



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

4 LUCKY FAST is stepping up the competition after becoming the only 3-time winner in the field when he drew clear to defeat older horses in a \$12,500 conditioned claimer at the distance.

1 RUDIGER is dropping to the \$20,000 level, and stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, after following his \$50,000 maiden victory with a stalk-and-fade outing vs \$35,000 starter optional claimer going a mile. Leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Victor Lebron handing the inside draw. **5 VASSY** is stretching out in the first start since finishing a rallying 2nd vs this level of competition going a mile on April 18.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-5

RACE 2:

1 ROYAL SQUEEZE is turning back to three-quarters of a mile (5-2-1-0) after posting his 3rd consecutive victory when he won the 7-furlong \$100,000 Big Drama, despite the fact he had trouble at the ½-mile pole. Red-hot trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Jairo Rendon in the saddle. **5 ELLAS MY LOVE** moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim after dueling through the stretch and finishing 2nd to next-out stakes winner Fast Pass in a \$16,000 optional claimer at the distance. **3 ALLUSTRA** will be tested for class after drawing clear to defeat a field of \$12,500 conditioned claimers at the distance. Trainer Terri Pompay has Leonel Reyes going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-3

RACE 3:

4 SOLAR WARMING is going back to the turf after following a well-meant 2nd place finish on the grass at this level and distance with a 2nd place finish going a mile and a sixteenth on a 'good' main track. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Jairo Rendon named to ride.

2 BAFFIN BAY, a consistent \$250,000 gelded son of Pioneerofthe Nile, is making his first start since finishing 5th behind next-out stakes winner Vow Me Now in the \$35,000 optional claimers going 7 ½ furlongs on April 11. The multiple overnight stakes-placed gelding has leading jock Edgard Zayas at the controls. **5 RUN RITE**, a beautifully bred son of Smart Strike, is stepping up to face winners after rallying through the lane to defeat \$35,000 maidens. Trainer Mark Casse has Emisael Jaramillo going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-5

RACE 4:

1 DALAL moved to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim, and drops to the \$12,500 level, in the first race since finishing 2nd – as the favorite – when facing \$16,000 maidens, at the distance, during February. The barn, 44% with new claims, has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

5 CHANTILLY LILLY is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after returning from the 16-month layoff to finish a chase-and-flatten distant 3rd at three-quarters of a mile. **2 CHERORAMA** is dropping to this level on the main track after failing to earn a check in back-to-back \$20,000 turf sprints contested at 5 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-2

RACE 5:

5 SKYPHOS should be primed and ready to score after returning from the layoff to finish a 4-wide 3rd at this level and distance. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Edgard Zayas atop the daughter of Kantharos. **1 MY SARASOTA STAR** will depart from the rail again after dueling through glib fractions of 20 & 4 and 43 & 4 and finishing 2nd in front of Skyphos last out. Trainer Dave Braddy has Edgar Prado returning on the one to beat.

6 INTROSPECTIVE is debuting locally for trainer Chad Stewart after the solid turf debut in Tampa in which the 4-year-old set a pressured pace and finished 2nd – beaten three-quarters of a length; Samy Camacho rides.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-6

RACE 6:

5 LAILONI is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and turning back to 6 ½ furlongs, in the first race since tracking the pace and finishing 3rd when facing \$25,000 conditioned claimers before the layoff. Trainer Stanley Gold has Jeffrey Sanchez handling the return to action. **7 LIL BUBBLY** moved to the Tammy Levy barn via the claim, and stretches out, after shipping down from Tampa, dueling for the lead, and finishing a weakening 3rd going 5 ½ furlongs. **6 MICAH'S GIRL** is another cutting back to a sprint distance after responding to the dropdown in competition with a well-meant 2nd place finish vs this level of competition going a 1-turn mile.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-6

RACE 7: THE PORTOFINO BAY

4 SWEET HITCH HIKER is making her stakes return vs 3-year-olds after posting back-to-back turf victories vs older horses. Trainer Lilli Kurtinecz has Emisael Jaramillo atop the improving daughter of Take Charge Indy.

2 ITSMYLUCKYCHARM is looking to recapture the form she displayed winning 4 consecutive races, including a victory in the \$60,000 Mrs. Presidentress, after the pair of troubled outings in which she was disqualified from a \$35,000 optional claiming score 2 starts back, and a disappointing 7th in the \$75,000 Honey Ryder last out. **7 DEVIOUS CHARM** is turning back to 7 ½ furlongs after making a middle and flattening out when finishing 5th in the mile and a sixteenth Honey Ryder last out.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-7

RACE 8:

3 MAGALIE moved to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim, and adds blinkers, in the first race since showing speed and fading in a \$16,000 optional claimer going a mile on April 19. The barn, 46% with new claims, has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

1 DENVER is another dropping to the \$12,500 level in the first start finishing a wide 3rd behind repeat winner Royal Asscher in a \$16,000 optional claimer at the distance. **7 FERGIELICIOUS**, another from trainer Gilberto Zerpa, wheels back in 6 days, stretches out to a mile, and gets the blinkers back, after failing to fire when facing multiple winners in a \$6,250 open-claimer without the blinkers added; interesting!

SELECTIONS: 3-1-7

RACE 9:

6 FANTASIZING moved to the hot Ruben Gracida barn via the claim, and cuts back to 7 ½ furlongs, after following the nose defeat at this distance with a willing 3rd place finish going a mile and a sixteenth last out. **1 SKY D** is turning back slightly in the first race since breaking from the outside (Post 12), making a move to get the lead, and settling for 3rd in a 'key' outing going a mile that's produced a pair of next-out winners. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Jose Batista handling the inside post. **10 ZAYA** is dropping to the \$20,000 level again after following a narrow head defeat vs \$35,000 going 5 furlongs on the turf, with a 5th place finish vs \$35,000 types going 5 furlongs in the 'slop' last out. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has Jeffrey Sanchez handling the stretchout around 2-turns.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-10

BEST BET: RACE 7 – 4 SWEET HITCH HIKER

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 6 FANTASIZING