



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

by *Ron Nicoletti*

Sunday, May 12, 2019

## RACE 1:

**5 W W CONCERTO** moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and stretches out to one of his most productive distances (19-5-6-2), after leading every step of the way to defeat similar at a mile.

**7 CHIRPING**, a previous winner at the distance, stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth after drawing clear to defeat \$6,250 conditioned claimers at a mile.

**1 SALSA JACK** is dropping to the \$6,250 level on the main track, and adding blinkers, hoping both karma changes produce an improved performance for trainer Juan Arriagada.

**SELECTIONS: 5-7-1**

## RACE 2:

**5 STARSHIP ARAMIS** is expected to show more after returning from the 2-month layoff to finish a late-closing 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance.

**6 ALPERES** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after showing some late interest in a pair vs similar going 7 ½ furlongs. **3 RESTART** is dropping to the bottom on the grass after facing tougher with limited success, which includes the late finishing 6<sup>th</sup> vs \$20,000 maidens last out; 2<sup>nd</sup>-time blinkers today.

**SELECTIONS: 5-6-3**

## RACE 3:

**3 HIGH ROLLING DUDE** moved to the Yvon Belsoeur barn via the claim, and makes his first start since drawing clear to crush a field of \$12,500 maidens at the distance, by 9 widening lengths.

**1 INTERLAKEN** will depart from the rail after encountering trouble in the stretch, finishing 4<sup>th</sup>, and being placed 3<sup>rd</sup> when **8 CAPE MARCO DRIVE** was disqualified from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. The latter is looking to keep a straight course through the stretch after proving he could win at this level and distance before the disqualification.

**SELECTIONS: 3-1-8**

## RACE 4:

**2 GENGHIS** is stretching out to 5 furlongs after the promising debut in which he edged out and closed to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in his 4 ½-furlong debut.

**3 CAJUN CASANOVA** is hoping to save move for the stretch drive after opening and relinquishing an early 4 ½-length lead before tiring to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Genghis. **4 BRIDGE** is a son of Hear No Evil, and a full-brother to Ballet Diva, who won 4 of 6 races as a 2-year-old, including the Susan's Girl, Cassidy, and House Party Stakes. Trainer Ralph Nicks adds Lasix, and jockey Albin Jimenez.

**SELECTIONS: 2-3-4**

## RACE 5:

**8 MORE MO** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after stepping up off the claim by trainer Joe Orseno and finishing a slow starting 5<sup>th</sup> vs \$20,000 conditioned claimers. **5 GOOD OLD BOY** is dropping to this level after facing better before the layoff with inconsistent results. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas handling the class relief.

**7 SIMMARDSTRIKE** is dropping to this level after following a pair of well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes on the Tampa turf with a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish vs a solid group of \$20,000 conditioned claimers; Angel Rodriguez rides.

**SELECTIONS: 8-5-7**

## RACE 6:

**5 SKYPHOS**, now in the Steve Klesaris barn, the daughter of Kantharos makes her first start since tracking the pace and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> when facing maiden special weight turf sprinters at the Championship Meet; Edgard Zayas rides.

**8 SCATTERED MIST**, a \$210,000 daughter of Scat Daddy, makes her first start since showing speed and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in her only start as a 2-year-old on the GP West turf. Trainer Christophe Clement adds Lasix, and Emisael Jaramillo to the mix.

**6 HANNAH'S STORM** has posted back-to-back bullet workouts in preparation for the first start since finishing a slow starting 6<sup>th</sup> behind Skyphos when they hooked up on March 24. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Feargal Lynch handling the rematch.

**2 NIKEE KAN** is going back to the turf after following the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish on the grass vs similar with a stalk-the-pace 2<sup>nd</sup> vs state-bred special weight runners going 6 furlongs on the main track. Trainer Joe Catanese has Miguel Vazquez handling the surface switch.

**SELECTIONS: 5-8-6-2**

**RACE 7:**

**2 ROSETTA'S GIFT** is cutting back to a 1-turn mile after 'hitting the board' in 4 consecutive races going longer on the Tampa main track. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Edgard Zayas atop the daughter of Two Step Salsa. **5 COUNTRY STRONG** is stretching out to a mile after rallying to 'hit the board' in a trio of local sprints vs similar quality. Trainer Dave Kassen has Jairo Rendon in the irons.

**8 YANSA** is another trying 8 furlongs after setting the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs similar going 6 ½ furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 2-5-8**

**RACE 8:**

**1 ARMS WIDE OPEN** is stepping up to face winners after returning from the freshening to shake off early pressure to defeat \$12,500 maidens at the distance, by 4 ½ lengths. Trainer Robert Falcone Jr has Victor Lebron named to ride. **7 LITTLE NICOLE** is dropping to the \$12,500 level in the first race since finishing a late closing 3<sup>rd</sup>, from a tough outside post, when facing \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimers during December. **6 NEWMANS FAST GIRL** is turning back to 5 furlongs, with blinkers added, after making a middle move and flattening out when finishing 5<sup>th</sup> going a mile last out.

**SELECTIONS: 1-7-6**

**RACE 9:**

**1 ABACO DREAM** is dropping to the \$20,000 level, and returning to the turf, after facing tougher on the synthetic surface at Turfway, and the dirt at the Keeneland last October. Trainer Wesley Ward is 23% with the synthetic-to-turf angle.

**6 MOTHERWELL**, aptly named on Mother's Day, drops a notch after surrendering a late lead when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$25,000 conditioned claimers last out. **4 QUICK POINT** moved to the Bob Hess Jr barn via the claim, and adds blinkers, after finishing late running 6<sup>th</sup> when facing \$20,000 claimers while in the Todd Pletcher barn.

**SELECTIONS: 1-6-4**

**RACE 10:**

**4 HELLO JULIET**, in for the \$12,500 tag in this state-bred optional claimer, stretches out to 7 furlongs in the first race since defeating similar going three-quarters of a mile during February. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Jonathan Gonzales named to ride. **7 GIOIELLI** is turning back to 7 furlongs on the main track in the first start since setting the pace and weakening to finish 4<sup>th</sup> going 2-turns on the turf here last August. Trainer Todd Pletcher is 32% with the 180 days-plus layoff. **3 TIZ POSSIBLE DEAR** is stretching out an additional furlong after returning from the layoff to defeat \$35,000 conditioned claimers going 5 furlongs on a sloppy track. Trainer Aubrey Maragh has Tony Maragh named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 4-7-3**

**RACE 11:**

**4 ANJALI** can score at a price in the nightcap after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at this level and distance. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

**7 ENDUROS TIGRESS** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after tracking the pace and 'hitting the board' in 3 consecutive turf sprints at the \$20,000 level.

**3 GO GIRL GONE**, now in the Lonnie Arterburn barn, figures after dropping to this level and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Anjali last out.

**SELECTIONS: 4-7-3**

**BEST BET: RACE 9 - 1 ABACO DREAM**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 11: 4 ANJALI**