



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**4 HONEY WON'T** is sitting on a winning performance after responding to the dropdown to this level with a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish – as the odds-on choice – behind a pair of next-out winners. Trainer Bill Mott has Julien Leparoux in the saddle. **7 CALAMITY KAT** is stepping up to the \$75,000 level for trainer Mike Pino, and cutting back to a mile, after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$35,000 maidens going 9 furlongs. **9 SOCIAL CURRENCY (KOR)** is stepping it up a level after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a half-length – vs \$50,000 maidens; Tyler Gaffalione rides for Jorge Abreu.

**SELECTIONS: 4-7-9**

## RACE 2:

**4 VALDOCCO** will try \$6,250 '3-lifetime' competition after drawing clear to defeat a pair of next-out winners in a \$12,500 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' claimer going 6 furlongs. **3 ROYALTY SALVATORE** moved to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim after returning from the 2-month layoff to finish 2<sup>nd</sup>, then placed first via a steward's decision in a \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimer going three-quarters of a mile. **7 TRAVY BOY** is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs in the first race since finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs this level of competition going 6 furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 4-3-7**

## RACE 3:

**6 TALE OF FIRE** is stepping up to face open competition after shipping in from Delaware and defeating \$12,500 '3-lifetime' claimers by a nose. Trainer Jorge Navarro has Luca Panici going for 2 in a row. **2 OH MY WARRIOR** moved to the Bobby Dibona barn via the claim after rallying to defeat this familiar competition at this level and distance; Paco Lopez rides. **4 GIANT DILEMMA** is hoping to find a tad more for the stretch drive after rallying 5-wide to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Oh My Warrior last out.

**SELECTIONS: 6-2-4**

## RACE 4:

**1 SOUTHERN SIS** is turning back to a mile after encountering trouble at the furlong marker and still managing to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs this level of opposition going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Mark Casse has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride.

**4 MUNCHKIN MONEY** is making her first start since uncorking a 4-wide move to defeat entry-level allowance runners here with a strong steady drive. Trainer Brian Lynch has Javier Castellano going for 2 in a row.

**3 NOTAPRADAPRICE**, a well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup> at the distance 2 starts back, shortens up to a mile after surrendering a late lead when weakening to finish 5<sup>th</sup> behind Southern Sis going 8 ½ furlongs last out.

**SELECTIONS: 1-4-3**

## RACE 5:

**2 PRESTO** is a \$290,000 son of Into Mischief debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and a steady morning work tab showing a Palm Beach Downs; Luis Saez rides. **7 ISLAND SONG** will try and parlay his previous experience into a victory after dueling for the lead and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> when breaking from Post 10 in his debut. Trainer Eddie Kenneally is 22% with maidens making their 2<sup>nd</sup> start. **3 FREEFALL** is a son of Tiznow, and a half-brother to Grade 1 stakes-placed Wonder Gal, debuting for trainer Rodolphe Brisset with Lasix, and Tyler Gaffalione named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 2-7-3**

## RACE 6:

**1 MISSION DRIVEN** will try to make it 3 in a row, and 2<sup>nd</sup> straight win at the distance when breaking from the rail for trainer Jorge Navarro. The 6-time turf winner has Tyler Gaffalione in the irons. **6 ERASMO'S DREAM** is dropping into the claiming ranks again after following a pair of sharp efforts at this \$16,000 level with a poor showing in a \$60,000 overnight stake on January 25. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Luis Saez handling the dropdown. **5 FRANKLIN TOWERS** will try to make it 2 in a row after responding to the dropdown in a competition with a wire-to-wire victory vs \$16,000 conditioned claimers. Trainer Jane Cibelli has Paco Lopez rationing the gelding's speed.

**SELECTIONS: 1-6-5**

## RACE 7:

**8 TAKE CHARGE DUDE**, now in the Todd Pletcher barn, the gelded son of Take Charge Indy makes his first start since defeating \$75,000 optional claimers, last May, on the synthetic surface at Arlington; Luis Saez rides this interesting proposition.

**4 ICATIRO** is expected to offer more after rebounding from a pinball start to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance last out. Trainer Mike Tomlinson has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride. **6 FRENCH QUARTER** is hoping to find more for the stretch drive after closing to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Icatiro last out.

**SELECTIONS: 8-4-6**

**RACE 8:**

**2 FATHER JOE** is a son of Tizway debuting for trainer Dane Kobiskie in an ideal spot for a first-time starter to succeed. The colt gets Lasix, and has Emisael Jaramillo at the controls. **11 EL PLAYON** is wheeling back after posting the best last-out Beyer figure (50) when finishing a distant 4<sup>th</sup> behind much-the-best winner High Rolling Dude. **4 ORGE'S CAT** is hoping to make amends at a mile after finishing a distant 4<sup>th</sup> – as the 3-to-5 favorite – when going 5 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Eddie Kenneally has Paco Lopez handling the added real estate.

**SELECTIONS: 2-11-4**

**RACE 9:**

**7 BAFFIN BAY** is back in the optional claiming ranks after his 2-race win streak ended when he finished a game 5-wide 2<sup>nd</sup> in the \$60,000 Sage of Monticello.

**3 TRAFFIC STOP** is stepping up to face winners after rallying from 10<sup>th</sup> and last to win his \$35,000 career debut by a measured neck. Trainer Mike Maker has Javier Castellano atop the son of Cross Traffic.

**8 DAKOTA'S DUDE**, listed as a gelding, is making his first start since dueling for the lead and weakening to finish 4<sup>th</sup> behind Baffin Bay in an overnight stake on January 25. Trainer Jason Servis has Luis Saez at the controls.

**SELECTIONS: 7-3-8**

**RACE 10:**

**1 READY TO TANGO** is debuting on the main track after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in her 5-furlong career going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Todd Pletcher, 23% with the grass-to-dirt angle, has Luis Saez atop the daughter of More Than Ready. **7 ROYAL CHARLOTTE** is a daughter of Cairo Prince debuting for trainer Chad Brown, and that should be more than enough to pique your interest. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Hall of Fame jock Javier Castellano at the helm. **9 WITH DIGNITY** is a daughter of Declaration of War, and half-sister to Grade 2 winner McCracken, debuting for trainer Ian Wilkes with Lasix, and Julien Leparoux named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 1-7-9**

**RACE 11: THE INSIDE INFORMATION (G2)**

**6 TEQUILITA** is turning back to her most accomplished distance (9-3-1-1) after breaking from the rail, saving ground throughout, and settling for 3<sup>rd</sup> behind free-running Blamed, and Mexican superstar Jala Jala, in the 1-mile Grade 3 Royal Delta. **8 TERESA Z** is turning back to 7 furlongs (4-1-0-1) in the first start since drawing clear to win the 9-furlong Grade 3 Turnback the Alarm by 6 widening lengths. Trainer Anthony Margotta Jr has Joe Bravo atop the Grade 2 stakes-placed daughter of Smart Strike. **1 JALA JALA (MEX)** is cutting back to seven-eighths of a mile after following her victory vs the boys on Caribbean Classic Day with a game 2<sup>nd</sup>-place finish the G3 Royal Delta. Note that the mare loves the local surroundings (3-2-1-0).

**SELECTIONS: 6-8-1**

**RACE 12:**

**3 WHENTHEDOVESCRY** is making his 1<sup>st</sup> journey around 2-turns after a solid sprint campaign on the turf. The colt should a major piece of the pace puzzle with Paco Lopez trying to steal the first half of the late double.

**4 MUTAKATIF (IRE)** is making his North American debut for trainer Chad Brown with Lasix, and a series of strong workouts on the Palm Meadows turf showing. The son of Acclamation has Javier Castellano in the saddle.

**7 C MAJOR** returns for trainer Todd Pletcher looking keep his record on the GP turf unblemished (2-2-0-0); Luis Saez goes for the hat trick. **6 EXPROMPT (FR)** is cutting back to a mile after following his 2-lifetime' victory going 7 ½ furlongs with a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish behind this familiar competition going a mile and a sixteenth.

**SELECTIONS: 3-4-7-6**

**RACE 13:**

**8 YOUSHOULDBESOLUCKY** is a major player in the nightcap after responding in his turf return with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at this level and distance. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Chris Landeros in the saddle. **10 MONY** is a \$385,000 son of Scat Daddy debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and Luis Saez named to ride. The colt is bred beautifully for the grass. **5 BODIE CODY** will face state-bred special weight competition after a solid \$35,000 career debut in which he dueled throughout and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at this 1-mile distance.

**SELECTIONS: 8-10-5**

**BEST BET: RACE 9 – 7 BAFFIN BAY**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 12 – 4 WHENTHEDOVESCRY**