



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

5 TARANTO is cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs after vying for the lead and getting beat a neck – as the favorite - vs similar going a mile and a sixteenth. **3 STAR OF STARS** is a son of Creative Cause debuting for trainer Mike Maker with Lasix, and leading jock Edgard Zayas named to ride. **10 FIVE STAR RECRUIT**, a well-meant 2nd on the turf at this level and distance 2 back, is returning to the turf after setting the pace and finishing 3rd going 7 furlongs in the slop. The only knock is the tough outside post.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-10

RACE 2:

7 SI ES GOYA moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim after drawing clear to crush a field of \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimers at the distance; Edgard Zayas rides.

1 DOC KANE, a reclaim by Elizabeth Dobles, is stretching out to a mile after dueling through the lane and finishing 2nd vs similar going three-quarters of a mile.

2 MARCO MISCHIEF is looking to show more through the lane after finishing 3rd at this level and distance last out. Trainer Leo Gabriel Jr has Luca Panici in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-2

RACE 3: THE BOB UMPHREY TURF SPRINT

5 PAY ANY PRICE signaled he was back to his winning ways, on his favorite course (20-14-2-2), when he returned from the layoff to win the Crystal River by a half-length over hard-knocking **1 MR FRENCH (GB)**. The latter departs from the rail after closing wide to finish 2nd – beaten a half-length last out. The former \$8,000 claimer has never been better.

4 GHOUL (BRZ) makes his North American debut for trainer Mark Casse after winning 5 of 7 turf races at the distance in Brazil. He'll be tested for class with Edgard Zayas at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-4

RACE 4:

6 BEAU SPLASH is dropping to the \$10,000 level, and stretching out to a mile, after returning from the freshening to finish an okay 5th vs \$20,000 maidens going three-quarters of a mile. **1 W W HANDSOME** is dropping to the bottom on the main track, and removing the blinkers, after failing to show much in his local return going a mile on the turf. Trainer Scott Becker is 21% with the turf-to-dirt angle. **9 INDY RULES** will depart from the outside after dueling throughout and finishing 2nd at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-9

RACE 5:

4 SO LONG CHUCK, 5 for 8 'in the money' on the turf, is going back to the grass after a solid campaign on the main track, which includes a 3rd-place finish in the \$50,000 Rough and Ready on the dirt. He's classes up perfectly in this spot if you can forgive the poor showing in the rained out \$100,000 Soldiers Dancer last out. **9 KING ORB**, a \$300,000 gelded son of Orb, is stepping up after responding in the first race after the claim by Rohan Crichton with a \$20,000 conditioned claiming victory at a mile; Luis Saez rides. **1 BASHA** will depart from the rail after vying for the lead and finishing 3rd – beaten a length – vs \$25,000 optional claimers. Trainer Jena Antonucci has Emisael Jaramillo handling the inside speed.

SELECTIONS: 4-9-1

RACE 6: THE CARRY BACK

8 WELL DEFINED is turning back to 7 furlongs after following his victory in the G3 Sam Davis with a chase-and-fade finish behind next-out Wood Memorial winner Tacitus in the mile and a sixteenth G2 Tampa Bay Derby.

3 SEISMIC JOLT is stretching out to seven-eighths of a mile after returning from the layoff to finish a distant 2nd to Garter and Tie in the 6 ½-furlong \$75,000 Ocala.

5 JACKSON, who won both the 7-furlong Sophomore and the mile & 40-yard Silver Charm at Tampa, was solid in defeat when he recovered from trouble at the start to finish 3rd here in the \$75,000 Thirsty Fish last out.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-5

RACE 7:

3 HONOLULU EXPRESS moved to the Barry Croft barn via the claim looking to rebound from the narrow defeat – as the favorite – when 2nd to Marcelino at the \$20,000 level. The gelding should sit the 'trip' behind the hot pace expected. **8 GO GONE GONE** moved to the Shamir Maragh barn via the claim after pressing the pace and finishing 2nd at this level and distance. The new connections lighten the impost with apprentice Cristian Torres in the saddle. **9 CRYOGENIC** is stepping up the competition after posting his 2nd consecutive victory when defeating \$12,500 conditioned claimers at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-9

RACE 8: THE AZALEA

3 SKY CHASER will be tested for class after following her bottom level 10-length maiden victory with another open-length score vs \$16,000 conditioned claimers. She's worth a flyer at a price. **1 ITSMYLUCKYCHARM**, undefeated in 2 previous races at the distance, including the victory in the Portofino Bay last out, breaks from the rail trying to make it 2 in a row. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Albin Jimenez handling the inside draw. **4 LOVESICK** is stretching out to seven-eighths of a mile after recapturing the form she displayed winning the Juvenile Filly Sprint at age 2 when she won the 6 ½-furlong \$75,000 Liza Jane last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-4**RACE 9:**

8 CONISTON is dropping to the \$10,000 level after 'hitting the board' in 2 of 3 recent turf outing at the \$20,000 level. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Albin Jimenez handling the class drop. **2 SILVER BEACH**, 2nd vs a notch tougher 2 starts back, is hoping for a clean trip after losing all chance when he checked sharply at ¼-pole last out.

1 ERIC THE SALESMAN is cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs, and breaking from the rail, after following the \$12,500 maiden victory with a late-running 4th going a mile from Post 10 last out.

SELECTIONS: 8-2-1**RACE 10:**

9 CHANCE IT is stretching out to 5 ½ furlongs after the sharp 5-furlong debut in which he rallied to finish 2nd as the favorite. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas returning on the son of Currency Swap. **4 GENGHIS** is making his first start since posting the best-last speed figure (75) when finishing 2nd vs open maiden special weight competition on May 12. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Emisael Jaramillo atop the Arindel homebred. **8 SHIVAREE** is a son of Awesome of Course, and a half-brother to Smile Stakes participant Garter and Tie, debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks with Lasix, and Jeffrey Sanchez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 9-4-8**RACE 11:**

4 GOOD OLD BOY is returning to the turf after following his '2-lifetime' victory on the grass with a 2nd place finish vs this level of competition going a 1-turn mile on a sealed 'sloppy' track. **10 SPA JAZZ**, now in the red-hot Amador Sanchez barn (33%), the gelding is cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs after setting the pace and finishing 3rd going a mile and a sixteenth last out. **11 LOOKIN SAVVY** is breaking from a tough outside post after posting his 2nd consecutive victory when defeating \$12,500 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' claimers at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 4-10-11**RACE 12: THE PRINCESS ROONEY (G2)**

6 STORMY EMBRACE, the defending champ in the Princess Rooney, couldn't have been more impressive when winning the \$100,000 Musical Romance by 10 ½ lengths last out. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Wilmer Garcia atop the odds-on choice. **1 RAZORBACK LADY**, 2nd at the distance in the Grade 2 Inside Information during March, is stretching out, and reuniting with jockey Julien Leparoux, after dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd behind Trenchtown Cat in the 6 ½-furlong Ana T last out.

3 ROYAL ASSCHER is making her stakes debut at 7 furlongs after posting back-to-back 7-length victories vs optional claiming competition going a mile. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has leading jock Edgard Zayas going for the hat trick.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-3**RACE 13: THE SMILE SPRINT (G3)**

3 JALEN JOURNEY is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after notching his 3rd consecutive victory when defeating \$16,000 optional claimers by 7-plus lengths. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Luis Saez atop the son of With Distinction. **6 ROYAL SQUEEZE**, undefeated in 4 races since the claim by Elizabeth Dobles, which includes the victory in the 7-furlong \$100,000 Big Drama 2 starts back, will try to make it 2 in a row at this 6-furlong distance. **5 GARTER AND TIE** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after following the 2nd place finish behind Royal Squeeze in the Big Drama with a monster 10-length plus victory in the 6 ½-furlong \$75,000 Ocala last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-5**RACE 14:**

3 FORTUNICKLE is turning back to 7 ½ furlongs after stalking the pace and finishing 3rd going a mile and a sixteenth last out. **2 TIZ LUNA** is going back to the grass after following the 2nd place finish going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf with a 2nd place finish vs similar in the slop last out. The zero-for-16 maiden has Diego Gomez in the irons. **1 PESCECANE** is cutting back to this distance after encountering trouble on the turn when 5th at a mile and a sixteenth last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-1**BEST BET: RACE 6 – 8 WELL DEFINED****LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 3 SKY CHASER**