

Date: February 14, 2018

Track: Gulfstream Park

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***BEST BET: South of the Shore (9th race)***

**First Race**

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**1. Trev**

**2. Small Fortune**

**3. Captain Gaughen**

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A chance of rain in forecast Tuesday but not likely to have an impact on turf racing Wednesday although by some chance it does, **TREV** obviously well spotted should the opener move to the main. If not, stabbing at **SMALL FORTUNE** in a race full of going back to sod and shortening up to what appears his preferred distance. **CAPTAIN GAUGHEN** showing no published works since his last outing back on Oct. 1 which is not really a surprise from this barn. Class of the field although perhaps a bit suspect on cheapest level yet.

**Second Race**

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**1. Catsadiva**

**2. Pancake**

**3. My Cotton Rose**

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**CATSADIVA** second best last out to a horse who has won 25 of 40 career starts, missed a nose to My Sweet Dove, a winner of 4 GPW finale. Not facing that kind in this \$30K conditioned claimer. **PANCAKE** drops into the category for the first time, certainly against much better in all recent starts but should find this group more to her liking. Looked okay in recent half-mile breeze. **MY COTTON ROSE** lost best chance at the break following easy N2L win two back. Taken to grab minor share.

**Third Race**

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**1. Crystal Clear**

**2. Frozen Queen**

**3. Lisa Mila**

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Question marks abound with several new faces in the lineup beginning again with Servis barn and **CRYSTAL CLEAR** who has no published tab since Jan. 9 when entered but from barn which usually places their new faces for instant success at the maiden claim level. **FROZEN QUEEN** obviously overmatched at first asking, gets one chance to prove mettle in this soft looking spot. **LISA MILA** speed against better in all recent tries, might get brave if able to get loose early for this tag.

**Fourth Race**

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**1. Peace Front**

**2. Bodie's Valentine**

**3. Congrats in Blue**

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**PEACE FRONT** found proper niche while also improving with blinkers added on graduation day and well spotted to score right price for first venture in the conditioned claiming ranks. **BODIE'S VALENTINE** another coming off maiden win rallying from entire field at Kentucky Downs and another placed to win right back at this level. **CONGRATS IN BLUE** and Elasticity both exit wins of their own vs. much cheaper but respect the fact they are young horses capable of moving forward again with experience.

### Fifth Race

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**1. Admiral Jimmy**

**2. Admirable Kiss**

**3. New Champion**

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When last sighted, **ADMIRAL JIMMY** was racing in stakes company now returns off long layoff for a \$12,500 tag raising plenty although barn has had considerable success with similarly large drop downs all winter long. Last couple of works leading up to ret enough to suggest he might just have enough in the tank to assert class edge today. **ADMIRABLE KISS** strictly the one to beat if choice not up to the task exiting pair of runaway wins in January although do note Saez runs from that one to take call for Pletcher choice. **NEW CHAMPION** ran against grain of the track when tiring third behind A K in their previous encounter and main certa speed types here last weekend.

### Sixth Race

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**1. Mitchell Road**

**2. Equal Rights**

**3. Inconvenient Facts**

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**MITCHELL ROAD** hard to ignore coming off game but heartbreaking defeat at first asking and has been given ample time to rec the taxing effort. Still must handle a couple of interesting looking Chad Brown first timers in **EQUAL RIGHTS** and **INCONVEN** the latter getting the best of their team drill, albeit just slightly on Feb. 9.

### Seventh Race

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**1. Bun Bun**

**2. Bullet Theblue Sky**

**3. Italian Smile**

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**BUN BUN** no match late for class dropping Stormbeam who plunged from \$12,500 company to win this condition on 1/31. Fell vi He Wears the Crown 2 back, the latter flattering effort beating open \$8K company in her next start. Obviously knocking on door a although facing a couple of dangerous looking class droppers **BULLET THEBLUE SKY** and **ITALIAN SMILE**, the former hav exclusively to this point on turf and artificial surfaces.

### Eighth Race

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**1. Ready for Summer**

**2. August Lilly**

**3. Stormin Charlotte**

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**READY FOR SUMMER** gets slight nod on the drop to this level after having run well vs. open \$25K company two back in New tougher bunch of optional claimers making local bow last month. **AUGUST LILLY** continues to hold her form extremely well, ha exacta in 7 of 14 starts over this course and 8 of 12 at 7 1/2 furlongs to a mile on turf. **STORMIN CHARLOTTE** continues to pr competitive at this level but a bit of a hanging sort of late.

### Ninth Race

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**1. South of the Shore**

**2. Skeptic**

**3. Commentary**

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**SOUTH OF THE SHORE**, the day's best, could not match strides late with recent Suncoast Stakes winner C S Incharge in 3yo b another good one in Fly So High in career bow. Ready to graduate at third asking. **SKEPTIC** has been away three months after ou

odds, coming out second best behind odds on Red Ruby in Ky finale. One to beat. **COMMENTARY** a good second behind 2-1 T debuting at Tampa but might be facing a bit stronger moving locally for 2nd try.

### Tenth Race

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**1. Bitacora**

**2. O. K. Kay**

**3. Steelin Magnolias**

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**BITACORA** exits career best effort when not badly beaten by a pretty good group in the Sunshine Millions Turf, need only repeat back on winning track in the main event. **O. K. KAY** win less in 11 months but back with state bred today. One to beat should to falter. **STEELIN MAGNOLIAS** was visually impressive overcoming slow start, wide trip to beat weak bunch at first asking but a step up to this company. Might have enough of a forward move off that effort to impact the gimmicks.

### Eleventh Race

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**1. Tendowningstreet**

**2. Wigwam Summer**

**3. Crime Dog**

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**TENDOWNINGSTREET** left with a bit too much to do when 3rd of 9 vs. \$50K maidens to launch his 4yo campaign now well s elusive diploma in finale. **WIGWAM SUMMER** checked early, got caught off slow pace last time after career best effort two bac Improving sort gets major rider change with Ortiz taking call from the triple bug rider. **CRIME DOG** looks like a horse who may best yet making third start of his current form cycle.