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Tampa Bay

Race 8 - Tam

#6 Omega Cat ☆☆☆☆

Our Eyes: Steadied first turn lost 6 lengths, bottled up rail, blocked stretch, game split, to rail, galloped out best. -- Joe Kristufek

#8 Sharp Surprise ☆☆☆

Our Eyes: Ran some huge races over the Arlington grass course this summer. Her form has tailed off in the fall, but the move to a warmer climate may rejuvenate her. Can win this with her A-game, and the price should be right. -- Joe Kristufek

Hawthorne

Race 7 - Haw

#5 Let It Rain ☆☆☆

Our Eyes: Well-bet on the tote for third career try. Got great pocket trip just behind the leading bunch. Was absolutely loaded in the lane waiting for room and won for fun while never really being asked. Could be a good one still. UPDATE: Showed little in a return sprint, but the pedigree suggests route, and perhaps that race was merely a springboard. At 12-1 in the ML, it should be worth finding out. - Brian Spencer

Race 8 - Haw

#5 Napoleon's Retreat ☆☆☆

Our Eyes: Pushed through rail, battled the lead, ran on gamely, held second behind runaway winner. Showed marked improvement on Poly/Turf this summer at Arlington, and she proved in her latest run that she can handle dirt too. Sharp works leading into this, and she should employ a stalk and pounce strategy, which is more her game. -- Joe Kristufek

Turfway

Race 3 - TP

#12 Foolish Promise ☆☆☆

Our Eyes: Off slow lost four lengths, in tight between, came out, willing finish, wrong lead. -- Joe Kristufek

Race 6 - TP

#3 Miss Nepal ☆☆☆

Your Comment: Rated at back, very quick move turn, slowly getting to solid winner. Turf or Poly try next? -- Joe Kristufek

Race 7 - TP

#5 Itsallboutthechase ☆☆☆

Our Eyes: Pocket spy, extended stride late, strong effort, clearly second best to sharp winner, galloped out best. -- Joe Kristufek

#6 Tally Up ☆☆☆

Our Eyes: Battle fast pace, came again, willing finish. Failed as the favorite, but speed did not hold well this day, and he did run gamely to the wire. -- Joe Kristufek

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