



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

1 WHISKEY MOMENT will depart from the rail, and race without the blinkers, after pressing the pace and finishing 2nd at this level and distance last out. He's the controlling speed with or without the blinkers attached. **5 COLIN A WINNER** will try once again to notch the maiden victory after coming ever so close when he rallied 4-wide to finish 2nd – beaten a neck as the favorite – at this level and distance. **6 RESTART** is turning back to 7 ½ furlongs after responding to the dropdown to this \$12,500 level with a middle move and flatten 4th place finish going a mile and a sixteenth.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-6

RACE 2:

6 BELLA TORMENTA, now in the Jorge Navarro barn, the 4-year-old daughter of Flashstorm stretches out to 7 furlongs after making a 5-wide move on the turn to finish 2nd in her 6-furlong debut. **4 BELLERA** is a \$90,000 3-year-old daughter of Bernardini, and a half-sister to stakes winner Life Imitates, debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and a steady work tab showing at Palm Beach Downs. **3 DIZZY** is turning back to seven-eighths of a mile after returning from the 4-month layoff to stalk the pace and finish 3rd going a mile on a wet track listed as 'good'. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Emisael Jaramillo atop the daughter of Curlin.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-3

RACE 3:

4 KINDHEARTED KOTA, 2nd at this level and distance last out, couldn't have scripted and easier spot to finally notch the elusive maiden victory (14-0-2-1).

7 TWEETY KITTEN is plunging to the \$12,500 level after recovering from a troubled start (hopped) to finish an even 6th at the \$35,000 level. Trainer Monica McGoey has Jose Batista handling the dropdown. **5 MADELYN'S DANCER** is stretching out around 2-turns after 'hitting the board' in 1 of 2 recent 5-furlong turf sprints.

SELECTIONS: 4-7-5

RACE 4:

3 PEGGITY, an impressive winner at a mile 2 starts back, stretches out after failing to get untracked when finishing 6th behind repeat winner R Lucky Dice going 6 furlongs last out. Trainer Terri Pompay has Miguel Vazquez handling the stretchout. **4 TIKITACA** is stepping up to the next level after stalking early, and drawing clear late, to defeat \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimers at the distance by 2-plus lengths. **2 SHE'S NO JOKE**, a previous winner at the distance, is stretching out after returning from the layoff to finish a 6-wide 2nd going 7 furlongs. Trainer Dave Brownlee has apprentice Cristian Torres in the saddle again.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-2

RACE 5:

1 ELUSIVE RO will depart from the rail after rallying to finish 2nd in back-to-back sprints at this level and distance. The gelding should sit the 'trip' behind the suspect pace, and will have leading jock Edgard Zayas at the controls.

9 CAPTAIN RON should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the 15-month layoff to finish a 5-wide 3rd at this level and distance. Trainer Ron Spatz has Jairo Rendon handling the outside draw.

5 JOHNNYTHETIREMAN is gelded son of Bluegrass Cat debuting for trainer Wesley Ward with Lasix, and a trio of Palm Meadows turf works showing in preparation for this assignment; Albin Jimenez rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-9-5

RACE 6:

3 LISA MILA may have finally found the spot where she can notch the elusive 2nd career victory when she turns back to 5 ½ furlongs after finishing 3rd -as the favorite again – going three-quarters of a mile last out. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Edgard Zayas trying to repair the current chalk-burning status. **1 TOUCHET** moved to the Sandra Slivka barn via the claim, and makes her first start since threatening to notch this ‘2-lifetime’ condition at GP West last Fall; Edgar Prado rides. **7 BUENAMOZA** is turning back to a sprint distance after following her open-length maiden victory at 6 ½ furlongs with a stalk-and-fade outing going a 1-turn mile last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-7

RACE 7:

2 ISADORABLE AIDA, a well-meant 2nd on the turf vs \$35,000 optional claimers, is hoping for a clean trip after getting knocked around at the top of the stretch and being placed 9th after the winner was disqualified. **3 VIOLENT TRICK** is dropping into a competitive spot after tilting windmills when she followed her \$35,000 maiden victory with an ambitious outing behind repeat winner Vow to Recover in the \$75,000 Honey Ryder Stakes. **6 NIGHT WATCH** is turning back to 7 ½ furlongs after a sharp outing vs this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth in which she came within a half-length of springing a 29-1 upset.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-6

RACE 8: THE LIZA JANE

3 CAPTURE YOUR DREAM, who was the talk of town during her 2-year-old season when she won her debut by 10 ½ lengths, won the 6-furlong Desert Vixen in her next start, and was sent to the sidelines when she faded from contention – as the 3-to-5 favorite - behind future graded stakes-placed Cookie Dough in the Susan’s Girl Division of the Florida Sire Stakes. **5 JUST AIN’T RIGHT**, now in the Rohan Crichton barn, the daughter of Yes It’s True, undefeated on the GP main track, makes her first start since finishing 3rd on the turf in the \$75,000 Melody O Colors while under the tutelage of Todd Pletcher. **2 LOVESICK**, who won the \$75,000 Juvenile Filly Sprint at GP West, makes her sophomore debut the first start since finishing 3rd in the \$75,000 Sandpiper at Tampa last December.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-2

RACE 9:

8 SUNNIVA is stretching out to a mile after responding to the addition of blinkers by setting the pace and finishing an improved 3rd vs similar quality going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Kathleen O’Connell has Jairo Rendon in the saddle again. **2 SHE FLED THE SCENE**, another from trainer Kathleen O’Connell, is dropping a notch on the maiden scale after dueling for the lead and settling for 3rd when facing \$50,000 maidens at the distance last out.; Edgard Zayas rides. **3 NOBLE MARIA**, beaten less than a length at this level 2-starts back, drops after tracking the action and finishing a distant 3rd when facing \$50,000 maidens back on March 28. Trainer Chuck Simon has Jonathan Gonzales named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 8-2-3

BEST BET: RACE 5 – 1 EXCLUSIVE RO

LONGSHOT: RACE 7: 3 VIOLENT TRICK