



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**4 SOUND MACHINE** is a \$500,000 daughter of Into Mischief, a half-sister G3 stakes-placed Forever Lies, debuting for e Five Racing, and leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr, with Lasix and a solid morning work tab over the track showing. **1 GLADITA**, 2<sup>nd</sup> in her 4 ½-furlong debut, turns back after stalking the pace and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> when stretching out to five-eighths of a mile last out. **5 RAIN** is a daughter of Brethren debuting for Arindel, and trainer Juan Alvarado, with a series of strong works showing on both the farm, and over the GP main track; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

**SELECTIONS: 4-1-5**

## RACE 2:

**5 GOOD OLD BOY** is stepping up to the next level after drawing clear to defeat \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile and a sixteenth last out. Trainer Mike Maker has leading jock Edgard Zayas going for 2 in a row. **6 GRAYDAR'S RESOLVE**, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Good Old Boy 2 starts back, renews the rivalry after drawing off to notch his '2-lifetime' claiming condition last out. Trainer Eddie Broome has Hector Berrios handling the rematch. **2 WIGWAM SUMMER** is turning back to a mile after pressing the pace throughout and finishing a hard-fought 2<sup>nd</sup> vs this level of opposition going a mile and a sixteenth.

**SELECTIONS: 5-6-2**

## RACE 3:

**1 DANCIE** will depart from the rail after dueling throughout and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> when facing similar on a wet track listed as 'good'. Trainer Ralph Nicks has apprentice Cristian Torres named to ride. **3 CHRISTMAS MAGIC**, who has run well at this level in the past, makes her 4-year-old debut after ending her sophomore season at Tampa with a poor showing in a state-bred stakes race on December 15. Her back class must be respected. **4 CHUTZPAH** is stepping up the competition after pair of solid performances in which she defeated \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimers 2 back, and was a fast-closing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the \$12,500 level last out; Jairo Rendon adds to the appeal.

**SELECTIONS: 1-3-4**

## RACE 4:

**1 PRICKLY KITTEN**, 2<sup>nd</sup> in her career debut at the \$12,500 level, drops after stalking the pace and fading when jumping up to the \$40,000 level last out. Trainer Mike Maker reunites the daughter of Kitten's Joy with Edgard Zayas, who was aboard for the debut. **6 TENNESSEE COTTON** is dropping to this level after making a solid bid to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$20,000 maidens last out. Trainer George Bush has Luca Panici handling the stretchout from 7 ½ to 8 ½ furlongs. **3 TWEETY KITTEN**, another daughter of Kitten's Joy, stretches out after rallying to finish a well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup> going 7 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Monica McGoey has Jose Batista handling the added real estate.

**SELECTIONS: 1-6-3**

## RACE 5:

**5 DURLYN** is dropping to the \$6,250 level, and turning back to 5 ½ furlongs, after facing tougher with success throughout her 10-race campaign. **6 ROSEPATH** is turning back slightly after the solid pair at 6 furlongs in which she defeated '2-lifetime' claimers 2 starts back, and was 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level in her last. **8 PRETTY OVERDRIVEN** is dropping back to this level after setting the pace and tiring when facing \$12,500 conditioned claimers at the distance. She should have a clear run to the lead from her outside draw.

**SELECTIONS: 5-6-8**

## RACE 6:

**3 UNCLE B** is returning to his most accomplished surface, and dropping to the \$25,000 level, after returning from the layoff to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$50,000 optional claimers in a race moved to 1-turn mile on a 'good' track. The multiple stakes-placed gelding's back class jumps of the page in this spot. **5 FRANKLIN TOWERS**, beaten a head when 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level 2 starts back, turns back after failing to launch a rally when facing \$25,000 optional claimers going a mile and a sixteenth last out. **2 WINGMAN** moved to the Bobby Dibona barn via the claim, and is stretching out to a mile, after a solid 5-race campaign vs similar quality, dating back to early January.

**SELECTIONS: 3-5-2**

**RACE 7:**

**5 BIG TINA** is making her 3-year-old debut after ending her freshman season with a distant 3-place finish behind a pair of next-out open-length winners going 5 ½ furlongs last December. **7 ISLA ROAD** is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after stalking the pace and finishing a promising 2<sup>nd</sup> in her 5 ½-furlong debut. Trainer Ralph Nicks has apprentice Cristian Torres returning on the \$125,000 daughter of Quality Road.

**8 DANCINGWITHJIMMIEB** is a daughter of Macho Uno (Holy Bull) debuting for trainer Antonio Sano with a solid workout pattern showing over the track; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

**SELECTIONS: 5-7-8****RACE 8:**

**1 UNCLE BULL**, a \$475,000 son of Uncle Mo, and a half-brother to G1 Cigar Mile winner Connect, debuting for trainer Mark Casse with a strong work tab showing at Palm Meadows, which includes the recent bullet on the turf. **8 CRISTIANO** is a \$225,000 son of Ghostzapper stretching out around 2-turns on the turf after finishing a sightseeing 4<sup>th</sup> in his 6 ½-furlong debut on the dirt. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael Jaramillo handling the surface switch.

**3 GOLDENLION** is stretching out around 2-turns after returning from the layoff to finish a solid 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5 furlongs. The son of Curlin has Hector Berrios handling the added distance.

**SELECTIONS: 1-8-3****RACE 9:**

**2 ELISSAS SECRET**, an almost 7-length winner at this level 2 starts back, drops after tracking the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind **3 DANA GRACE** on a wet surface listed as 'good'. The latter, trained by Kathy Ritvo, will try to make it two in row after following the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish behind the top choice 2 races back with the hard-fought victory last out. **1 SUBSIDIARY** is cutting back to 6 furlongs on the dirt after setting the pace and fading to finish 4<sup>th</sup> when facing \$25,000 optional claimers going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Trainer Mark Casse is 20% with the grass-to-dirt angle.

**SELECTIONS: 2-3-1****RACE 10:**

**7 EARLY TIME (FR)** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after stalking the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> – as the favorite – vs \$20,000 conditioned claimers. The 3<sup>rd</sup> start back from the layoff, and the dropdown, should produce positive results.

**9 KARENINA** is another dropping to this level, and stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$20,000 claimers going 7 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle. **6 OBLIO'S WISH** was solid in defeat when she broke from Post 12 and rallied to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> – beaten less than 2 lengths at 45-1 – at this level and distance in her last. Trainer Dave Brownlee has hot turf rider Jairo Rendon in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 7-9-6****RACE 11:**

**1 BAD STUDENT**, 6 for 10 'in the money' at 7 furlongs, turns back after responding in the first race after the claim by Saffie Joseph Jr with a well meant 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Rock You going a mile last out. **2 ROCK YOU**, who notched his 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive victory when he defeated Bad Student at a mile in his last, turns back to a distance where he has 1 victory from 5 tries at 7 furlongs. I like him a tad more at 8-furlongs.

**7 QUEEN ROLLER** will try the boys, and try to make it 2 in a row at the distance, after responding in the first race after the claim by Jessica Campitelli with a rousing front running victory at this level.

**SELECTIONS: 1-2-7****RACE 12:**

**6 HOTTY TODDY** is turning back to a mile after talking the overland route and rallying wide when defeating \$12,500 conditioned claimers at a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Carlos David has Jairo Rendon named to ride.

**9 CUCKOO KENIA** moved to the Marcus Vitali barn via the claim, and stretches out around 2-turns on the turf, with the breeding needed to handle both the surface and distance in winning fashion. She's worth a flyer at a price. **4 BIG DARLING** is turning back to a mile after setting the pace and fading to finish 5<sup>th</sup> in what should prove to be a screw-tightening setup for this shorter distance. The concern is only 1 win from 20 previous races on the GP turf.

**SELECTIONS: 6-9-4****BEST BET: RACE 10 – 7 EARLY TIME (FR)****LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 5 BIG TINA**