



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**4 TRANSITIVE** will be outfitted with blinkers after the promising 7-furlong career debut in which he stalked the pace and finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Tyler Gaffalione handling the turnback to three-quarters of a mile. **1 SALARY CAP**, a half-brother to stakes winner Concealedwithakiss, is making his career debut for trainer Armando De la Cerda with Lasix and apprentice Reyly Gutierrez in the irons. **2 J J JUNIOR** is a son of productive sire Treasure Beach debuting for trainer Luis Ramirez with a solid morning work tab showing in preparation for this assignment. The colt gets Lasix and has J J Gonzales at the controls.

**SELECTIONS: 4-1-2**

## RACE 2:

**5 SAMURAI'SFIRSTLADY** moved to the Angel Rodriguez barn via the claim in the first start since drawing off – as the odds-on choice – to wallop a field of \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimers by 6-plus lengths. Trainer Rodriguez, 41% with new claims, has Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **9 ORTIGA** is dropping to the \$10,000 level in the first start since coming within a nose of defeating \$25,000 '3-lifetime' claimers on the Delaware turf last September. Trainer Jane Cibelli has Nik Juarez handling the return from the 9-month layoff. **3 SU SU'S KITTEN** is dropping a notch after returning from the Fair Grounds to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers, despite the 4-year-old had traffic problems, and the jock dropped the whip.

**SELECTIONS: 5-9-3**

## RACE 3:

**3 ELASTICO** is dropping to the \$6,250 level and stretching out to the distance where he broke his maiden, after finishing a sightseeing 5<sup>th</sup> vs \$16,000 claimers going 6 furlongs on a 'good' surface. **8 OCTOPYTHIUS**, now in the Oscar Gonzalez barn, the gelding hopes to respond to the barn change with an improved performance after showing speed and retreating at this level and distance last out.

**7 ALABAMA JACKS** is debuting locally in the first start since responding to a surface switch with a pair of improved performances on the Tampa main track, including the mile and a sixteenth maiden score in his last.

**SELECTIONS: 3-8-7**

## RACE 4: THE CRYSTAL RIVER

**4 PAY ANY PRICE**, the course record holder at the distance, signaled he was back when he rebounded from his 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the \$75,000 Silks Run with a commanding victory last out. Catch him and you win!

**2 LITTLE CHESNEY**, who does his best running from 'off the pace' should sit a 'key' trip behind what should be some glib early fractions. Trainer Carlo Vaccarezza has Jeffrey Sanchez in the saddle. **1 FOCUS ON ME** will depart from the rail after showing speed and finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, respectively, in a pair of \$62,500 turf sprints at the distance. Trainer Dave Braddy has Emisael Jaramillo handling the inside post.

**SELECTIONS: 4-2-1**

## RACE 5:

**3 SWEETSWEETSWEET**, whose older half-brother runs in the 1<sup>st</sup> race (Salary Cap), this daughter of Concorde Point should be ready to offer more after recovering from a slow start to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in her career debut vs maiden special weight competition. **4 AWESOME PARK** is another expected to show more after getting sandwiched at the start prior to finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in her career debut at this level and distance. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Tyler Gaffalione returning on the daughter of Awesome of Course. **2 SAMOA** is daughter of Brethren debuting for Arindel and trainer Stanley Gold with a series of their signature swift morning workouts showing in preparation for this assignment.

**SELECTIONS: 3-4-2**

## RACE 6:

**8 JUENESSE DOREE** should be ready to get her picture taken after returning from a 16-month layoff to finish a troubled 3<sup>rd</sup> (lacked room) in her local return for trainer Mark Casse. **7 FASHIONABLY WILD** is turning back slightly to 7 ½ furlongs after setting the pace and just getting caught at the wire when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in back-to-back starts going a mile. Trainer Angel Penna Jr has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

**1 TERI'S BIG HEART** will depart from the rail after living up to her name when she closed to defeat \$25,000 conditioned claimers in the first start after the claim by trainer Peter Walder. The daughter of Scat Daddy loves the local turf (23-4-4-3).

**SELECTIONS: 8-7-1**

**RACE 7:**

**3 ALTER MOON** is turning back to 6 ½ furlongs after chasing the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 7-furlong \$75,000 Game Face last out. The daughter of Alternation faces older horses as strictly the one to beat. **5 DANCIE**, a lightly raced consistent 5-year-old daughter of D'wildcat, is making her first start since edging away to defeat state-bred allowance runners going 7 furlongs on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Tyler Gaffalione going for 2 in a row. **4 SWISS ALPS** is climbing up to face winners after drawing clear to defeat a field of maiden special weight runners by 4 ½ lengths.

**SELECTIONS: 3-5-4**

**RACE 8:**

**4 NICK'S ROSE** debuts locally vs state-bred competition after reeling off three consecutive turf victories at Tampa, which includes the \$40,000 starter optional claiming score last out. **8 PURE ONE**, now in the Joe Orseno barn, the daughter of Macho Uno breaks from the outside with the perfect running style needed to stalk the pace that breaks to her inside. Nik Juarez rides.

**1 TREASURE FOR GOLD** will depart from the rail looking to improve on the back-to-back 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes at this level. Trainer Todd Pletcher tabs his go-to jock Tyler Gaffalione named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 4-8-1**

**RACE 9: THE ANA T**

**5 CURLIN'S APPROVAL** is turning back to 7 furlongs in the first start since dueling for the lead and tiring to finish 5<sup>th</sup> behind Martini Glass, who won the Grade 2 Azeri in her next start, 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher Lewis Bay, who was beaten a head in the Grade 1 Madison at Keeneland, and Unbridled Mo, who won the Grade 1 Apple Blossom in her next start. **2 RICH MOMMY**, who won the Grade 3 Sugar Swirl in December, and was 3<sup>rd</sup> behind the top choice in the Grade 3 Hurricane Bertie in January, makes her first start since dueling for the lead and tiring in the Grade 2 Inside Information on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

**1 DORITZA** is stepping up the competition looking to sit the 'trip' behind the speed and reap the spoils.

**SELECTIONS: 5-2-1**

**RACE 10:**

**8 MR. PAPILLON** is hoping to find a tad more at the \$10,000 level after rallying to come within a head of defeating \$12,500 conditioned claimer at the distance last out. **1 TIGER PAW** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the freshening to finish to finish 4<sup>th</sup> – to necks behind Mr. Papillon last out.

**6 GET A MOVE ON IT**, who has run well on the turf in the past, goes back to the turf after drawing clear on a sealed 'sloppy' track to defeat \$10,000 '2-lifetime' claimers at this distance.

**SELECTIONS: 8-1-6**

**RACE 11:**

**5 GRAN AVENTURA** is dropping to the bottom, and stretching out to a mile, after taking the overland route when finishing a wide 7<sup>th</sup> in her \$16,000 career debut contested at 6 furlongs. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael Jaramillo handling the stretchout.

**2 LUCILLE BULL** is another dropping to the bottom, and stretching out to a mile, after facing better in a series of sprint races from the \$16,000 to \$25,000 levels.

**4 COLLATERAL BEAUTY** is debuting locally after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> vs bottom level types going a mile & 40-yards at Tampa.

**SELECTIONS: 5-2-4**

**RACE 12:**

**7 MISS SOPHIA'S STAR** is dropping to the \$10,000 level with blinkers added after disputing the pace and weakening to finish 6<sup>th</sup> vs \$25,000 optional claimers. Trainer Donna Green spots her perfectly in the nightcap.

**8 MOMENTA KAT** is stepping up to face winners after leading every step of the way to break her maiden going a mile on a 'good' turf. Trainer Angel Rodriguez has Edgard Zayas named to ride. **1 DURVEN** is cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs after shipping up to Tampa to stalk the pace and weaken to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> vs similar quality on the turf.

**SELECTIONS: 7-8-1**

**BEST BET: RACE 7 – 3 ALTER MOON**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 6: 1 TERI'S BIG HEART**