



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**6 WHY TRUST** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after surrendering a late lead when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> – beaten three-quarters of a length – going 6 ½ furlongs on a sealed ‘sloppy’ track. **3 ARRIVEDERLA** moved to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim, and drops to the \$6,250 level with blinkers added, after dueling for the lead and flattening out when finishing 5<sup>th</sup> behind repeat winner Oh Danny Bear in a \$12,500 conditioned claimer; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

**1 MYSTERY WITNESS** moved to the Aubrey Maragh barn via the claim, and turns back to three-quarters of a mile, after the chase-and-fade outing – as the odds-on choice - vs similar at 6 ½ furlongs. The barn is 31% with new claims.

**SELECTIONS: 6-3-1**

## RACE 2:

**4 ELUSIVE RO** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> – beaten less than a length as the favorite – at the \$20,000 level. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Edgard Zayas at the controls. **1 AWESOME STACK** will depart from the rail after tracking the pace 3-wide and finishing a well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a length – at this level and distance. **9 DRILL DOWN DUDE** moved to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim, and wheels back at the same level, looking to improve on the pair of 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes at the distance.

**SELECTIONS: 4-1-9**

## RACE 3:

**7 SMOOTH AS** is dropping a level on the claiming scale after rallying to finish a distant 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$10,000 ‘2-lifetime’ claimers going a mile on a sealed ‘sloppy’ track. **5 ALL STAR SEILER** is another dropping into a competitive spot after following a well-beaten 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level with a rate-and-fade performance vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers in the ‘slop’.

**6 CAPE MARCO DRIVE** is 10-0-2-0 this year trying to notch this \$6,250 ‘non-winners of 2-lifetime’ condition, and merits some consideration on the exacta or tri ticket.

**SELECTIONS: 7-5-6**

## RACE 4:

**5 STREET CODE** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after returning from the freshening to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> – beaten a length – vs \$20,000 conditioned claimers going a mile. Trainer Carlos David has Jairo Rendon handling the stretchout. **2 BILLY BIG (IRE)** is stretching out to 8 ½ furlongs (10-2-2-1) after responding in the first race after the claim by Elizabeth Dobles with a rousing late-running victory at a mile; Miguel Vazquez goes for 2 in a row.

**1 GRANNY’S KITTEN** has speed, the rail, and good chance to improve on the recent pair of neck defeats at this level and distance. Trainer Mike Maker also conditions **4 COULD BE**, who defeated his stablemate last out.

**SELECTIONS: 5-2-1-4**

## RACE 5:

**1 BODY HIGH** is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after returning from the freshening to duel for the lead and finish 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$10,000 starter optional claimers going 7 furlongs. **2 MISS LAMBORGHINI** is making her first start since zooming away from the field when she defeated this level of competition in a race moved from the turf to 5 furlongs on a wet track listed as ‘good’.

**6 LIZA STAR** moved to the Peter Walder barn via the claim after dueling throughout and holding sway to defeat \$6,250 open claimers for the previous connections; Miguel Vazquez rides.

**SELECTIONS: 1-2-6**

## RACE 6:

**2 ENDUROS TIGRESS** gets the tepid nod after rebounding from the poor showing at 7 ½ furlongs with a rallying 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance last out.

**12 DIAMOND LOVE** is saddled with a demanding outside post (12) after breaking midpack and coming within a half-length of notching this condition when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> last out. **8 DEER ISLAND DIVA** is hoping to save more gusto for the stretch drive after setting the pace before weakening to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Joe Catanese has Luca Panici in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 2-12-8**

**RACE 7:**

**5 FOR THE GIPPER** is dropping to the \$6,250 level, and stretching out to a mile, hoping both karma changes help improve on the gelding's current also-ran status. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. **6 HIGH ROLLING DUDE** will be outfitted with blinkers after dueling early, and fading late, when facing similar at the distance last out. It's the old bounce/rebound angle. **8 MORE THAN TEDDY** needs to show more on the main track after coming up empty vs better on the turf. Jockey Chucky Lopez will get him interested early.

**SELECTIONS: 5-6-8**

**RACE 8:**

**5 GALLEON MAST**, a winner of more than \$500,000, is making his first start since getting up in the final strides to win the \$75,000 Millions Turf Preview at GP West last November. Trainer David Fawkes has Emisael Jaramillo handling the return to action.

**4 UNCLE B** is returning to his preferred surface after a nice tune up on the dirt in which he dueled throughout and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> going a mile. The multiple stakes-placed 5-year-old, trained by Lilli Kurtinecz, has Jairo Rendon in the saddle. **1 KROY**, back in the Armando De La Cerda barn, the Grade 2 stakes-placed gelding returns to the turf after dueling and fading to 6<sup>th</sup> behind 3 next-out winners, including stakes winners Garter and Tie and Hy Riverside, in the 7-furlong \$100,000 Big Drama.

**SELECTIONS: 5-4-1**

**RACE 9:**

**6 SOLDOLLIE** is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after returning from the extended layoff duel for the lead and fade in which should prove to be a perfect screw-tightener for his 2<sup>nd</sup> race off the bench.

**8 SOUPER CATCH** is turning back to a sprint distance after responding to the surface switch by tracking the pace 4-wide and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> going a 1-turn mile last out. **5 LIAM LETS GO** will try 6 ½ furlongs after the pair of solid efforts at three-quarters of a mile in which he defeated state-bred allowance runners 2 back, and was 3<sup>rd</sup> vs open-allowance runners last out.

**SELECTIONS: 6-8-5**

**RACE 10:**

**7 FOREVER MO** is returning from the layoff, and returning to the allowance optional claiming ranks, after a trio of stakes performances, including the ambitious outing in the Grade 2 American Turf at Churchill on Kentucky Derby Day. **10 TOUGHEST 'OMBRE** is breaking from the toughest post (10) after moving to the Aubrey Maragh barn via the claim and finishing a duel the lead 4<sup>th</sup> going a mile and a sixteenth last out. **3 WINGMAN** is going back to his best surface after dueling along the inside and defeating \$25,000 optional claimers going a 1 mile on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Bobby Dibona claimed him 2 starts back, and tabs Samy Camacho to handle the surface switch.

**SELECTIONS: 7-10-3**

**RACE 11:**

**5 TAKE CHARGE DUDE** is stretching out an additional half-furlong after setting a pressured pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> going 6 furlongs. The gelding should find an easier time on or near the front end this time around.

**4 MR ATILA**, now in the Victor Barboza Jr barn, 5-year-old cuts back to a sprint distance after tracking the action and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind repeat winner Fortune Cookie going a mile during March. **7 BONDETTI** is cutting back to 6 ½ furlongs after responding in the first race after the claim by Elizabeth Dobles with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish vs \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers going a mile.

**SELECTIONS: 5-4-7**

**RACE 12:**

**8 BLAZING DESIRE** is stretching out around 2-turns after the promising 5-furlong turf debut in which he rallied to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>. The son of Munnings, trained by Patrick Biancone, is bred to handle 7 ½ furlongs and beyond. **5 MR EVERYTHING** is a son of Mr Speaker debuting for trainer Wesley Ward with a series of useful workouts showing on the Palm Meadows turf in preparation for this assignment.

**1 WHERE YA GOIN OWEN** is a son of breakout sire Khozan debuting on the turf for trainer Mike Yates, and wearing blinkers, after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in his \$50,000 debut going 5 furlongs on the main track.

**SELECTIONS: 8-5-1**

**BEST BET: RACE 10 – 7 FOREVER MO**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – 5 TAKE CHARGE DUDE**