



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

8 TWISTED LICORICE, 4 for 4 'in the money' at the distance on the turf, drops to the \$12,500 level on the grass after returning from the layoff to finish 4th vs \$25,000 claimers on a 'good' main track.

3 UNNAMED SOLDIER, who broke his maiden at this 5-furlong distance, turns back after failing to fire when facing \$20,000 conditioned claimers going a mile on the grass. **2 TOSS** is debuting locally after finishing a so-so 5th vs \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimers at Tampa. He can grab a share with his best.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-2

RACE 2:

5 MYSTERY WITNESS moved to the Amador Sanchez barn via the claim after becoming the only 4-time winner in the field when defeating similar quality by 7 widening lengths. **7 DUBULL** is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after returning from the layoff to finish a wide 3rd behind Mystery Witness going three-quarters of a mile last out. **3 PIRATE'S TREASURE** is turning back to a sprint distance after shaking off a poor start to duel for the lead and finish 3rd vs similar opposition going a 1-turn mile.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-3

RACE 3:

2 INTEGRAL is a daughter of Algorithms debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and Edgard Zayas named to ride. **6 RUN DEVIL** is a daughter of Soldat debuting for trainer Saffie Joseph Jr with a pair of bullet workouts showing on the farm in preparation for this assignment. The barn, 31% with their freshman runners, has Emisael Jaramillo at the controls.

8 LOVELY LADY LEXI, a daughter of promising first-year sire Khozan, debuts for trainer Kathleen O'Connell with Lasix, and jockey Jairo Rendon named to handle the outside draw.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-8

RACE 4:

3 BE A HERO is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after returning from the freshening to finish a screw-tightening 3rd vs similar going 5 ½ furlongs on a wet track listed as good. **1 FRENCH ACCENT** is another stretching out an additional half-furlong after closing to finish 3rd going 5 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Carlos David has Albin Jimenez handling to the inside post. **7 STAY DETERMINED** moved to the Peter Walder barn via the claim after shipping in from a racing campaign in Canada to show brief interest and fading badly vs similar; C C Lopez rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-7

RACE 5:

4 SUNSET PROMISE moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim, and stretches out to 5 furlongs on the turf, with strong grass breeding on both sides of the family tree. The daughter of Broken Vow has Jairo Rendon at the controls. **6 CLASSIC GIRL**, a \$775,000 daughter of Candy Ride, and a half-sister to Grade 1 Preakness Stakes runner-up Classic Empire, debuts for trainer Mark Casse with a steady work tab showing on both turf and dirt at Palm Meadows; Edgard Zayas rides.

1 MRS. MAISEL, a marvelously bred daughter of Will Take Charge, debuts for trainer Wesley Ward with Lasix, and go-to jock Albin Jimenez named to handle the always interesting inside post.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-1

RACE 6:

7 BAD STUDENT moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn after the claim, and drops to the \$10,000 level, after returning from the 2-month layoff to duel for the lead and weakening to finish 5th vs \$16,000 optional claimers going 6 furlongs. The 5-time winner at the distance has Albin Jimenez in the irons. **1 LOVE TREE** will try to make it 2 in a row after responding in the first race after the claim by Peter Walder with a rousing 7-length drubbing of \$12,500 conditioned claimers at the distance. **3 ROCK YOU** will try to make it 3 in a row, and 2nd straight at this level and distance, for trainer Efren Loza Jr and jockey Jesus Rios.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-3

RACE 7:

3 HEATED ELEMENT, listed as a gelding, drops to the bottom after chasing the pace and weakening vs \$16,000 maidens last out. Trainer Jena Antonucci lightens the load with 7-pound apprentice Cristian Torres in the saddle. **6 BIBLIOTECARIO** is cutting back to 6 furlongs after tracking the action and defeating half the field when finishing 5th going 6 ½ furlongs. **7 I'M A CATMAN** may have finally found the spot where he can jettison the maiden moniker after returning from Tampa to finish 4th vs similar going 6 ½ furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-7

RACE 8:

3 GRAND NENUCO should be ready to offer more after recovering from the slow start to finish a wide, but strong, 2nd place finish at this level and distance. Trainer Francisco D'Angelo has Jesus Rios in the saddle again. **12 ROMPIN REID** should take the lion's share of the betting action when stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after rallying to defeat similar going 7 ½ furlongs. The obvious concern is the tough outside post. **5 COULD BE** can turn the tables on the top choice, at a price, after making a move for the lead before finishing an even 4th last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-12-5

RACE 9: THE ANA T

6 RAZORBACK LADY is turning back to 6 ½ furlongs after setting a pressured pace and finishing 2nd to Americas Tale in the 7-furlong Grade 2 Inside Information. She'll be the odds-on choice for trainer Patrick Biancone. **1 TIZ POSSIBLE DEAR** is making her stakes debut after posting her 2nd consecutive victory when defeating \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers going 7 furlongs. Trainer Aubrey Maragh keeps it in the family with Tony Maragh at the controls. **4 TRENCHTOWN CAT**, a stakes winner on the turf, is debuting on the main track after following a victory on the grass in the Sanibel Island with a troubled trip in the \$75,000 Honey Ryder. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Miguel Vazquez handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-4

RACE 10:

6 ART G IS BACK is dropping into the allowance optional claiming ranks after coming within a nose of defeating repeat winner Vow Me Now in the \$75,000 English Channel. The sophomore faces older horses for the first time with Miguel Vazquez in the saddle.

3 SOUPER JAGUAR is returning to his favorite surface (3-1-2-0) after shipping up to Tampa to duel for the lead before fading to finish 7th in the \$100,000 Sophomore Turf. Trainer Mark Casse has Luca Panici handling the homecoming.

8 UNLOCKTHEPOTENTIAL, who clearly does his best running on the turf, returns to the grass after finishing 3rd vs \$50,000 starter optional claimer going a mile on a 'good' main track.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-8

RACE 11:

2 IT'S A NEW YEAR is dropping to the \$6,250 level on the main track after dueling throughout and holding sway to defeat \$12,500 claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Aubrey Maragh has Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch.

10 W W CONCERTO, claimed in 6 consecutive races, the popular 5-time local winner cuts back to a mile, for new trainer Alexis Cordero-Lopez, after using his speed to defeat this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth. **1 AWESOME THOUGHT** is plunging to this level after returning from the layoff to finish a sightseeing 4th vs \$20,000 optional claimers going 7 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 2-10-1

RACE 12:

11 ERIC THE SALESMAN is dropping to the \$12,500 level after getting mugged in the stretch (steadied sharply) when finishing 8th at the \$20,000 level. The gelding's 2nd place finish 2 starts back was good enough to win the finale. **4 OUTSIDE LOOKIN IN** is going back to the turf after finishing 2nd best when facing similar in a race moved from the lawn to 9 furlongs on a fast-main track. **6 TARANTO**, who faced better in his 7 previous races on the turf, is going back to the lawn after showing brief interest and fading to get beat double-digit lengths vs similar going a mile and an eighth on the main track.

SELECTIONS: 11-4-6

BEST BET: RACE 5 – 4 SUNSET PROMISE

LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 5 COULD BE