



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1

7 ROSA STAR may have finally found the spot where she could notch the maiden victory after hitting the board in 4 consecutive races at this level, including the 2nd place finish as the even-money favorite last out.

2 BOASTFUL CONTESSA, 2nd at this distance 2 starts back, stretches out after circling 5-wide to finish 3rd going 7 ½ furlongs last out. **5 ALLEZ ALLEZ** wheels back with 6 days rest after closing from 14 lengths 'off the pace' to finish 2nd vs similar going 7 ½ furlongs; Jesus Rios rides.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-5

RACE 2:

1 LET'S BE HONEST is stepping up to face boys again after drawing clear to defeat next-out winners Dienda and Ms Big Spring in a 5-furlong maiden special weight test on June 8th. Trainer Larry Pilotti has the freshman training forwardly for the return. **3 ISLAND COMMISH** is going back to the main track after following his debut maiden victory at the \$35,000 level with a press-the-pace 3rd going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf in the \$100,000 Proud Man. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr is 24% with the grass to dirt angle. **5 KHOZAN'S VALENTINE** is making his first start since edging away to win her 4 ½ furlong debut. Trainer Scott Becker has Samy Camacho named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-5

RACE 3:

1 GOLDEN GEM APPLE is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after returning from the layoff to set the pace and fade to finish 3rd going 6 ½ furlongs. **3 MRS. CHAPMAN** is plunging to the \$10,000 level on the main track after failing to show much in her maiden special weight debut going 5-furlongs on the turf. **4 BALLIE'S DREAM** is another going back to the main track after finishing 3rd vs similar quality going 5 furlongs on the turf.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-4

RACE 4:

5 CRYOGENIC is going back to his best surface after displaying his versatility when he drew clear to defeat this level of competition going 5 furlongs on the main track. Trainer Mike Maker has Reylu Gutierrez atop the son of Soldat.

9 R BOY BODE is going back to the grass after returning from the 5-month layoff to set the pace and tire when finishing 5th behind Cryogenic last out. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

1 KANTHAROS' IMAGE is making his first start since finishing 3rd vs \$16,000 claimers going 5-furlongs here on January 31st. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Jairo Rendon named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 5-9-1

RACE 5:

6 ONLY IN AUGUST moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and drops to the \$6,250 level with blinkers added, after chasing the pace and weakening – as the even-money favorite – vs \$10,000 conditioned claimers; Edgard Zayas rides. **3 PURPLE GIRL**, who defeated Only in August during April, plunges to this level after a sightseeing trip at the \$16,000 level in which she never got untracked. Trainer Amador Sanchez has his go-to jock Hector Berrios handling the dropdown.

2 PAPA'S GIRL is turning back to 6 ½ furlong, and removing the blinkers, after making an outside charge to finish 3rd going a 1-turn mile last out.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-2

RACE 6:

7 GRAN DIAMOND is turning back to her best distance thus far (5-1-3-0) after tracking the action and finishing 5th vs this level of competition going 7 ½ furlongs. Leading trainer Victor Barboza Jr has apprentice Cristian Torres handling the turnback to 5 furlongs.

10 CHANTILLY LILLY is stepping up to the next level after stalking early, and drawing clear late, to defeat \$12,500 maidens at the distance. Trainer Joe Orseno is 19% winning back-to-back races.

2 SHANGHAISWEETHEART is returning to the turf after dueling for the lead and finishing 3rd in back-to-back sprints moved from the grass to 5 furlongs on sealed sloppy tracks.

SELECTIONS: 7-10-2

RACE 7:

3 MATINEE GIRL is a daughter of Big Drama debuting for trainer Kathleen O'Connell with Lasix, and a consistent work tab showing over the GP West training track. Trainer O'Connell, 19% with her freshman runners, has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. **2 SWEET BELEN** is stepping up to the \$50,000 level after the pair of solid outings at the \$35-25,000 level in which she finished 2nd in both sprints. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has Cristian Torres trying to get the daughter of Khozan out of 2nd gear. **4 FLASH MONEY** is a daughter of Flashstorm debuting for trainer Oscar Gonzalez with Lasix, and a string of solid 4 and 5-furlong workouts showing at Palm Meadows; Jeffrey Sanchez rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-4**RACE 8:**

12 KOKOMO is a son of Uncle Mo returning to Gulfstream for trainer Todd Pletcher after making a middle move and finishing 5th behind a trio of next-out winners in a 'key' maiden special weight test at Saratoga. Note the winner of the race, Field Pass, came back to run 2nd in the Grade 3 With Anticipation in his next start.

9 MAKER OF AN EMPIRE is a \$410,000 son of Empire Maker debuting for trainer Mark Casse with Lasix, and a consistent work tab showing, on both turf and dirt, at Palm Meadows. The beautifully bred freshman has leading jock Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **3 MILITARIST**, a half-brother to \$3.5 million-dollar earner Little Mike, and \$500,000 earner Little Nick, debuts for trainer Carlo Vaccarezza with Lasix, and Albin Jimenez named to ride the son of Liam's Map.

SELECTIONS: 12-9-3**RACE 9:**

4 ROSEPATH moved to the Gillian Andreasen barn via the claim, and turns back to three-quarters of a mile (7-3-1-1), looking to sit the 'trip' behind the abundance speed in the field; Tony Maragh rides this longshot play.

3 NOTHINS FREE is dropping to the \$6,250 level, and turning back, after responding to addition of blinkers by setting the pace and finishing 4th vs \$10,000 starter optional claimers going 7 furlongs. Trainer Monica McGoey has Jose Batista handling the turnback.

1 MISS LAMBORGHINI is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after setting the pace and getting caught at the wire when 2nd going 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer Jorge Delgado has Fanny Olsson handling the inside speed.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-1**RACE 10: THE BEAR'S DEN**

7 FOREVER MO, a troubled 3rd on the turf (lacked room stretch) when beaten a neck by Stirling Drive and Art G Is back in the \$122,000 Not Surprising, is turning back to 7 ½ furlongs after stalking the pace and finishing 3rd vs older horses in the mile and a sixteenth J H Kyle last out. The son of Uncle Mo should sit a perfect stalking trip behind the speed. **3 ART G IS BACK**, still looking for his first victory on the turf (5-0-2-2), the classy son of Exchange Rate goes back to the grass after posting back-to-back victories on the main track, including the game score in the 7-furlong Benny the Bull last out. **8 JACKSON**, won going around 2-turns in the past, albeit on the dirt, stretches out after setting the pace and finishing 2nd in the 7-furlong Carry Back last out. The speedster can get brave on the front end.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-8**RACE 11:**

7 ARRIVEDERLA, a reclaim by leading trainer Victor Barboza Jr, is stepping up to the \$16,000 level with the speed needed to steal this race at a price; Edgard Zayas rides. **8 VINNIE VAN GO**, who defeated the top choice when they competed at 6 ½ furlongs in the slop 2 starts back, drops to the \$16,000 level after chasing the pace and weakening vs \$25,000 conditioned claimers last out. Trainer Marcial Navarro has Albin Jimenez handling the outside post. **1 FOLLOWHISFOOTSTEPS** moved to the Victor Barboza Jr barn after the claim, and stretches out to 6 ½ furlongs, after vying for the lead and finishing 2nd – as the favorite – vs this level of competition going three-quarters of a mile. The concern is the zero-for-3 record at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-1**RACE 12:**

1 RAPID TRANSIT, a consistent daughter of Bullet Train, will try to make it 2 in a row, and the 4th victory in only 5 career starts, after shaking off trouble at the ¼-pole to defeat \$10,000 '3-lifetime' claimers at the distance.

10 SAMURAI'SFIRSLADY is dropping to the \$10,000 level, and returning to her preferred surface and distance (9-3-0-2) after setting the early pace and finishing 3rd when tussling with \$16,000 claimers going 5 furlongs in the slop. **6 HANNAH CATHERINE** was given some time off after cruising through her conditions with victories over \$10,000 '2 and 3-lifetime' claimers, respectively, at this 7 ½ furlong distance. Trainer Eddie Broome has Luca Panici named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 1-10-6**BEST BET: RACE 10 – 7 FOREVER MO****LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 4 ROSEPATH**