



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

1 UNA LUNA returns to the optional claiming ranks after following the pair of victories at this level with a tough loss in the \$75,000 Treasure Coast. The daughter of Dunkirk should sit the 'trip' right off the speed. **9 TRIBLY** will try to turn the tables on the top choice after rallying to finish 2nd behind her when they competed at this level and distance on June 20.

7 LADY NINA is stretching out to a mile after setting the pace and holding on gamely to defeat \$50,000 starter optional claimers at 7 1/2 furlongs. The sophomore will be playing catch me if you can.

SELECTIONS: 1-9-7

RACE 2:

2 FIAMMA MAMMA is turning back to five-eighths of a mile after dueling through the stretch and coming up a neck shy in her bottom level debut going 5 1/2 furlongs. **6 ANGELIC KNUGGET** moved to the Angel Quiroz barn via the claim, and turns back to 5 furlongs, after encountering traffic on the turn when finishing 4th behind the top choice last out. The new connections have Jesus Rios named to ride.

5 WHYCANTTHISBELOVE is a daughter of Big Drama debuting for trainer Angel Rodriguez barn with Lasix, and Marcos Meneses named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-5

RACE 3:

4 NIKKI BELLA is wheeling back, and rejoicing, when not having to face current nemesis Trappe Me Later after finishing 2nd to her in consecutive races.

5 FORTY'S SWEETHEART moved to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim after dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd when facing this level of competition on a sealed 'sloppy' surface. Trainer Delgado, better than 40% with new claims, has Miguel Vazquez named to ride. **2 RETHINKME** is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after dueling for the lead and fading to finish 3rd behind Nikki Bella last out.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-2

RACE 4:

8 BENDITA will face \$10,000 maidens on the dirt after setting the pace and fading to finish 4th when facing \$12,500 maidens on the turf. She's the one to catch at 5 1/2 furlongs. **3 VINA** is stretching out and additional half-furlong, and getting the services of leading apprentice Cristian Torres, hoping both adjustments help produce the elusive maiden victory (10-0-2-4).

5 JENNA DAWN is turning back slightly after tracking the early action and finishing a distant 2nd when going 6 furlongs in the slop.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-5

RACE 5:

1 MORE MO will depart from the rail after having to steady on the first turn when finishing a disappointing 8th at this level and distance last out. The gelding finds a perfect spot to get back on track.

2 ASKED AND ANSWERED must be respected on his ability to set or stalk the pace in a wide-open affair that's light in the speed department.

4 AMERICA'S SIMMARD looks like the one to fear in this spot after rallying to finish 3rd – beaten a neck at 22-1 – at this level and distance last out.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-4

RACE 6:

1 HEIRESSALL should be primed and ready to score after returning from the 9-week freshening to stalk the pace and finish 4th in the \$75,000 Added Elegance. Trainer Terri Pompay has Miguel Vazquez atop the daughter of Wildcat Heir. **4 CALINAS SONG** is facing older horses for the first time after surrendering a late lead when finishing 2nd to classy Itsmyluckycharm in the 7-furlong \$75,000 Azalea. Trainer Mike Lerman has Jairo Rendon atop the daughter of Elusive Quality. **3 SOPHIA IS AN ANGEL** is hoping to get away from the starting gate in a timely fashion after losing all chance when she broke badly at the start of the Added Elegance.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-3

RACE 7:

6 HARD COUNT is cutting back slightly to 7 ½ furlongs after losing a protracted stretch duel when beaten a neck going a mile last out. Trainer Mike Maker has Reylu Gutierrez named to ride.

5 CHANDLER'S DRAMA is returning from the layoff after departing from a tough post (10) to finish 2nd – beaten a length – at this level and distance on May 11.

3 RISK FOR REWARD is a gelded son of Quality Road debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks with Lasix, and leading rider Edgard Zayas in the saddle. The tote action should tell is more.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-3

RACE 8:

3 C'ERA UNA VOLTA is returning from the 5-month plus layoff, and dropping to the \$6,250 level, in the first race since finishing 4th in a 'key' \$12,500 claimer during Championship Meet that produced a trio of next-out winners from 5 starters. Trainer Juan Avila is 25% with the 61-180 days layoff. **6 SOUPERY DUPEY** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after rallying 4-wide to finish 2nd vs this level of competition going 6 ½ furlongs. **1 FOURTH DESIGN**, now in the Georgina Baxter barn, drops to this level after finishing 4th – in 4 consecutive races – vs \$12,500 to \$16,000 types at Tampa - before the layoff.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-1

RACE 9:

5 SKY FACTOR is a daughter of The Factor debuting for trainer Mark Casse with a sharp morning work tab showing, on both turf and dirt, at Palm Meadows. The freshman gets Lasix and has Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **8 MRS. MAISEL** is making her first start since setting the pace and weakening to finish 5th behind next-out winners Sunset Promise and Let's Be Honest in a 5-furlong turf sprint here during May. Trainer Wesley Ward is 28% with maidens making their 2nd start. **1 SONG RIVER**, another from trainer Mark Casse, is debuting on the turf after showing speed and weakening in a pair of sprints on the main track. The daughter of Liam's Map is bred to love the turf.

SELECTIONS: 5-8-1

RACE 10:

1 PASSIONATE HACHI is stepping up, and stretching out, after drawing clear to defeat \$12,500 conditioned claimers going 6 furlongs. Trainer Fernando Abreu has Cristian Torres going for 2 in a row from the rail.

6 BULLGRATS, who has run well on the dirt in the past, returns to the main track after breaking slowly from the rail, getting parked 5 wide, and finishing 5th vs \$16,000 conditioned claimers going 5 furlongs on the grass. Trainer Yvon Belsoeur is 21% with the turf-to-dirt angle. **5 ELUSIVE RO** is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear – as the 3-to-5 favorite – to defeat \$20,000 maidens by 4-plus lengths. Trainer Shamir Maragh has Tony Maragh named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-5

RACE 11:

6 TEMPLE MOUNT is dropping to the \$10,000 level after setting a pressured early pace and fading vs \$20,000 maidens going a mile last out. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Jeffrey Sanchez named to ride.

9 STRIKE PLAY, 3 for 6 'in the money' on the turf, is shifting back to the grass after losing all chance when he stumbled at the start of a \$10,000 '2-lifetime' claimer moved from the turf to 7 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' surface. **4 FIVE STAR RECRUIT** is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear to defeat \$12,500 maiden by 4 ½ lengths. Trainer Monica McGoey has Jose Batista going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 6-9-4

RACE 12:

5 FINALIST, a \$200,000 son of Tonalist, is stretching out to 7 furlongs after the promising 5 ½ furlong debut vs state-bred competition in which he finished 2nd to impressive winner Genghis. **3 TONS OF GOLD**, another son of Tonalist, is stretching out after finishing 4th behind Positively Awesome in his ambitious career debut in the \$75,000 Kodiak Island. Trainer Antonio Sano has Reylu Gutierrez named to ride.

8 CAUSALISTIC, another son of Tonalist from trainer Antonio Sano, wheels back after coming within a nose of exiting the maiden ranks at first asking in a maiden special weight race moved from the turf to 7 furlongs on a 'fast' track.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-8

BEST BET: RACE 12 – 5 FINALIST

LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – 6 TEMPLE MOUNT