



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

by *Ron Nicoletti*

Saturday, June 2, 2018

RACE 1:

7 FAST MAMA is dropping to the \$16,000 level after encountering some traffic problems and finishing 5th in back-to-back races at the \$25,000 level. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Miguel Vasquez named to ride.

8 MADDY'S SALSA is dropping down after following a 2nd place finish at this level with a set-the-pace 3rd – beaten 1 ¼-lengths – vs \$20,000 types at the distance. **6 SHE'S RIGHT AGAIN** is stepping up the competition after returning from a layoff at Tampa and finishing 2nd – beaten a neck – vs \$10,000 '2-lifetime' claimers. Trainer Reid Nagle has Samy Camacho in the saddle again.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-6

RACE 2:

3 OVER PROMISED is stepping up to face winners in South Florida after breaking his maiden at Santa Anita vs \$20,000 types. Trainer Robert Falcone has Nik Juarez handling the West Coast invader.

5 STEVE'S SONATA is cutting back to 6 ½ furlongs after chasing the pace and fading vs similar types going a mile on a wet surface listed as 'good'. Trainer Marcus Vitali has Chucky Lopez handling the turnback in distance. **9 CAPT. OVERDRIVE** is expected to show more after returning from the 2-month layoff to finish 4th vs similar quality when going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Donna Green has Jose Batista handling the stretchout to 6 ½ furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-9

RACE 3:

2 VISION OF BLUE is dropping to the \$10,000 level for trainer Kathleen O'Connell after a pair sharp races vs \$16,000 conditioned claimers at Tampa in which he defeated '2-lifetime' runners 2 starts back and was 2nd vs '3-lifetime' competition in his last. **3 ABBOT** is going back to the turf, and stretching out around 2-turns, after rallying wide to finish 3rd in a race moved from 5 furlongs on the turf to a 'good' main track. Note the gelding is 10 for 14 'in the money' on the turf vs better than he'll face today.

10 DARN THAT PARKER will depart from the outside with the speed need to secure a spot on or near the lead after breaking from an outside post last out, setting the pace, and finishing 3rd at a mile. Trainer Pernel Bagwandeen has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-10

RACE 4:

5 ARBA should be primed and ready to score after stalking the pace and finishing 3rd in his career debut at this level and distance. Trainer Laura Cazares has Samy Camacho aboard. **8 GARBAR BOY** is a gelded son of He's Had Enough debuting for trainer Armando De la Cerda with Lasix and jockey Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. The trio of works over the deep Gulfstream West training track should help his cause. **1 RED FOG** will depart from the rail with series of swift workouts showing both at Arindel Farm and locally. Trainer Stanley Gold has Jeffrey Sanchez handling the demanding inside post.

SELECTIONS: 5-8-1

RACE 5:

6 SHANA TOVA is dropping to the \$25,000 level after following back-to-back turf victories vs \$50,000 types with a 6th place finish in the \$75,000 English Channel. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Jesus Rios named to ride.

2 ROAD TO DAMASCUS, a \$475,000 son of Pioneerofthe Nile, will try the turf after following his maiden victory at Tampa with a pair of ambitious outings vs Stakes competition. Trainer Todd Pletcher, 2 for 4 (50%) with the synthetic to turf angle, has the colt working well at Palm Beach Downs.

1 ONE OF A KIND will depart from the rail after his 2-race win streak on the turf ended when he finished a well-meant 2nd at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-1

RACE 6:

7 RIDER OF THE BLUE is cutting back to 7 furlongs after following a couple of 2nd place finishes at a mile with a troubled starting 6th place finish vs this level of competition going a mile on a sealed 'sloppy' track.

1 JUDGE HUDSON will depart from the rail after getting mugged at the start prior to finishing a late closing 4th behind a pair of next-out winners at the distance last out. **11 CITY EDITION** will tackle the outside post after tracking the pace and finishing 2nd vs similar quality going 6 ½ furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-11

RACE 7:

9 COULD BE is dropping to the \$12,500 level after returning from the freshening to stalk the pace and weaken to 6th when facing \$25,000 optional claimers going a mile on the turf. **8 CREAKY CRICKET** will try to make it two in a row after parlaying a stalking trip into a victory at this level and distance. Trainer Leon Minott, 4 for 8 (50%) at the meeting, has Aby Medina in the saddle. **10 RAY'S THE BAR** is turning back to 7 ½ furlongs after getting beat a length when finishing 4th vs similar quality going a mile and a sixteenth last out. Trainer Donna Green, who claimed him 2 starts back, has apprentice Reylu Gutierrez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 9-8-10

RACE 8:

2 DREAM SATURDAY will try to make it three in a row at this level and distance after highlighting his versatility when he followed a score on a 'fast' track with a game victory on a sealed 'sloppy' track. **9 SONIDO** is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after setting the pace and finishing 2nd behind Dream Saturday again when they squared off on a 'sloppy' track last out. **5 PAIR PAIR TIE** is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after rebounding from a poor showing behind the top choice on May 19th with a 20-1 upset victory going 5 ½ furlongs last out.

SELECTIONS: 2-9-5

RACE 9:

11 ROYALSTON moved to the Armando De la Cerda barn via the claim, after recovering from a troubled start to finish 4th vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers at the distance. The barn, 26% with new claims, tab Emisael Jaramillo to ride. **2 FAST FACT** is dropping to the \$10,000 level, and returning to the turf, after staking the pace and finishing 4th vs \$16,000 conditioned claimers in a race moved from the turf to a sealed 'sloppy' track. **9 SNORING BARTH** is another going back to the grass after following his \$12,500 maiden victory on the turf with a troubled starting (bumped) 5th behind Fast Fact in the 'slop' last out.

SELECTIONS: 11-2-9

RACE 10:

1 FLORIDA COTTON, who broke his maiden at this distance, is stretching out after dueling throughout and finishing 2nd – beaten a neck – at 6 furlongs last out. Trainer Barry Croft has Luca Panici in the saddle.

11 STAR JUANCHO is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after couple of solid performances at three-quarters of a mile, including the well-meant 2nd place finish when beaten a neck last out, and the 3rd place finish behind Florida Cotton on April 22nd. Trainer Jose Garoffalo has Nik Juarez handling the outside post.

8 MUCHO PROSPECT, listed as a gelding, is making his first start since his 2-race win streak vs open-competition ended when he chased the pace and faded vs state-bred competition in the \$60,000 American Fabius during February. Trainer Leo Azpurua Jr has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 1-11-8

RACE 11:

2 GRAYDAR'S RESOLVE is plunging to the \$12,500 level, and returning to the turf, after following a 3rd place finish vs \$50,000 maidens on the grass with a clunker vs \$35,000 maidens going 7 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. **3 SPRING JOY** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after breaking from the outside (Post 10), setting the pace and finishing 2nd again when beaten three-quarters of a length at a mile last out. **8 EL TAUR** is stretching out an additional 16th of a mile after responding to the addition of blinkers with a late-closing 4th going a mile.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-8

RACE 12:

6 GIOIELLI is a daughter of Macho Uno debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix and a consistent morning work tab showing a Palm Beach Downs; Samy Camacho rides. **3 HEAVENS PULPIT** gets a nod on the experience angle after finishing 3rd in her three lifetime starts thus far. **8 COUNTRY STRONG** is a daughter of Awesome Patriot debuting for trainer Dave Kassen with Lasix and Jonathan Gonzales named to ride. The tote action should tell us more about her chances to win at first asking.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-8

BEST BET: RACE 11 – 2 GRAYDAR'S RESOLVE

LONGSHOT: RACE 5 – 6 SHANA TOVA