



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

9 VITA DOLCE, who came up head short – at 21-1 – at this level and distance in the first start back from the 8-month layoff, should see the same suspect pace scenario that afforded him the sharp outing last out.

3 COLMAN JOSEPH (IRE) is sitting on a winning performance after responding to the turnback in distance with a 4th place finish behind Vita Dolce last out. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas handling the rematch. **2 FRITZEN** is another eligible to take a positive step forward after rallying to finish 3rd behind the top choice last out.

SELECTIONS: 9-3-2

RACE 2:

2 ONE FINE RIDE moved to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim after drawing clear to defeat \$6,250 dated claimers at this distance. The new connections keep the status quo with Jonathan Gonzales in the saddle.

8 DR HARLAN is stretching out to 7 furlongs after getting carried wide and still managing to defeat similar quality at three-quarters of a mile. **5 NATIVE HAWK** moved to the Juan Arriagada barn via the claim, and debuts locally, after facing better going around 2-turns at Tampa; Hector Berrios rides.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-5

RACE 3:

8 DIXIE PRINCESS is stepping up to the next level after the game hard-fought score at the distance vs \$12,500 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' claimers. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Jairo Rendon named to ride. **4 THANKS MOM** is hoping for a clean trip after encountering traffic in the stretch when beaten 2 lengths at this level and distance last out.

2 SAMURAI'SFIRSTLADY moved to the Robert Falcone Jr barn via the claim, and makes her first start since showing speed and fading vs \$10,000 conditioned claimers last June. Note that the mare is working well on the Palm Meadows turf.

SELECTIONS: 8-4-2

RACE 4:

6 GLADITA is stretching out to 5 furlongs after breaking from the rail, chasing swift fractions, and finishing 2nd in her 4 ½-furlong debut. Trainer Leo Azpurua Jr has Miguel Vazquez handling the outside post. **5 CAROLYN'S SMILE** is a daughter of promising first year sire Khozan debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks with Lasix, and a string of sharp works showing, including the recent 3-furlong bullet in 35 flat; Edgard Zayas rides. **4 SONAR** will be outfitted with blinkers after showing some late interest when she rallied to finish 3rd behind dead heat winners Reiterate and Marva in her 4 ½ furlong debut.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-4

RACE 5:

7 MODERN TALE is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and removing the blinkers, after losing all chance when he had to check sharply when finishing 9th vs \$25,000 starter optional claimers. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Jairo Rendon handling the class drop.

5 GIANT VOICE is stretching out around 2 turns after returning from the layoff to finish a rallying to finish 2nd – at a whopping 65-1 – vs similar going 5 furlongs. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Samy Camacho named to ride. **4 SQUADRON** is dropping to this level, and turning back to 7 ½ furlongs, after dueling for the lead and weakening to finish 6th vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers going a mile and a sixteenth. The Aubrey Maragh trainee will be playing catch me if you can.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-4

RACE 6:

2 SOUPERY DUPERY is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after responding to the combo dropdown/surface switch with a solid outing at three-quarters in which he recovered from a stumbling start to finish 3rd.

7 KING WADE is hoping to cure the current case of seconditis, which includes the distant 2nd at the distance last out. **11 OVERLEVERAGED** is dropping to the bottom on the dirt after showing speed and fading vs better sprinting on the turf.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-11

RACE 7:

3 DIENDA is a daughter of productive sire Kantharos debuting for trainer Mark Casse with Lasix, and a solid morning work tab showing at Palm Meadows.

1 EMBUR'S ZIP is a daughter of win-early sire City Zip debuting for trainer Jonathan Thomas with Lasix, and a strong 3-furlong gate work over the track in 35 & 2; Feargal Lynch rides. **4 MARRENS MARVEL** is a daughter of With Distinction debuting for trainer Kathleen O'Connell with Lasix, and Edgard Zayas named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-4**RACE 8:**

5 KAREN'S COVE should be primed and ready to score after shipping from Hawthorne into the Georgina Baxter barn, dueling for the lead, and finishing 3rd – beaten 2 lengths in his first-ever sprint on the turf.

10 DYNAMIC DANCER is looking to make amends after returning from the layoff to finish a rallying 2nd – beaten a half-length – as the favorite last out.

9 THORPE D'ORO is turning back to what has been his best distance (5-0-3-0) after failing to get untracked when facing similar quality at 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas in the saddle again.

SELECTIONS: 5-10-9**RACE 9:**

8 RUN RITE is turning back to 7 ½ furlongs after returning from the freshening to finish 2nd – as the favorite – vs similar going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Mark Casse has Emisael Jaramillo returning on the son of Smart Strike. **10 CHANDLER'S DRAMA** is another turning back after setting the pace and fading to finish 3rd behind Run Rite at 8 ½ furlongs. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Jeffrey Sanchez handling the rematch. **7 MASTEROFINTENTION** is a \$295,000 gelded son of Bodemeister debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and Edgard Zayas named to ride the probable off-time favorite.

SELECTIONS: 8-10-7**RACE 10: THE BIG DRAMA**

1 ROYAL SQUEEZE has been very sharp in both races since finishing a game 3rd behind ultra-speedy Pay Any Price going 5 furlongs on the turf. The winner of 2 straight, including the commanding victory at the distance last out, has Samy Camacho in the irons.

5 HY RIVERSIDE, 3rd in this race when returning from a layoff last May, has been burning up the training track in preparation for his first race since finishing 2nd in the \$75,000 Mo Exception last September. New trainer Jorge Delgado has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

8 GARTER AND TIE is looking to find a tad more after rallying to finish 2nd - beaten a nose at this 7-furlong distance – in the \$75,000 Roar last out.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-8**RACE 11:**

6 POLAR JET will try to make it two in a row after responding in the first race after the claim by Jorge Navarro with a commanding 6-length plus score at this level. **3 FLORIDA COTTON** moved to the Elizabeth Dobles barn via the claim, and stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs, after chasing the pace and finishing 5th when facing \$35,000 conditioned claimers at three-quarters of a mile; Edgard Zayas rides the previous winner at the distance. **5 COLORMEPOMPOM** moved to the Angel Quiroz barn via the claim, and steps up the competition, after notching his first victory since last June when defeating \$12,500 conditioned claimers at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-5**RACE 12:**

10 BUTTONHOOK is plunging to the \$12,500 level, and turning back to 5 furlongs, after setting fractions of 22 flat, and 44 & 4, before fading to finish 7th vs \$35,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth.

12 AWESOME STACK will depart from the outside after sitting behind traffic before rallying to finish 2nd – beaten a length – at the 24-1. The upset special should sit the 'trip' behind the speed. **3 DRILL DOWN DUDE** moves to an inside post (3) after breaking towards the outside (Post 10), chasing the pace, and finishing 3rd behind Awesome Stack last out.

SELECTIONS: 10-12-3**BEST BET: RACE 9 – 8 RUN RITE****LONGSHOT: RACE 12 – 12 AWESOME STACK**