



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

5 SASSY LASSY is dropping to the \$12,500 level in the first start since chasing the pace along the inside, making a 5-wide move on the turn, and finishing 4th vs \$25,000 maidens. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has Edgard Zayas handling the dropdown.

1 GO GIRL GONE is another dropping to this level after finishing a troubled 5th (steadied) vs \$20,000 maidens last out. **3 GRAN SURPRISE** is shifting her focus to the turf after showing speed vs similar on the main track. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Richard Mitchell named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-3

RACE 2:

5 IDENTIFIER, the only proven commodity at the distance, is stepping up to face winners after using his speed to wire a field of maiden special weight runners at a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Jorge Navarro has Emisael Jaramillo going for 2 in a row. **1 PROMO CODE**, who scratched out of the 7-furlong Roar Stakes on Saturday, is stretching out around 2-turns after cruising to victory in his 7-furlong debut. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Edgard Zayas atop the \$450,000 son of Union Rags.

6 FED FEVER is going back to the main track after tilting windmills when trying the turf in the \$100,000 Dania Beach fresh off the maiden special weight victory in December.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-6

RACE 3:

7 LUCKY MILADY, by a sire that is 5 for 32 with his 2-year-old first-time starters, the daughter of Itsmyluckyday debuts for trainer Ed Plesa Jr, who sports a 21% win average with his freshman runners. **4 SPARTANKA** debuts for trainer Mikhail Yanakov with a string of flashy morning workouts showing at Palm Meadows, which includes the recent 3-furlong bullet in 36 & 1.

3 LUCKYTOHAVEMYVICKI is a daughter of Shanghai Bobby debuting for trainer Mike Yates, who has an 18% win average with his 2-year-old first-time starters.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-3

RACE 4:

6 ELLAS MY LOVE is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after drawing clear to defeat a trio of next-out winners in a \$12,500 conditioned claimer contested at 6 ½ furlongs.

4 BAD STUDENT, in the \$16,000 tag in this optional claimer, turns back to a sprint distance after showing speed and weakening in a pair of \$25,000 optional claimers going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Jason Servis is 28% with the route to sprint angle. **3 FAST PASS**, looking for his first victory since 2017, cuts back to three-quarters of a mile after taking the overland route and finishing 5th vs \$25,000 optional claimers going 7 furlongs. Trainer Peter Walder tabs leading jock Paco Lopez to ride.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-3

RACE 5:

8 SHE'LL DO is stretching out to a mile on the turf, and removing the blinkers, after showing tactical speed and weakening late vs better when sprinting on the dirt. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Edgard Zayas named on the daughter of Hard Spun.

2 NOVELLA is dropping to the \$20,000 level after showing some late interest in a pair of maiden special weight races on the Tampa turf. Trainer Christophe Clement has Emisael Jaramillo handling the daughter of Red Rocks. **6 FOR KICKS** moved to the Yvon Belsoeur barn via the claim after failing to launch a substantial rally when beaten 5 lengths going a mile and a sixteenth here in early February. The barn, 33% with recent claims, has Samy Camacho named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 8-2-6

RACE 6:

7 GREAT KAHUNA is cutting back a tad to 7 ½ furlongs after leading from flag-fall to finish to defeat \$35,000 maidens at a mile. Trainer Mark Casse has the gelded son of Smart Strike training forwardly for this assignment.

3 BAD TO THE CORE (FR) is cutting back after proving he could succeed at the \$35,000 level when he followed the narrow defeat vs \$20,000 open claimers with a late rallying 3rd – beaten a half-length - vs \$35,000 starter optional claimers.

1 QUASAR MOON moved to the Oscar Gonzalez barn via the claim after rallying to defeat \$25,000 open claimers while in the Todd Pletcher barn. The gelded son of Orb should sit the 'trip' behind what looks like a hot pace setup.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-1

RACE 7:

5 SWEET KAYDEN is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and trying a 1-turn mile on the dirt, after dueling for the lead and tiring to finish 6th vs \$20,000 claimers going a 2-turn mile on the grass. Trainer Jorge Navarro has Victor Lebron quarterbacking the surface switch. **1 OUR PRIDE** will depart from the rail after dueling for the lead and just getting nailed for 2nd money when finishing 3rd at this level and distance. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Jaramillo handling the inside draw.

2 EIGHTS AND ACES is dropping to the \$12,500 level on the main track in the first start since showing speed vs \$25,000 conditioned claimers on the GP West turf. He may prove too fast for this group if ready.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-2

RACE 8:

4 BERN' JAMES BERN is dropping a peg on the optional claiming scale after returning from the 2-month layoff to come within a neck of defeating \$35,000 optional claimers at this 9-furlong distance. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Samy Camacho in the irons. **6 PASSPORT TO CHAOS** is stretching out to a mile and an eighth after shaking off early trouble to finish 4th vs entry-level allowance runners going a mile. Trainer Jason Servis has Emisael Jaramillo handling the added distance.

11 STRIKE MIDNIGHT is making his first start since recovering from an unprepared start to finish 4th in a \$60,000 overnight stake here during January. The 6-year-old son of Smart Strike, in for the \$25,000 tag in this optional claimer, has Marcos Meneses in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-11

RACE 9:

9 STRIKE POWER, the 2018 Grade 3 Swale Stakes winner, and the 2nd place finisher in the Grade 2 Fountain of Youth, is making his 4-year-old debut for trainer Mark Hennig the first start since the string of double-digit length defeats before being sent to the sidelines. The son of Speightstown is training sharply over the track in preparation for this assignment.

4 BE GONE DADDY is back in the optional claiming ranks after his 2-race win streak ended when failed to fire when finishing a distant 4th in the Grade 2 GP Mile. **5 DIAL OPERATOR** is making his 4-year-old debut for trainer Jason Servis the first race since back-to-back New Jersey-bred allowance victories at Monmouth last summer. The winner of 4 of 5 career races, has Paco Lopez atop the son of Dialed In.

SELECTIONS: 9-4-5

RACE 10:

3 I LOVE SHOPPING, a half-sister to super turf sprinter Imprimis, is debuting on the grass at a mile after hitting the board in 1 of 2 state-bred special weight sprints on the main track. Trainer Tim Hills, 29% with the dirt-to-turf angle, has Angel Rodriguez handling the surface change. **8 LA CHAUFFEUR**, now in the Ralph Nicks barn, the daughter of Cairo Prince has been knocking on the door in consecutive races at this level and should find an easier time either dictating or stalking the pace. The new barn tabs Edgard Zayas to ride. **2 MATCHA** is stepping up the competition after closing to finish 3rd by repeat winner Chilled Milk in a \$35,000 maiden test at the distance. Trainer John Kimmel has Victor Lebron astride the 4-year-old daughter of Macho Uno.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-2

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 4 BERN' JAMES BERN

LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 2 MATCHA