



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

1 SHARPEN MY SENSES is stretching out around 2-turns after responding to the surface switch, and the addition of Lasix, with a 3rd place finish vs special weight competition going 5 furlongs on the turf.

3 TOO MUCH WAR is a daughter of He's Had Enough (Tapit) debuting for trainer Armando De la Cerda with Lasix and Miguel Vasquez named to ride. The freshman is bred to love both the surface and the distance. **5 REAL WICKED** is a daughter of Real Solution (Kitten's Joy) debuting for trainer Jose Pinchin with Edgard Zayas at the controls. The tote action should tell us more about her chances to win at first asking.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-5

RACE 2:

1 SALTY KINDA DOG will depart from the rail with blinkers added, and stretches out to 6 ½ furlongs, with the tactical speed needed to steal this race from on or just off the pace. **3 K K'S REVOLVER** is dropping to the \$6,250 level, and turning back to a sprint distance, after showing some early interest and fading in back-to-back \$12,500 conditioned claimers contested at a mile. **5 JACKS A WARRIOR** is stretching out after shipping up to Tampa and finishing a late-closing 4th vs \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going 5 furlongs. Trainer Dennis Ward has apprentice Reyly Gutierrez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-5

RACE 3:

1 TREYS MIDNITE MOON will depart from the rail after responding in his return to the turf with a solid 2nd place finish behind repeat winner Crown to the Gold at this level and distance. **2 TRACKING STOCK** is shifting back to the lawn after rallying to finish 3rd in a race moved to 7 furlongs on a 'fast' main track. Trainer Angel Rodriguez has Tyler Gaffalione handling the surface switch. **7 PUT THE HAT BACK** is getting some needed class relief after facing tougher since breaking his maiden for a \$20,000 tag during April. Trainer Reid Nagle has Samy Camacho in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-7

RACE 4:

6 CHARLIE THE GREEK moved to the Juan Arriagada barn via the claim, and turns back to 7 furlongs, after drawing clear on a sealed 'sloppy' track to defeat similar quality at a mile. **4 THE SON WIND** will face \$6,250 open-claimers after chasing the pace and fading when trying \$12,500 conditioned claimers in the first race after the claim by Gilberto Zerpa. Note the gelding is 7 for 11 'in the money' at this distance.

7 PEACE POINTS is cutting back to a sprint distance on the dirt after failing to show much when trying the turf last out. Trainer Peter Walder has Miguel Vasquez handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-7

RACE 5:

7 ERASMO'S DREAM is hoping to finally notch the elusive victory after finishing 2nd or 3rd in his 3 recent turf races vs this level of competition. Trainer Armando De la Cerda has Emisael Jaramillo trying to cure the current also-ran status. **4 SAHARA STORM** is stepping up the competition after rallying late to defeat \$30,000 conditioned claimers going a mile and a sixteenth last out. **6 SON OF OAHU** moved to the Yvon Belsoeur barn via the claim, and steps up, after returning from the 4-month layoff to finish 3rd vs \$10,000 open-claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on a 'good' turf; Jose Batista rides.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-6

RACE 6:

4 VINNARDINI is dropping and turning back to the distance where he wired the competition 2 starts back after vying for the lead and finishing 3rd vs \$8,000 open-claimers going 6 furlongs last out.

2 JERSEY STREET, 2nd to Vinnardini at this distance 2 starts back, renews the rivalry after finishing 3rd – from a tough outside post (12) – going three-quarters of a mile in his last. **7 BULL DOZER**, now in the Peter Walder barn, the gelding makes his first start since coming within a nose of winning at this level and distance last December.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-7

RACE 7:

12 HE'S A LEADER is making the 3rd start back from the layoff and stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth again, after rallying to come within a neck of exiting the maiden ranks at 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Francisco D'Angelo has Reylu Gutierrez handling the outside post. **6 GRAN NETWORK** is another hoping to show more in the 3rd race off the bench after posting back-to-back 3rd place finishes at this level.

2 UNBRIDLED COYOTE is stretching out after rallying late to finish an improved 2nd when beaten only a length vs this caliber of competition going a mile on a 'good' turf.

SELECTIONS: 12-6-2

RACE 8:

9 ASTRO EMPIRE, now in the Gilberto Zerpa barn, the son of Astrology receives Lasix after finishing 3rd in his \$50,000 career debut; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

1 COSMIC SHIFT is a son of Prospective debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks with a slew of morning workouts showing in preparation for this assignment; Tyler Gaffalione gets the riding assignment. **7 GRISACEO** is a son of Violence debuting for trainer Francisco D'Angelo with 11 morning workouts over the track showing in preparation for his first start. The colt gets Lasix and has Samy Camacho at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 9-1-7

RACE 9:

5 HOT AND HEAVY will try to make it two in a row after shipping in from Laurel for trainer Danny Gargan and leading every step of the way to defeat \$16,000 conditioned claimers in his screw-tightening return from the 6-month plus layoff. **4 NIGHT RYTHM** moved to the Peter Walder barn via the claim, and returns to the turf, after chasing the pace and finishing 4th when facing \$6,250 claimers sprinting on the dirt. The gelding, 3-for-3 'in the money' on the grass, has Tyler Gaffalione handling the surface switch.

8 GIANT'S VOICE moved to the Steve Klesaris barn via the claim looking to recapture the form he displayed finishing 2nd vs \$12,500 claimers 2 starts back; Edgard Zayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 5-4-8

RACE 10:

8 AMANECER is sitting on a winning performance after taking a major step forward when finishing a vastly improved 2nd in last start. Trainer Chad Summers has Romero Maragh returning on the 4-year-old son of Munnings. **10 BEAU SPLASH** is a son of Beau Choix debuting for trainer John Vinson with a swift morning work tab showing at Palm Meadows. The sophomore gets Lasix and has Tyler Gaffalione handling the outside post. **5 SALARY CAP** is expected to show more after acting up prior to the start of his career debut at this level and distance. Trainer Armando De la Cerda has Reylu Gutierrez returning on the son of Street Boss.

SELECTIONS: 8-10-5

RACE 11: THE TREASURE COAST

4 UNBRIDLED COURAGE, a well-meant 2nd when getting caught at the wire by Bitacora in the \$100,000 Ginger Punch, can end up sitting the perfect stalking trip behind the speed in the feature event; Nik Juarez rides for Aubrey Maragh. **5 ISLAND REWARD** is stretching out to a mile after recovering from a slow start to finish 2nd to super turf sprinter Miz Mayhem in the 5-furlong Nicole's Dream last out. The daughter of Street Boss, 6 for 10 'in the money' at the distance, has Jose Batista in the saddle. **1 NO SWEAT** is stretching out a mile from the rail after setting the pace and getting beat a head in \$62,500 optional claimer going 7 ½ furlongs in her last. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Tyler Gaffalione atop the daughter of Blame.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-1

RACE 12:

6 ALLURSTRA, listed as a gelding, is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after responding to the dropdown to this level with a 3rd place finish going three-quarters of a mile. **4 PURE STYLE** is turning back to this distance after returning from the 5-month layoff to finish a screw-tightening 4th vs similar going 6 furlongs. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Carlos Montalvo in the saddle.

8 GENERAL GOLD is dropping to the \$10,000 level after showing improved speed before fading when blinkers were added for his recent outing at the \$16,000 level.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-8

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 9 ASTRO EMPIRE

LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – 4 UNBRIDLED COURAGE