



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

5 ABBOT is stepping up to face \$10,000 open-claimers after responding to a stretchout to this distance with a stalk-and-clear victory vs \$10,000 conditioned claimers. **4 GIANT'S VOICE** is dropping a notch after dueling through the stretch and finishing 2nd vs \$12,500 claimers. Trainer Angel Quiroz has Leonel Reyes in the saddle. **7 MARTINI KID**, a well-meant 3rd on the turf when finishing in front of Giant's Voice on April 21st, is going back to the grass after the pair of so-so performances in races moved from the lawn to wet main tracks.

SELECTIONS: 5-4-7

RACE 2:

9 BRISTOL'S BROOKE is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after returning from the layoff to set the pace and finish 2nd vs this caliber of competition in race moved from the turf to 7 furlongs on a 'fast' main track. **6 FIRST OFF** is a 4-year-old daughter of First Dude making her first start for trainer Angel Rodriguez, who is 5 for 10 (50%) with his debut maiden claimers. **8 SO FRESH** is dropping into the claiming ranks on the main track after failing to show much when trying state-bred maiden special weight competition on the turf. Trainer Carlo Vaccarezza has Jeffrey Sanchez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 9-6-8

RACE 3:

3 RATE OF RETURN is dropping to the \$20,000 level, and turning back to a mile, after dueling for the lead and tiring to finish 5th vs \$35,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Ruben Gracida has Tyler Gaffalione rationing his speed. **10 SUNFEST** has her claiming tag sliced in half after making an outside bid to finish 4th in a \$40,000 maiden test at the distance. Trainer Armando De la Cerda has Jeffrey Sanchez handling the class relief. **2 MAURAS FOREVER** is dropping a notch, and returning to the turf, hoping both adjustments produce the elusive maiden victory. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has J J Gonzales atop the zero-for-16 daughter of War Front.

SELECTIONS: 3-10-2

RACE 4:

5 SAMOA is stretching out to five-eighths of a mile after rallying to finish 3rd in her 4 ½-furlong career debut. Trainer Stanley Gold has go-to jock Jeffrey Sanchez named to ride. **4 AWESOME FRIDAY**, who took money in her debut, got loose behind the gate prior to the start and still managed to finish a distant 3rd in her 5-furlong career debut on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Jose Pinchin has Edgard Zayas atop the daughter Awesome of Course. **7 GERRYS BIG WIN** is a daughter of Winslow Homer (Unbridled's Song) debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks with Lasix and Tyler Gaffalione named to ride. Trainer Nicks is 21% with his freshman runners.

SELECTIONS: 5-4-7

RACE 5: *THE GINGER PUNCH*

2 MADAME UNO is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after her impressive 3-race win streak ended when she finished a disappointing 6th – as the tepid favorite – in the 1-mile \$75,000 Powder Break contested on a softened turf listed as 'good'. She should be very tough when on or near the lead.

4 WARRANTY, now in the Lisa Lewis barn, the daughter of Artie Schiller returns to action looking to add to the 3-race win streak she posted before the layoff. The winner of 3 of 5 races at the distance, should sit the 'trip' behind the speed.

5 UNBRIDLED COURAGE, a popular daughter of Leroidesanimaux, claimed in 3 consecutive 5-furlong sprints, is stretching out for new trainer Aubrey Maragh looking to either set or stalk the pace behind Madame Uno. She's worth a flyer at a price.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-5

RACE 6:

3 DASH OF DAZZLE is dropping to the \$6,250 level after returning from Tampa to stalk the pace and fade vs \$16,000 optional claimers. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Tyler Gaffalione atop the Averill Racing gelding.

10 TEA AND CRICKET moved to the Oscar Gonzalez barn via the claim, and stretches out to 6 ½ furlongs, after making a 4-wide bid and weakening vs similar going three-quarters of a mile in the slop. The barn, 27% with new claims, has Carlos Olivero named to ride.

8 WILD MAGNOLIA is stretching out an additional half-furlong after rallying to finish 2nd vs this familiar competition going 6 furlongs; Reylu Gutierrez rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-10-8

RACE 7:

1 NONNO NINO, a respectable 3rd on the turf going 7 ½ furlongs 2 starts back, goes back to the grass after making a middle move and fading to finish 4th in a race moved to 7 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track.

6 JOURNEY TO HEAVEN, bred for the turf, the son of Hat Trick shifts to the lawn after failing to show much when his last race was moved from the grass to a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Yvon Belsoeur has Sebastian Saez handling the surface switch.

3 CRUZIN FOR RUM is a gelded son of General Quarters making his career debut in an ideal spot for a first-time starter to succeed. The tote action should tell us more about his chances to compete at first asking.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-3

RACE 8:

4 CAJUN EMBERS is stretching out to 5 furlongs after the pair of promising efforts going 4 ½ furlongs. The son of Cajun Breeze gets the nod on the past experience angle. **9 JOE DI BAGGIO** is a son of Brethren debuting for trainer Stanley Gold with a series of his signature swift morning workouts showing in preparation for this assignment. **5 ELUSIVE RO** is a son of Uncaptured debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks with 7 local workouts showing in preparation for his debut performance; Tyler Gaffalione rides.

SELECTIONS: 4-9-5

RACE 9:

9 BAKELITE, who has run well on the turf in the past, is going back to the grass after losing all chance when he bobbed at the start of a \$12,500 conditioned claimer contested at a mile on the main track. Trainer Marcus Vitali has Nik Juarez atop the son of City Zip. **1 SOLDAT'S STORM**, 3rd on the turf vs \$16,000 types 2 starts back, shifts back to the grass after showing brief interest and retreating in a race moved to a mile on a 'good' main track. **8 INDIAN SCHOOL** merits serious consideration after stalking the pace and finishing 4th – beaten 1 ½ lengths – be repeat winner Kikinboy at this level and distance last out.

SELECTIONS: 9-1-8

RACE 10:

6 SHANGHAI STARLET is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after following her maiden score at the distance with a 2nd place finish going 6 ½ furlongs in her state-bred allowance debut last out. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Tyler Gaffalione in the saddle.

1 AWESOME MASS is making her sophomore debut the first start since hitting the board in 2 of 3 legs of the 2017 Florida Sire Stakes Series last summer. Trainer Stanley Gold has the Arindel homebred daughter of Brethren working sharply for the return.

8 LIL BE QUICK, 2nd at this level and distance 2 starts back, is stretching out after racing wide and finishing 5th in a \$16,000 optional claimer moved from the turf to 5 panels on sealed 'sloppy' surface.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-8

RACE 11:

11 SCOTTISH SKY is dropping to the \$10,000 level again after following her \$20,000 maiden victory 2 starts back with a troubled trip (bumped, steadied) in a \$16,000 conditioned claimer last out. Trainer Mark Casse has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride.

4 EXTRAVAGANT BABY, a previous winner on the turf, is going back to the lawn after returning from the 2-month freshening to duel for the lead and finish 3rd in a race moved to 7 furlongs on a 'good' main track.

5 CALLIE CALIFORNIA is stretching out around 2-turns after taking the overland route when rallying wide to finish 4th vs similar quality going 5 furlongs. She should be closer to the pace at 7 ½ furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 11-4-5

RACE 12:

1 OUTFRAN is plummeting to the \$10,000 level on the main track after opening an early 9-length lead before fading vs \$50,000 maidens going a mile on the turf. Trainer Todd Pletcher has the for sale sign out on the Repole Stable gelding. **14 SPIRIT LOVE**, now in the Aubrey Maragh barn, the gelding stretches out to a 1-turn mile after just getting nailed at the wire when facing similar going three-quarters of a mile on a sealed 'sloppy' track. **7 ENDURING ARCH** is dropping to this level after rallying to finish 3rd at this level and distance last out; Jorge Perez rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-14-7

BEST BET: RACE 3 – 3 RATE OF RETURN

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 9 BAKELITE