



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

2 TRACY ANN'S LEGACY moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and returns to the turf, after the solid effort in the slop in which she dueled throughout and finished 2nd to repeat winner Tiz Possible Dear.

3 MADAME BARRISTER is stepping up the competition after returning from the layoff set the pace and just get nailed when 3rd vs \$20,000 conditioned claimers. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Edgard Zayas in the irons.

5 GERRYS BIG WIN is dropping to the \$35,000 level on the turf in the first start since defeating \$50,000 maidens sprinting on the main track last December. Trainer Ralph Nicks has the daughter of Winslow Homer working sharply at Palm Meadows.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-5

RACE 2:

1 ONLY IN AUGUST, 2nd vs this level of competition 2 starts back, drops after failing to handle the bump up to the \$35,000 level last out. Trainer Terri Pompay has Jose Batista handling the inside draw. **6 FUNNY BIZ** is turning back to 6 furlongs after responding to a surface switch with a duel-for-the-lead 3rd place finish going a mile and a sixteenth on the main track. Trainer Chuck Simon has Jonathan Gonzales handling the turnback. **4 CHIC AND SEXY** is dropping to the \$20,000 level after 'hitting the board' in 2 of 3 sprints vs \$35,000 maidens before going on the shelf for 6 weeks.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-4

RACE 3:

5 CAMILA PRINCESS is making her 4-year-old debut the first race since finishing 2nd – beaten three-quarters of a length – in the Martha Washington last July. The stakes-winning daughter of Animal Kingdom has been training consistently for trainer Oscar Gonzalez.

2 BITACORA, the class of the field, who does her best running in the latter stages of the race, will be the odds-on choice when making her first start since the 6th place finish in the \$75,000 Powder Break. The concern is the lack of a strong pace to bolster her running style. **4 CHA CHA HEELS** is stepping up the competition after making a 4-wide bid to defeat \$25,000 optional claimers going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Lilli Kurtinecz has Luca Panici named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-4

RACE 4:

4 SHANGHAISWEETHEART is dropping a peg on the maiden scale, and turning back to 5 furlongs, after responding to the surface switch with a set-the-pace 3rd – beaten a half-length – vs \$12,500 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. **3 GOLDEN GEM APPLE** is turning back to five-eighths of a mile after setting the pace and weakening to finish 4th vs this level of opposition going 6 ½ furlongs.

8 BROWNSTONEPRINCESS moved to the Juan Arriagada barn via the claim, and drops to the \$10,000 level with blinkers added, after showing speed and tiring in her \$16,000 debut at Tampa.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-8

RACE 5:

6 FRECKLES KAN will try to make it 3 in a row at the distance after returning from the 4-month layoff to defeat \$12,500 conditioned claimers by a hard-fought neck. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael Jaramillo going for the hat trick.

3 TOUCH OF QUALITY, a 4-time winner on the GP turf, is making her first start since tracking swift early fractions and finishing 3rd at this level and distance on April 11. **2 MAGIC TWO**, a late-striding daughter of Two Step Salsa, drops to this level looking to sit in the garden spot behind the speed duel and reap the spoils.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-2

RACE 6:

3 MALETTA is a son of Maltese Dog (War Chant) debuting for trainer Armando De La Cerda with Lasix, and a solid morning work tab showing at GP West; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

4 VENEZUELAN HEART is a son of Fury Kapcori (Tiznow) debuting for trainer Alexis Delgado with a sharp 3-furlong gate work in 36 & 1 showing in preparation for this assignment. The freshman gets Lasix, and has Jesus Rios at the controls.

1 BROKEN SPOKE is a son of Two Step Salsa debuting for trainer David Fawkes with Lasix, and jockey Jairo Rendon named to handle the inside post. The tote action should tell us more.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-1

RACE 7:

6 SISTER GEMA is stretching out to a mile again after a well-meant 2nd going 7 ½ furlongs in which she dueled through the stretch and came up a half-length short. Trainer Jena Antonucci tabs Jairo Rendon to guide the \$80,000 daughter of Twirling Candy. **2 RASPBERRY BALLET** is dropping into the maiden claiming ranks after showing improvement in her 2nd career start when she tracked the pace and finished 4th vs special weight competition. **3 UNCOMMON FACTOR**, who is infamous for having trouble at the start, just needs to break with the field to have a big shot to exit the maiden ranks. Trainer Lilli Kurtinecz readied her for this assignment with a bullet half-mile drill at Palm Meadows.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-3

RACE 8:

4 STRONGER KAT, who won her 2 previous races at the \$12,500 level by a combined 15-plus lengths, drops in the first start since finishing last of 7 – behind a trio of next-out winners – in \$25,000 open-claimer during March. **6 MERTZ** moved to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim after dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd behind repeat winner Shall Return at this level and distance. The barn, 45% with new claims, keeps the status quo with Edgard Zayas at the controls. **2 PURPLE GIRL** moved to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim, and makes her first start since defeating \$25,000 maidens here before the layoff. The new connections tab Emisael Jaramillo to ride.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-2

RACE 9:

1 HANNAH'S STORM is plunging to the \$20,000 level on the turf, and adding blinkers, after showing some early interest and fading behind a pair of next-out winners in a fruitful maiden special weight sprint on the dirt. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has apprentice Cristian Torres named to ride.

9 NY BETH GETSITDONE wheels back, and breaks from the outside, after a well-meant 2nd at this level and distance in which she chased throughout and finished 2nd. Trainer Steve Dwoskin has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

4 LITTLE BELLA is a daughter of Paddy O'Prado debuting for trainer Carlo Vaccarezza with the breeding needed to succeed on the turf. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Albin Jimenez in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 1-9-4

BEST BET: RACE 9 – 1 HANNAH'S STORM

LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 2 RASPBERRY BALLET