



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

3 BUFFON is a gelded son of Duke of Mischief debuting for trainer Carlo Vaccarezza in a perfect spot for a first-time starter to succeed. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has leading apprentice Cristian Torres in the saddle. **2 RISING STORM** has been knocking on the door in back-to-back races vs bottom level foes. Trainer Phil Combest has Miguel Vazquez named to ride. **5 SUNSHINE OUT** is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile chasing the pace and weakening to finish 4th going to 7 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-5

RACE 2:

7 UNNAMED SOLDIER wheels back after responding to the turnback to 5 furlongs with a well-meant 2nd place finish at this level and distance. Trainer Ralph Nicks tabs Reylu Gutierrez to ride. **6 DECIDER** is plummeting to the \$12,500 level on the turf after following his \$35,000 maiden score in the slop with a set-and-fade-to-last vs four rivals in \$35,000 optional claimer contested at 7 furlongs. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Cristian Torres in the saddle.

1 LUCKYTOBEINAMERICA, another from Ed Plesa Jr, drops after following his \$20,000 maiden victory with stalk-and-fade effort vs \$20,000 conditioned claimers.

SELECTIONS: 7-6-1

RACE 3:

3 EL TORITO RUIZ is dropping to the \$16,000 level after tracking the pace and finishing 4th vs \$25,000 maidens last out. **4 VENEZUELAN HEART** is a son of Fury Kapcori (Tiznow) who may have tipped his hand with a solid 3-furlong gate work in 36 & 1.

1 ROSAS WAY has his claiming tag sliced in half, and wears blinkers, after chasing the early pace, encountering trouble on the turn, and fading to finish 6th when facing \$35,000 maidens on the turf. Trainer Angel Rodriguez has Wesley Henry named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-1

RACE 4:

9 COMPLETELY BONKERS, now in the Georgina Baxter barn, makes his local return after the stellar campaign at Tampa in which he reeled off 3 consecutive claiming victories on the turf; Reylu Gutierrez rides. **12 APARTFROMTHECROWD** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after the ambitious outing in the 12-furlong \$60,000 Home of the Brave last out. Trainer Lilli Kurtinecz has Luca Panici handling the class relief. **7 NAUTI BUOY** is dropping back to the \$12,500 level after breaking from an outside post, tracking the pace, and flattening out when finishing 4th vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers. Trainer Robert Falcone Jr, who claimed him 2 starts back, has Victor Lebron in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 9-12-7

RACE 5:

8 VALDOCCO moved to the Yvon Belsoeur barn via the claim, and turns back to 5 ½ furlongs, in the first start since setting the pace and finishing 2nd vs similar going three-quarters of a mile on March 31. **6 TOWNIE** is stepping up to the next level after shipping into the Jorge Delgado barn and defeating \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimers last out; Reylu Gutierrez rides.

1 AMERICAN RIVER (VEN) is turning back to a sprint distance after ducking inward and dumping the rider when sent off as the favorite going a mile just 7 days ago. Trainer Shamir Maragh reunites this interesting proposition with apprentice Cristian Torres.

SELECTIONS: 8-6-1

RACE 6:

6 HOLY MEISTER, a half-brother to multiple Grade 2 winner Cairo Prince, is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after the promising debut in which he rallied late to finish 2nd going a mile vs maiden special weight competition. **7 UNCLE BULL**, another from Mark Casse, is a \$475,000 son of Uncle Mo making his career debut with Lasix, and Luca Panici named to ride regally bred sophomore. **1 BURLY BOY** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth again after making a bid and flattening out when facing maiden special weight foes at a mile. Trainer Happy Alter has Jairo Rendon handling the inside post.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-1

RACE 7:

3 CHISELED moved to the Aubrey Maragh barn via the claim, and drops to the \$6,250 level with blinkers added, after coming up empty vs \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers. The barn, 35% with new claims, has Tony Maragh in the saddle. **8 DANCE AROUND** is stretching out to a mile (9-1-1-4) after returning from the 9-month plus layoff to defeat \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimers going 6 ½ furlongs. **7 DREAMY MARTINI** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the freshening to stalk the pace and fade to finish 3rd at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-7**RACE 8:**

5 SUNSET PROMISE is stretching out around 2-turns after responding in the first start after the claim by Mike Maker with a late-running 2nd going 5 furlongs on the turf. The daughter of Broken Vow, out of the War Front dam Destine, is bred to respond favorably to the added distance. **9 CLASSIC GIRL**, a half-sister to \$2.5 million-dollar earner Classic Empire, is another stretching out to 7 ½ furlongs after shaking off early trouble (checked) to finish 4th behind Sunset Promise in their recent clash at 5 panels.

8 SIGN OF THE TIMES is a daughter of Animal Kingdom debuting for trainer Wesley Ward with a series of useful drills over the Palm Meadows turf.

SELECTIONS: 5-9-8**RACE 9:**

3 ONE FINE RIDE, a solid winner at this level 2 starts back, drops after stalking the pace and finishing an even 4th when facing \$10,000 open-claimers going 7 furlongs last out. Trainer Emmy Gaffney has Cristian Torres named to ride. **5 TEMPTER** is another dropping, and turning back to three-quarters of a mile, after stalking along the inside and fading to finish 5th behind my top choice. Trainer Efren Loza Jr is 5 for 12 (42%) with the 2nd start after a 45-180 days layoff.

1 HACKLETON will depart from the rail after dueling along the inside and holding on gamely to win by a head at this level and distance last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-1**RACE 10:**

8 ADMIRAL'S WIN, who runs well after a layoff, makes her first start since tracking the pace and finishing 5th in the 2018 version of the \$100,000 Ginger Punch last June. Trainer Juan Rizo has the 7-year-old mare training sharply for her first race in 371 days.

6 ZARINA, a 2-time winner on the turf, is going back to the grass in the first start since drawing clear to defeat a field of \$75,000 optional claimers going a mile and 40-yards on the Tampa main track. Trainer Chad Stewart has Jesus Rios handling the surface switch.

4 MONEY FACTOR is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after returning from the layoff to finish a rallying 2nd vs this level of competition going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Joe Catanese has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 8-6-4**RACE 11:**

4 ALLURSTRA will face \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers after rallying on a sealed track to finish 2nd – beaten a head – vs \$20,000 starter optional claimers, and get a 91 Beyer figures for his effort.

1 KONG STYLE will depart from the rail after rallying to come within a nose of winning at this level and distance. Trainer Aubrey Maragh has Cristian Torres handling the usually fruitful 3rd start back from a layoff.

9 MAX K.O., now in the Robert Falcone Jr barn, the stakes-placed sophomore makes his first start since finishing 2nd here going a mile vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers while in the Kiaran McLaughlin barn. The son of J P's Gusto classes up perfectly in this spot.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-9**RACE 12:**

2 ALPERES is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth again after following the head defeat when 2nd at this distance 2 starts back, with another 2nd place finish – beaten a half-length at a mile last out. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Reyly Gutierrez trying to cure the current case of seconditis. **3 RESTART** is another trying 8 ½ furlongs again after encountering trouble (tight quarters, steadied) when 3rd vs similar going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Samy Camacho in the saddle. **12 MAKINALEGACY**, a good 3rd at this distance 2 starts back, departs from the outside, and stretches out, after encountering traffic in the stretch when finishing 4th at a mile last out.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-12**BEST BET: RACE 8 – 5 SUNSET PROMISE****LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 8 ADMIRAL'S WIN**