



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**2 STAY ON BASE** is turning back to a mile after becoming the only 3-time winner in the field when he got up to score at a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas going for 2 in a row. **8 SEATTLE TREASURE** is dropping in this conditioned claimer after facing allowance level competition in a trio of race since he defeated \$35,000 claimers here during February. The son of Treasure Beach faces older horses with Tyler Gaffalione at the helm. **4 PUT THE HAT BACK** is dropping a notch after following the \$20,000 maiden victory with a chase-and-fade performance vs \$25,000 conditioned claimers going a mile.

**SELECTIONS: 2-8-4**

## RACE 2:

**5 PASSIONATE HACHI** will face \$50,000 maidens after the promising state-bred maiden special weight debut in which he finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. Trainer Antonio Sano has Leonel Reyes atop the son of Gone Astray. **7 HANDSOME CHEWY** is dropping to this level and turning back to 4 ½ furlongs on the main track, after failing to get untracked in his special weight debut on the turf. **3 SCHNITZELBURGGIANT** is a son of Giant's Causeway debuting for trainer Dave Kassen with Lasix and a steady morning work tab showing in preparation for this assignment.

**SELECTIONS: 5-7-3**

## RACE 3:

**4 BON RAISON** is making his first start since responding to the dropdown in competition by coming within three-quarters of length of springing the 18-1 upset when facing this level of opposition going 7 ½ furlongs.

The biggest challenge for the Pletcher/Gaffalione collaboration will surely come from **2 HIDEAWAY HERO**. The latter, trained by Leo Gabriel Jr, is wheeling back after closing strongly to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in front of Bon Raison when they hooked up on April 28<sup>th</sup>; Jesus Rios rides. **3 GENERAL PADDY** is dropping to the \$50,000 level, and returning to the turf, after shipping from Tampa into the Armando De La Cerda barn and failing to show much vs \$75,000 optional claimers going a mile on the dirt.

**SELECTIONS: 4-2-3**

## RACE 4:

**1 ORGANIC JENNY** is a son of Brethren debuting for trainer Armando De la Cerda with Lasix and apprentice Reylu Gutierrez handling the demanding inside post. **8 ROSAS FOR JIMMY** is returning at the same level after responding to both the dropdown from the \$50,000 level, and the addition of Lasix, with an improved 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. **5 YALE DEAL** is a gelded son of Factum debuting for trainer Kathleen O'Connell with Lasix and a quartet of workouts showing over the Gulfstream West surface in preparation for this assignment; Edgard Zayas rides.

**SELECTIONS: 1-8-5**

## RACE 5:

**4 GONE BLUES** is a daughter of Curlin debuting on the turf in the first start since showing speed and fading in her sprint debut at the Fair Grounds, a race that was won by Talk Veuve to Me, who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the (Grade 2) 8 Belles in her next start. **2 EXPECT AND ENTRY** is stretching out to a mile after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs state-bred special weight runners going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Joe Orseno names Leonel Reyes to ride as Tyler Gaffalione moves to **5 MAMBO DANCER**.

The latter, a daughter of Blame, debuts for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix and a steady morning work tab showing at Palm Beach Downs.

**SELECTIONS: 4-2-5**

**RACE 6:**

**6 POWER JAK** is stepping up to the next level after changing running tactics when sitting 'off the pace' before drawing off to defeat \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimers in the 'slop'. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa, winning races at a 50% clip, has apprentice Romero Ramsay going for 2 in a row.

**4 GEMSTONE LINDA** is dropping to the \$6,250 level after shipping back from Tampa, pressing the pace, and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$12,500 claimers going 6 furlongs on a 'good' track.

**7 UP THE ROAD** is turning back to 6 ½ furlongs after tracking the pace and finishing a distant 3<sup>rd</sup> going a mile. Trainer Antonio Sano lightens the impost with 10-pound apprentice Kevin Carmona in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 6-4-7**

**RACE 7:**

**5 I'M CARDINAL**, an 11-time winner on the dirt, now in the Ralph Ziadie barn, debuts on the turf after ending his campaign at Tampa with a \$5,000 score on the main track. **3 VERY COLORFUL** is returning to the claiming ranks after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind next-out Crystal River Stakes winner Pay any Price, and next-out winner Diddle, in a strong \$16,000 optional claimer at the distance. **4 IGO FORGREATNESS** will face \$16,000 conditioned claimers after returning from the 3-month layoff to finish a productive 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$12,500 open-claimers at the distance. Trainer Chuck Simon has apprentice Romero Ramsay handling the 2<sup>nd</sup> start off the bench.

**SELECTIONS: 5-3-4**

**RACE 8:**

**1 REAL FAST MUSIC** is stretching out to a mile after shipping in from Tampa for trainer Kathleen O'Connell and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a neck – in a \$75,000 optional claimer contested at 7 furlongs. The son of Corfu should be able to negotiate the added distance.

**4 WINKING AT THE DUDE** is stretching out an additional furlong after returning from the 5-month plus layoff to finish a wide 2<sup>nd</sup> behind red-hot repeat winner Prince Tito in a \$25,000 optional claimer moved from the turf to 7 furlongs on a 'good' track. **6 WEISSER** is stepping up to face winners after returning from the layoff with Lasix added and drawing away to defeat a field of state-bred special weight runners by 4-plus lengths.

**SELECTIONS: 1-4-6**

**RACE 9:**

**4 BEACH TREASURE**, a half-brother to Grade 2 winner East Hall, is stretching out to a mile after encountering traffic problems (steadied) when finishing 5<sup>th</sup> going 7 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Steve Towne keeps the status quo with Miguel Vasquez in the saddle.

**6 ARE YOU TALKING TO ME** is returning to the turf after opening and surrendering a 2-length lead when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – as the favorite – in a \$25,000 maiden test moved from the turf to a mile on a 'good' track. The zero-for-12 maiden is a logical choice in the nightcap. **8 RUMBAGO** is a gelded son of Soldat debuting on the turf for trainer Ralph Nicks after finishing a useful 3<sup>rd</sup> in his \$35,000 career debut going 6 furlongs on a 'good' main track; Tyler Gaffalione rides.

**SELECTIONS: 4-6-8**

**BEST BET: RACE 8 – 1 REAL FAST MUSIC**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 5 – 4 GONE BLUES**