hookup  
**SELECTIONS: 3-4-2-7**

**RACE 3:**

4 - Passionate Hachi  
3 - Astro Empire  
2 - Deep Fire  
**SELECTIONS: 4-3-2-6**

**RACE 4:**

7 - The Two Nancy's  
1 - Linda Nin  
5 - Salsalida  
**SELECTIONS: 7-1-5-4**

**RACE 5:**

1 - Blame the Gods  
9 - For Kicks  
3 - Strike My Fancy  
**SELECTIONS: 1-9-3-5**

**RACE 6:**

11 - Affluential  
12 - The Great Scatsby  
10 - Spa Jazz  
**SELECTIONS: 11-12-10-2**

**RACE 7:**

4 - Hydra  
3 - Brunette Princess  
12 - Charlotte the Brit  
**SELECTIONS: 4-3-12-2**

**RACE 8:**

9 - Niko's Dream  
4 - Hidden Facts  
5 - Curled  
**SELECTIONS: 9-4-5-3**

**RACE 9:**

1 - Cut to Order  
2 - Chiseled  
6 - Brasstown  
**SELECTIONS: 1-2-6-4**

**RACE 10:**

10 - Henny's Treasure  
6 - Kindhearted Kota  
12 - Infinity Sky  
**SELECTIONS: 10-6-12-7**

**BEST BET: Race 6 - #11 Affluential**

It's been close to a year since this horse has seen the winners' circle, which of course is a glaring negative, but I think he's in the right place to get back there today. Sent out for trainer Lilli Kurtinecz, who already kicked off the Championship Meet with a winner on opening day, this gelding is taking a needed drop in class and picks up Irad Ortiz Jr. as the pilot. He should get a good trip off the pace.

**LONGSHOT: Race 8 - #9 Niko's Dream**

With two starts under her belt, this filly ran a huge race last time out at Belmont going 6 furlongs, showing a big late run. I think the two turns on the turf should suit her well, and she gets in light with apprentice Romero Ramsey Maragh in the saddle. Trainer Barclay Tagg is 9-for-27, or 33%, with turf horses in the money last time out in maiden special weight company, and 74% of the time in the money with a \$4.41 ROI.