



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

9 TRIP THE QUEEN, now in the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, the 5-year-old mare returns to the turf in the first start since showing speed and fading when facing similar on the dirt last December; Tyler Gaffalione rides.

5 LITTLE HIDDEN GEM is stretching around 2-turns on the turf after rallying to finish 2nd in back-to-back races moved from the grass to 7 furlongs on wet main tracks.

6 MICHELLE'Z LAUGH is going back to what looks like her preferred surface after finishing a distant 4th behind Little Hidden Gem in the 'slop' last out.

SELECTIONS: 9-5-6

RACE 2:

6 GAME DAY DRAMA is dropping to the \$10,000 level after facing tougher in his 3 prior races before the layoff. Trainer Juan Arias has Reylu Gutierrez in the saddle.

8 BRILLIANT BOY, a son of Brilliant Speed, couldn't have scripted an easier spot to start his career. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr adds Lasix and has journeyman Eduardo Nunez in the irons. **7 RESISTANCE JAK**, 2nd when facing similar going 7 furlongs 2 starts ago, turns back to three-quarters of a mile after stalking the pace and weakening when trying a mile last out.

SELECTIONS: 6-8-7

RACE 3:

3 SON OF OAHU moved to the Yvon Belsoeur barn after the claim and faces \$10,000 conditioned claimers after rallying to finish 3rd vs multiple winners in a \$10,000 open-claimer at the distance. **4 KING MAURO** is going back to his most productive surface thus far after rallying 5-wide to finish 3rd vs \$12,500 claimers going 7 furlongs on the main track. **8 INDIAN SCHOOL** is stepping up to the next level after dueling throughout and holding on gamely to defeat \$10,000 '2-lifetime' claimers at the distance. Trainer Antonio Sano has Leonel Reyes going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-8

RACE 4:

6 CAPRIATI is hoping to serve up a winning performance in her 2nd start after running into a buzz saw named Catherinethegreat in her 5-furlong debut on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Stanley Gold has go-to jock Jeffrey Sanchez in the saddle. **4 EQUIFOX** is a Calumet Farm homebred daughter of Oxbow debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher, and that should be more than enough to pique your interest; Tyler Gaffalione rides.

1 FINAL ADVENTURE is a \$110,000 daughter of Orb debuting for trainer Saffie Joseph Jr with Lasix and Nik Juarez named to ride. The recent 3-furlong gate work in 35 & 3 should have her primed to show speed as soon as the pop the gate latch.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-1

RACE 5:

7 SOLVE, a hard-fought winner at this level and distance 2 starts back, drops after making a middle move and settling for 3rd when facing \$10,000 optional claimers going 7 furlongs in his last. Trainer Lilli Kurtinecz has Tyler Gaffalione returning on the 5-time winner at the distance.

5 THE MONEY TRAIN moved to the Allen Iwinski barn via the claim after breaking from the rail, setting the pace, and weakening late when finishing 3rd at this level and distance last out. **1 JOSHUA'S COMPRISE** is dropping into a competitive spot after proving no match for next-out Carry Back Stakes winner War Giant and Quenane in a \$16,000 optional claimer going a mile in the 'slop'.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-1

RACE 6: THE MARTHA WASHINGTON

8 CAMILA PRINCESS, a winner of 3 of 4 races on this course, which includes the driving score in the \$75,000 Honey Ryder, is back in South Florida after getting beat 4 lengths in the Grade 3 Wonder Again at Belmont. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Miguel Vasquez handling the homecoming. **7 MIDNIGHT SOREE** is making her first start since finishing 2nd to next-out Ginger Punch Stakes winner Bitacora, and in front of 3 next-out winners, in a 'key' \$16,000 state-bred optional claimer at the distance. **9 SLIVER BAY** is debuting on the turf with blinkers added after returning from the layoff to chase the pace and finish 4th in the 6 ½-furlong Liza Jane. The William Hickey trainee should be part of the pace at this distance on the lawn.

SELECTIONS: 8-7-9

RACE 7:

2 CHARLOTTE THE BRIT is returning at the same level and distance looking to build on her promising career debut in which she set the pace and finished 2nd to 2nd-time starter Samoa. Trainer Joe Orseno has Nik Juarez atop the daughter of Treasure Beach.

1 STARSHIP NALA, a half-sister to Grade 2 Nassau Stakes winner Starship Jubilee, is debuting for trainer Steve Dwoskin with a solid morning work tab showing. The concern is the daunting inside post.

3 AWESOME PARK is stretching out to five-eighths of a mile after back-to-back 2nd place finishes going 4 ½ furlongs. Her previous experience can be key for the Nicks/Gaffalione collaboration.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-3

RACE 8:

8 HOT HIPPIE, a daughter of Medaglia d'Oro, is debuting on the turf after 'hitting the board' in 2 of 3 recent races on the main track. Trainer Danny Gargan readied her for the surface switch with a half-mile workout on the Palm Meadows turf course. **9 VENEZUELAN SPIRIT** is stretching out around 2-turns after rallying to finish 4th in front of a pair of next-out winners when going 5 furlongs last out. Trainer Alexis Delgado has Leonel Reyes handling the added real estate.

3 PROSPECTIVE MOMENT, beaten a neck on the turf in a 3-horse blanket finish on May 13th, is going back to the grass after getting beat a head in a race moved to 7 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track; don't ignore.

SELECTIONS: 8-9-3

RACE 9:

6 DANCE AROUND is a candidate for a rebound performance after following his open-length '2-lifetime' victory with a duel-for-the-lead 3rd place finish at this level and distance last out. **2 MCMANAMAN** is stepping up to the next level after stalking early and drawing clear late to defeat \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimers by almost 7 lengths. Trainer Antonio Sano has Samy Camacho going for 2 in a row. **8 DIAMOND SQUARE** is turning back to a 1-turn mile on the dirt after 'hitting the board' is 1 of 2 recent \$10,000 claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-8

RACE 10:

9 MR. MISERABLE is dropping to the \$10,000 level, and turning back to 5 furlongs, in the first race since finishing a troubled 4th vs \$16,000 '2-lifetime' foes going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf on December 14th. Trainer Herman Wilensky has Samy Camacho atop the son of Midnight Lute.

7 TWISTCAT CANDY is going back to the turf after following a 3rd place on the grass behind next-out winners Harry's Gone Grey and Architecture with a 3rd place showing vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers going 5 ½ furlongs on the main track. **4 WILDCAT SAINT** is hoping to keep a straight course through the lane after drifting inward and finishing 2nd behind repeat winner Gran Malbec, and in front of next-out winner Smiling Mason, in a well-graded '2-lifetime' claimer.

SELECTIONS: 9-7-4

RACE 11:

10 AUNT BETTY is stretching out to a mile again (4-0-1-2) after following her maiden victory with a wide late-closing 3rd vs this level of competition going 6 ½ furlongs.

4 HURRICANE ROBERTA is stepping up to face winners after returning from the 4-month layoff to defeat \$10,000 maidens by 4 widening lengths. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Carlos Montalvo handing the added distance.

1 LUZ ESTRELLA is hoping to bounce back after stretching out in the first race after the claim by Tammy Levy and showing speed prior to fading and getting beat double-digit lengths.

SELECTIONS: 10-4-1

RACE 12: *THE NOT SURPRISING*

11 COLTANDMISSISSIPPI is debuting on the local turf for trainer Todd Pletcher after following a 3rd place finish in the 6-furlong Bridgetown at Aqueduct with a 3rd place finish in the Grade 2 Penn Mile in his last start.

1 SILENT CITIZEN is going for his 3rd consecutive turf victory, and 5th career victory, for trainer Efren Loza Jr after following his consistent turf campaign at Tampa with a victory in the \$50,000 Stanton at Delaware Park.

8 ZIPPY is back in South Florida after following his 3rd place finish here in the mile and a sixteenth English Chanel with a troubled 4th place finish in a Louisiana-bred stakes going a mile on the Evangeline main track. He's the upset special.

SELECTIONS: 11-1-8

BEST BET: RACE 6 – 8 CAMILA PRINCESS

LONGSHOT: RACE 12 – 8 ZIPPY