



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

by Ron Nicoletti

Saturday, March 2, 2019

RACE 1:

8 GO GO JAK is stepping to face open-company after responding in the first race after the claim by trainer Angel Rodriguez with 12 ½-length score vs \$6,250 '3-lifetime' claimers. **5 MISS SURPRISE** is another stepping the competition after returning from the layoff for trainer Jorge Delgado and defeating \$6,250 '3-lifetime' foes by 4 widening lengths. **2 STELLAMATTUTINA** is dropping to this level after facing tougher with success before the lengthy layoff.

SELECTIONS: 8-5-2

RACE 2:

5 HIGH ROLLING DUDE is sitting on go after the well-meant debut at this level and distance in which he rallied to finish 2nd – beaten a neck. Trainer Ken McPeek has Brian Hernandez Jr in the saddle as Julien Leparoux will handle **3 THE KID IN SYD** for McPeek. The latter is eligible to show more after responding to a dropdown with a 3rd place finish at this level and distance. **8 EL PLAYON** has been knocking on the in a trio of races at this level, and should grab a share in this spot.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-8

RACE 3:

3 GOLDEN KANTHAROS was solid in defeat when he returned from the 2-month layoff to finish 2nd – beaten a half-length at this level and distance. **2 FRENCH ACCENT** moved to the Carlos David barn via the claim after rallying to finish 3rd behind Golden Kantharos last out.

4 DUKE OF MIAMI moved to the Barry Rose barn via the claim, and cuts back to three-quarters of a mile, after finishing a troubled 2nd – as the favorite – going 6 ½ furlongs; Luis Saez rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-4

RACE 4: THE PALM BEACH (G3)

5 A THREAD OF BLUE is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth again after posting his 2nd consecutive victory when he used his speed to win the 1-mile \$100,000 Dania Beach last out. Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin has Luis Saez going for the hat trick. **6 LOUDER THAN BOMBS** is stretching out an additional 16th of a mile after rallying along the inside to finish 2nd to the top choice in the Dania Beach. Trainer David Fawkes has Irad Ortiz Jr named to handle the rematch.

7 CASA CREED is a candidate for a rebound performance after following the victory in the 7 ½-furlong \$100,000 Kitten's Joy with a poor outing in the Dania Beach.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-7

RACE 5: THE CANADIAN TURF (G3)

5 KRAMPUS is hoping for clear sailing after the troubled trip in the \$100,000 El Prado in which he bumped at the start, and had to take up sharply in the stretch. Trainer Bill Mott tabs Hall of Fame jock John Velazquez to ride.

7 BREAKING THE RULES is looking for his 3rd consecutive victory after shipping in off a victory at Belmont and winning the Tropical Park Derby here on December 23rd. Trainer Shug McGaughey has leading jock Irad Ortiz Jr going for 3 in a row. **6 HEMBREE** is stretching out to a mile after shipping in for trainer Mike Maker and winning the 7 ½-furlong El Prado last out; Jose Ortiz rides.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-6

RACE 6: THE GULFSTREAM SPRINT (G3)

1 RECRUITING READY, who won the \$100,000 Gravesend at the distance 2 starts back, stretches out after dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd to speedy World of Trouble in the rained out \$150,000 GP Turf Sprint contested at 5 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Stan Hough has Luis Saez handling the inside draw. **4 QUIJOTE** will try to make it two in a row after the head-swirling upset victory in the Sunshine Millions Sprint in which he received a triple-digit Beyer figure (103). Trainer Georgina Baxter has Irad going for 2 in a row. **8 STORM ADVISORY**, a 5-time winner at the distance, turns back after getting beat 3 lengths in the 1-mile (G3) Fred Hooper, and finishing 2nd in the 7-furlong (G3) Mr Prospector 2 starts back

SELECTIONS: 1-4-8

RACE 7: THE VERY ONE (G3)

4 SEMPER SENTENTIAE, a model of consistency in her 6-race career thus far, turns back after surrendering a late lead when finishing 3rd on a yielding course in the 12-furlong (G3) La Prevoyante on Pegasus Cup Day. Javier Castellano rides for Mark Hennig. **3 HOLY HELENA**, beaten a neck at this distance in the Via Borghese on Dec 29, turns back after the even performance when 6th in the 12-furlong La Prevoyante. Trainer Jim Jerkens has Irad in the saddle again.

8 A. A. AZULA'S ARCH proved she could compete with level of opposition on the grass when she shipped in from Woodbine and finished a solid 4th in the La Prevoyante; Luis Saez rides.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-8

RACE 8: THE HERECOMESTHEBRIDE (G3)

7 CAMBIER PARC is stepping up to face winners for trainer Chad Brown after responding to the surface switch with a rousing maiden victory going a mile and a sixteenth on the local turf; Jose Ortiz rides. **4 MY GAL BETTY**, a Grade 1 stakes-placed daughter of Point of Entry, is making sophomore debut the first start since failing to fire in the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf. Trainer Roger Attfield has John Velazquez named to ride.

6 GOLCONDA (FR), 1 of 3 in the field for the Chad Brown juggernaut, makes her North American debut with Lasix added after winning 2 of 4 races in France; Javier Castellano guides the Euro-shipper.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-6

RACE 9:

9 PROSPERITE, a \$700,000 daughter of Pioneerofthe Nile, is debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and a sharp morning work tab showing at Palm Beach Downs; Luis Saez rides. **13 CHOATE BRIDGE** will depart from the outside (Post 13) when making her first start since the promising debut at Saratoga in which she finished 3rd – beaten a length at the distance. Trainer Brendan Walsh adds Lasix for the return. **5 SAN SARIA (IRE)** is making her career debut for trainer Bill Mott with the breeding, work tab, and jockey, needed to be a factor in her career debut.

SELECTIONS: 9-13-5

RACE 10:

6 FELIX THE FOX is making his 3-year-old debut after the promising sophomore campaign, which includes the 3rd place finish behind next-out Grade 3 stakes-placed Kentucky Wildcat, next-out winner Country House, and also finishing in front of a pair of next-out winners in his last race.

7 HIGH AMPLITUDE is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth rallying to finish a distant 2nd to impressive winner Hidden Scroll going a mile a sealed sloppy' track. Trainer Chad Brown has Irad named to ride.

3 THETRASHMANS COMING has 'hit the board' in 6 consecutive maiden special weight races, including the pair of 2nd-place finishes here. The Scooter Dickie trainee belongs on the exotic tickets.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-3

RACE 11: THE HONEY FOX (G3)

9 BELLAVAIS is turning back to a mile (8-4-0-0) after the sharp victory in the mile and a sixteenth (G3) Marshua's River in which she drew clear to win by 3 ½ lengths. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Joel Rosario atop the daughter of Tapit. **1 PRECIEUSE (IRE)** is making her first start since her impressive North American debut for trainer Chad Brown when she was beaten a head by repeat stakes winner Uni in the \$100,000 De La Rose at the Spa last August.

2 VALEDICTORIAN, 3rd behind Bellavais in the Marshua's River, renews the rivalry after using her speed to win the 9-furlong (G3) Suwannee River in her last start.

SELECTIONS: 9-1-2

RACE 12: THE DAVONA DALE (G2)

1 JAYWALK is making her sophomore debut after the Eclipse winning 2-year-old campaign in which she won both the Grade 1 Frizette and the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Trainer John Servis has Joel Rosario returning on the daughter of Cross Traffic. **5 CHAMPAGNE ANYONE** is stretching out to a 1-turn mile after rallying to finish 3rd – beaten three-quarters of a length – in the 7-furlong Grade 3 Forward Gal. **6 BOLD SCRIPT** is making her first start on a dirt surface after ending her freshman season with victory on the Woodbine Tapeta surface in the \$225,000 Princess Elizabeth.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-6

RACE 13: THE XPRESSBET FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH (G2)

7 HIDDEN SCROLL is taking the big jump up into graded stakes competition after the absolutely thrilling debut in which he drew away on a sealed sloppy track to win his debut by 14 lengths. Trainer Bill Mott has the son of Hard Spun training sharply at Payson Park. **8 GLOBAL CAMPAIGN** will try keep his record unblemished after following his 7-furlong maiden score with an equally sharp victory at this mile and a sixteenth distance. Trainer Stan Hough has Luis Saez going for 3 in a row. **6 SIGNALMAN**, makes his 3-year-old debut after the stellar sophomore season in which he followed the 3rd place finish in the (G1) Breeders' Cup Juvenile with a victory in the (G2) Kentucky Juvenile.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-6

RACE 14: THE MAC DIARMIDA (G2)

4 HUNTER O'RILEY, who won the (G2) Bowling Green at this distance, turns back after taking the overland route when finishing a wide 4th in the 12-furlong (G3) McKnight. Tyler Gaffalione handles the upset special.

11 CHANNEL MAKER, a Grade 1 winning son of English Channel, is stretching out after returning from the layoff to finish 5th in the (G1) Pegasus World Cup Turf, which was contested on a 'yielding' course. Trainer Bill Mott has the gelding training solidly for this assignment. **6 ZULU ALPHA** is turning back to 11 furlongs after splitting rivals in the stretch to win the 12-furlong (G3) McKnight last out. Trainer Mike Maker has Irad going for 2 in a row. **2 VILLAGE KING (ARG)** is breaking closer to the rail after departing from Post 10, dueling for the lead, and weakening to finish 7th behind Zulu Alpha in the McKnight.

SELECTIONS: 4-11-6-2

BEST BET: RACE 13 – 7 HIDDEN SCROLL

LONGSHOT: RACE 14 – 4 HUNTER O'RILEY