



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

2 GREAT KAHUNA is making his first start since finishing 2nd behind impressive repeat winner Grand Journey, and in front of a pair of next-out winners, when 2nd at the distance on May 24. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Victor Lebron named to ride. **4 SPANNED** is stepping up to face multiple winners after responding to the dropdown to the \$20,000 level with a commanding 9-length plus maiden victory going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf.

5 JUSTCALLMENORMAN is stretching out to a mile after returning from the freshening to finish 3rd vs this level of competition going 7 ½ furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-5

RACE 2:

6 NATION U S A is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after rallying late to finish 2nd vs bottom level foes going 5 ½ furlongs. **5 WHEELER FORTY FIVE** is dropping to the \$10,000 level on the main track after facing better on the turf with a modicum of success. Trainer Lilli Kurtinecz has Albin Jimenez atop the gelding. **7 CASH ON HAND** will try 6 furlongs for the first time after finishing 3rd going 5 ½ furlongs last out, 2nd at 6 ½ furlongs 2 starts back, and 2nd going 5 furlongs on June 20th.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-7

RACE 3:

4 MR STARK is stretching out to the distance where he broke his maiden 2 starts back after rallying to finish 2nd – beaten a half-length – at this level going 7 ½ furlongs last out. **6 BODIE CODY** is stretching out to 8 ½ furlongs again after rallying from ‘off the pace’ to finish 3rd behind Mr Stark going 7 ½ furlongs last out.

1 SOURCE CONTROL will depart from the rail after closing 5-wide to finish 3rd behind similar quality going a mile on June 20th; apprentice Cristian Torres rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-1

RACE 4:

4 HIGH ROLLING DUDE is hoping to keep a straight course going 7 furlongs after dueling for the lead, drifting outward in the stretch, finishing 2nd, and being disqualified to 4th when trying a 1-turn mile last out.

1 W W HANDSOME is stepping up to the next level after drawing off on a sealed ‘sloppy’ track to break his maiden at the \$10,000 level by 9 widening lengths.

3 MYSTERIO is dropping to the \$6,250 level, and cutting back to seven-eighths of a mile, after rallying to ‘hit the board’ in 2 of 3 recent \$12,500 claimers going a mile.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-3

RACE 5: THE DR. FAGER

1 CHANCE IT is stretching out to 6 furlongs after the impressive maiden victory at 5 ½ furlongs in which he drew clear to win by 9 ¼ lengths – and receive a 92 Beyer figure for his effort. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas returning on the son of Currency Swap.

4 ABSOLUTE GRIT will be outfitted with blinkers after following his debut victory vs open maiden special weight competition with a 2nd place finish in the 5 ½-furlong \$75,000 Kodiak Island. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Cristian Torres named to ride without the apprentice allowance (118). **7 LIAM'S LUCKY CHARM** is making his stakes debut for trainer Ralph Nicks the first start since drawing clear on a sealed ‘sloppy’ track to break his maiden by almost 7 lengths. The son of Khozan has Reylu Gutierrez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-7

RACE 6:

6 TARA is stretching out to 5 ½ furlongs after the promising 5-furlong debut in which she tracked the pace and finished 4th. Trainer Juan Alvarado readied the Arindel homebred daughter of Brethren for this assignment with a bullet half-mile drill over the track.

8 GOLDEN NOLE is a daughter of Algorithms debuting for trainer Antonio Sano with a solid morning work tab showing, which includes the recent 3-furlong bullet in 34 & 2. **4 PERTINENT** is a \$160,000 daughter of Speightstown debuting for trainer Ed Plesa Jr with Lasix, and apprentice Cristian Torres named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 6-8-4

RACE 7:

2 STARSHIP PINNACLE, a winner at this distance on ‘good’ main track 2 starts back, is cutting back to 7 furlongs on the dirt after setting a pressured pace and holding sway to defeat \$10,000 conditioned claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf last out.

8 CHISELED, a hard-knocking 8-year-old, is turning back to 7 furlongs (4-1-1-1) after posting back-to-back victories vs this level of opposition going a mile; Cristian Torres rides. **1 DOC KANE** is turning back to 7 furlongs on the main track after showing speed and weakening when facing \$10,000 open-claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa has Emisael Jaramillo handling the combo turnback/dropdown/surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-1

RACE 8:

2 PARTY DRESS is a daughter of productive sire Khozan debuting for trainer Kathleen O'Connell with Lasix, and a series of workouts showing at the Ocala Training Center in preparation for her local debut. **10 CAT CAY** moved to the Joe Catanese barn via the claim, and is stepping up to the \$25,000 level, after chasing the pace and finishing 3rd when facing \$12,500 maidens at the distance last out. The new connections keep Edgard Zayas at the controls. **4 BARCELONA** is stepping up to this level again after following the chase-and-fade outing vs \$25,000 types 2 starts back with a 4th place finish in a \$12,500 maiden outing contested at 5 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 2-10-4

RACE 9:

4 LOOKINLIKEAQUEEN is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, and tussling with state-bred competition again, after dueling for the lead and finishing 3rd – beaten three-quarters of a length – vs \$50,000 starter optional claimers going 7 ½ furlongs. **1 AQUEMINI**, a reclaim by trainer Peter Walder, is stretching out to 8 ½ furlongs (3-0-2-1) after taking the overland route when finishing a wide 6th going a mile on a softened turf listed as 'good'. **8 OUR CLOSURE** moved to the Steve Klesaris barn via the claim, and stretches out, after drawing clear to defeat \$12,500 open-claimers going a mile last out; Samy Camacho rides.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-8

RACE 10:

3 DREAM D'ORO is stretching out to 5 ½ furlongs after shaking off trouble at the start (bumped) to finish 2nd in his 4 ½-furlong debut. Trainer Dan Pita has Jesus Rios returning on the \$50,000 son of Congrats. **4 GANGSTER OF LOVE** is stretching out after dueling for the lead and weakening to finish 4th in his 5-furlong career debut vs state-bred special weight runners on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Dave Braddy has Carlos Montalvo in the saddle.

9 RICKI TICKI TAFFI is a son of Field Commission debuting for trainer Saffie Joseph Jr with Lasix, and leading jock Edgard Zayas named to ride; don't ignore!

SELECTIONS: 3-4-9

RACE 11:

9 ALIEN INVASION was solid in defeat when he broke from post 10 and opened a 4 ½-length lead, before getting nipped at the wire when 2nd – beaten a neck last out. Trainer Mike Maker has Reylu Gutierrez rationing his speed today. **2 DISCREET HEAT** is turning back to 7 ½ furlongs after a pair of solid efforts at a mile and a sixteenth in which he defeated \$12,500 open-claimers 2 starts back, and was a well-meant 4th – beaten a half-length – vs \$10,000 claimers last out. **7 COMPLETELY BONKERS** is dropping a notch after surrendering a late lead when finishing 2nd to Nauti Buoy last out. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Miguel Vazquez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 9-2-7

RACE 12: THE DESERT VIXEN

7 LENZI'S LUCKY LADY will try to keep her record unblemished after following her debut victory vs state-bred competition with a strong 5-length plus victory in the \$75,000 Golden Isles, which was contested at 5 panels on sloppy track. **9 MS BIG SPRING** couldn't have been more impressive when she bounced forward to break her maiden by a head-swirling 10 ½ lengths. Trainer David Fawkes has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. **3 RAVEN** is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after rallying to finish 2nd to the top choice in the Golden Isles.

SELECTIONS: 7-9-3

RACE 13:

8 YEI YEI is stretching out around 2-turns after responding to the surface switch with a set-the-pace 2nd going 5 furlongs on the turf. The son of Discreet Cat is bred to respond favorably to the added distance. **1 DISC JOCKEY** is a son of Bodemeister debuting for trainer Mike Maker with a solid morning work tab over the track showing, which includes the recent 5-furlong bullet gate work in a minute flat. **6 EL DUQUE** is wheeling back in 8 days after finishing 2nd and being disqualified to 3rd when drifting through the lane – as the favorite – vs \$25,000 maidens going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf.

SELECTIONS: 8-1-6

BEST BET: RACE 11 - 9 ALIEN INVASION

LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 2 STARSHIP PINNACLE