



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**7 R CAT DADDY** drops to the \$10,000 level in the first start since rallying wide to finish 4<sup>th</sup> behind stablemate, and track record holder Pay Any Price, in a 5-furlong \$16,000 optional claimer on May 4<sup>th</sup>. **5 TALE OF FANCY** moved to the Gustavo Delgado barn via the claim, and is turning back to 5 furlongs, after tracking the pace and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> – as the favorite – when going a mile and a sixteenth. The previous winner at the distance has apprentice Reylu Gutierrez in the saddle. **10 TIGER PAW** is cutting back to 5 furlongs after an inside trip produced a \$10,000 conditioned claiming win going a mile and a sixteenth.

**SELECTIONS: 7-5-10**

## RACE 2:

**12 MR. SPIKE** will depart from the outside after responding to a dropdown to this level with a hard-fought 2<sup>nd</sup> place going a mile on a sealed 'sloppy' track. **10 RESISTANCE JAK** is stretching out after responding to the surface switch from turf to dirt with a duel-for-the-lead 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at 7 furlongs in his last. **8 GUSTY WIND** is dropping to the bottom after stalking the pace and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$16,000 maidens at this 1-mile distance.

**SELECTIONS: 12-10-8**

## RACE 3: THE AZALEA

**6 STARCLOUD**, a winner of 4 of 5 races locally, and a perfect 3 for 3 at the distance, returns after shipping up to Belmont and coming up empty in the 1-mile Grade 1 Acorn. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Miguel Vasquez handling the homecoming. **1 ALTER MOON**, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Starcloud in the \$75,000 Game Face 2 starts back, renews the rivalry after totally demolishing a field of \$16,000 optional claimers by almost 15 lengths. **2 FLORIDA FUEGO**, who won Tampa's \$100,000 Sophomore Fillies at the distance, stretches out after rallying 4-wide to win the 6 ½-furlong \$75,000 Liza Jane last out.

**SELECTIONS: 6-1-2**

## RACE 4: THE BOB UMPHREY TURF SPRINT

**8 PAY ANY PRICE**, the ultra-fast son of Wildcat Heir, will try to make it 3 in a row after drawing off to win the \$75,000 Crystal River by 5-plus lengths. The track record holder at the distance has regular jock Edgard Zayas in the irons. **3 DIDDLEY**, 2<sup>nd</sup> on the turf behind Pay Any Price, is going back to the grass after a couple of solid performances sprinting on the main track. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Emisael Jaramillo atop the son of Stay Thirsty.

**7 MOONWALKER** is hoping to turn the tables on the top choice after a 4-wide rally produced a 2<sup>nd</sup>-place finish behind him in the Crystal River.

**SELECTIONS: 8-3-7**

## RACE 5: THE CARRY BACK

**1 WAR GIANT** is turning back to 7 furlongs and making his stakes debut after posting his 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive open-length victory when defeating \$16,000 optional claimers going a mile on sealed 'sloppy' track. **6 POWERFUL VENEZUELA** is stretching out to seven-eighths of a mile after returning from the freshening to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 6 ½-furlong Ocala Flame. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr readied him for this performance with a bullet 5-furlong workout in 59 & 2. **4 NOBLE DRAMA** is stretching out an additional half-furlong after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Powerful Venezuela in the Ocala Flame. Trainer Dave Fawkes has Luis Saez named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 1-6-4**

## RACE 6:

**3 PORTER STREET** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after posting his 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive turf victory when defeating \$50,000 optional claimers going a mile. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Oscar Ulloa going for the hat trick. **8 COULD BE**, a previous winner at the distance, is stretching out after rallying from 10 lengths 'off the pace' to defeat \$12,500 open-claimers going 7 ½ furlongs. **5 BINGO BANGO BONGO**, in for the \$16,000 tag, is going back to the turf after the game victory going a mile and a sixteenth on the main track. The hard-knocking 10-year-old has been in good form since returning from the layoff.

**SELECTIONS: 3-8-5**

## RACE 7:

**7 RED FOG** is stretching out to 5 furlongs, and receiving Lasix, after breaking from the tough inside post and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> behind next-out winners Passionate Hachi and Timmy M. in his 4 ½-furlong debut. **3 GOOD GOOD**, a son of Quality Road, is making his career debut for trainer Todd Pletcher with a string of solid morning workouts showing in preparation for this assignment. The freshman gets Lasix and has Tyler Gaffalione in the saddle. **6 ELGIN ESCAPE**, a half-brother to Azalea Stakes participant Starship Bonita, is making his career debut for trainer David Fawkes with Lasix and Miguel Vasquez in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 7-3-6**

**RACE 8:**

**2 DEPENDABLE PHIL** is returning to the turf after following a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish vs a notch tougher on the grass with a 2<sup>nd</sup>-place finish vs this level of competition going 7 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. **12 ROYALSTON** will depart from the demanding outside post after coming within a head of defeating repeat winner Kikinboy going a mile and a sixteenth last out. Trainer Armando De la Cerda has Luis Saez in the saddle. **8 TRACKING STOCK** should be ready to offer more after returning from the layoff to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Angel Rodriguez, 21% with the 2<sup>nd</sup> start after a 45-180 days layoff, has Samy Camacho in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 2-12-8****RACE 9:**

**3 SHHH IT'S A SECRET** will be treated with Lasix after breaking inward at the start and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in her career debut at this level and distance. **2 AWESOME FRIDAY** is dropping to the \$25,000 level after expending valuable energy prior to the start, and then rallying to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs state-bred maiden special weight runners going 5 furlongs. **6 SUNSHINE BAY** is a daughter of Hunters Bay (Ghostzapper) debuting for trainer Kathleen O'Connell with Lasix and a quartet of stamina enhancing workouts showing on the Gulfstream West training track.

**SELECTIONS: 3-2-6****RACE 10:**

**11 IRON JOHNNY** moved to the Elizabeth Dobles barn via the claim and drops to the \$12,500 level after closing to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$16,000 maidens going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf.

**9 SPANISH DUDE** is dropping to this level after tracking the pace and fading in his \$20,000 career debut going a mile. Trainer Michelle Nihei has Luca Panici handling the class relief. **2 FRIEND ZONE** is dropping to the \$12,500 level on the grass after vying for the lead and fading to finish 5<sup>th</sup> behind trio of next-out winners in a \$25,000 maiden test moved to a mile on a 'good' main track.

**SELECTIONS: 11-9-2****RACE 11:**

**10 BIG AWESOME** drops to the \$6,250 level after the 2-race win streak at Tampa ended when he chased the pace and faded vs \$10,000 optional claimers in his local debut in the Ralph Nicks barn. The gelding turns back to three-quarters of a mile with Tyler Gaffalione at the controls.

**13 JERSEY STREET** breaks from a demanding outside post after a couple of sharp sprint efforts, which includes the commanding score vs \$6,250 conditioned claimers 2 starts back, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish vs open-competition going 5 ½ furlongs in his last. **4 STRONG COMPOSITION** drops into a competitive spot in the first race since finishing 7<sup>th</sup> behind hard-knocking next-out winners Blings Express and Social Roy in a \$10,000 optional claimer on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**SELECTIONS: 10-13-4****RACE 12: THE PRINCESS ROONEY (G2)**

**3 MY MISS TAPIT**, undefeated on this track (3-3-0-0), and a perfect 2 for 2 at the distance, is returning to stakes competition after drawing off to defeat \$62,500 optional claimers here in her last. She should sit the 'trip' behind speed, which includes the defending champ in the Princess Rooney **1 CURLIN'S APPROVAL**. The 5-time winner at the distance has trained beautifully since she rebounded from her 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 1-mile Grade 3 Royal Delta with a victory in the 7-furlong Ana T. Trainer Happy Alter has Luis Saez in the saddle. **4 RICH MOMMY**, a multiple graded stakes-placed daughter of Algorithms, is expected to offer her best after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Curlin's Approval in the Ana T.

**SELECTIONS: 3-1-4****RACE 13: THE SMILE SPRINT (G3)**

**8 X Y JET** has trained beautifully at Monmouth Park in preparation for the first start since he was beat a head by Mind Your Biscuits in the Grade 1 Dubai Golden Shaheen. The 5-time local winner, which includes back-to-back victories in the Grade 3 Mr Prospector, breaks from the advantageous outside post with Emisael Jaramillo at the controls. **2 CLASSIC ROCK** is a classic horse-for-course type who has won 6 of 7 over this track, which includes victories in the Grade 3 GP Sprint and the 6 ½-furlong Jebbar in his last. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has Luis Saez going for his 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive victory on the son of Maclean's Music.

**3 MR. JORDAN** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after finally notching the elusive local victory with a victory in the 7-furlong Big Drama.

**SELECTIONS: 8-2-3****RACE 14:**

**1 ALLURSTRA** is plunging to the \$10,000 level on the main track after showing speed and fading vs \$40,000 maidens going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Trainer Terri Pompay readied him for this assignment with a bullet half-mile drill over the track. **4 XIROMA** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after returning from the 6-month layoff to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs similar going 6 ½ furlongs. **5 TALKING POINT** is another cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after disputing the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Xiroma going 6 ½ furlongs last out.

**SELECTIONS: 1-4-5****BEST BET: RACE 13 – 8 X Y JET****LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 3 SHHH IT'S A SECRET**