



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

2 ARIEL B is making her first start since the successful maiden special weight debut in which she led every step of the way to break her maiden at Gulfstream West. Trainer Jason Servis has Irad Ortiz Jr in the saddle. **6 SECRET RECIPE**, who has shown the ability to 'come from off the pace' at this abbreviated distance, can end up sitting in the catbird seat behind the speed. Trainer Reid Nagle has Jorge Ruiz named to ride. **7 MISS LAMBORGHINI** is eligible to show more after responding to the surface switch with a duel-for-the-lead-and-weaken 4th place finish at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-7

RACE 2:

6 BODY HIGH is stretching out to seven-eighths of a mile after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 2nd place finish – beaten a nose as the odds-on choice – going 6 ½ furlongs. **7 DRA. PADILLA** is stepping up, and turning back, after shaking off trouble at the start (bumped, veered out) to finish 3rd vs \$12,500 maidens going a 1-turn mile. Trainer Jose Velez, who also conditions Body High, will have Irad Ortiz Jr atop this half of the uncoupled entry.

2 ROCKET QUEEN is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and turning back to seven-eighths of a mile, after setting the pace and retreating when facing \$25,000 maidens going a mile last out. Trainer Armando De la Cerda is 22% with the turnback move.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-2

RACE 3:

3 R LIMO JOE is dropping to the \$30,000 level, and returning to the main track, in the first start since showing speed and hitting the board in 1 of 2 \$50,000 turf sprint handicaps before the layoff. Trainer Ralph Ziadie, 38% with the turf-to-dirt angle, has Edgard Zayas returning on the 4-time winner on a fast-main track (8-4-0-1). **1 RANGER IN PARADISE** moved to the Tim Hills barn via the claim, and breaks from the rail, after rallying to finish 2nd – as the 3-to-5 favorite – at this level and distance last out; Tyler Gaffalione rides.

2 SAUCY DON is turning back to three-quarters of a mile in the first race since dueling for the lead and finishing 3rd behind Ranger in Paradise when they hooked up at 7 furlongs on December 26th.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-2

RACE 4:

2 JEREMIAH JEWEL was solid in defeat when she rallied to come within a neck of breaking her maiden at this level and distance. Trainer Dale Romans has Luca Panici in the saddle again. **9 LEDECKY** is stretching out to a mile after returning from the 9-month plus layoff to track the pace and finish 3rd vs this caliber of competition going 7 ½ furlongs.

1 ALEXANDRAS JOY, a well-meant 2nd on the grass at this distance during December, is stretching out after making a bid and flattening out when finishing 4th going 7 ½ furlongs in her last. Trainer Antonio Sano has Jose Ortiz handling the inside draw.

SELECTIONS: 2-9-1

RACE 5:

5 POOPSIE DOOPSIE is turning back to what has clearly been her best distance (8-2-1-3) after showing speed and fading to finish 4th in back-to-back races going 6 furlongs. Trainer Angel Rodriguez, 24% with the 61-180 days layoff, has Irad Ortiz Jr handling the return to action. **6 PROPER PRINCESS**, who finished 2nd in front of Poopsie Doopsie during November and December, is hoping to rebound on a fast surface after coming up empty on a wet track listed as 'good' last out. **7 DREAMING OF ACA** is cutting back to 5 ½ furlongs after making a late move to finish 2nd vs similar opposition going three-quarters of a mile last out.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-7

RACE 6:

7 LOVE NEST is a daughter of Tizway debuting for trainer Mike Maker in an ideal spot for a first-time starter to be successful. Trainer Maker, 20% with his debut maiden claimers, adds Lasix, and jockey Jose Ortiz to the equation.

6 CAPTAIN BOBER is hoping to show more in his 2nd race after encountering trouble at the start (bumped) and finishing 5th in his 1-mile career debut at this level. **3 LOVEWORSHIPSPEACE** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, and racing without the blinkers, after making a bid and finishing 5th vs similar going 7 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Christine Wasilewski keeps it light with apprentice Aby Medina at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 7-6-3

RACE 7:

3 SUBLIME APPEAL, who showed ability on the turf before the layoff, which includes a well-meant 4th place finish in the \$100,000 Millions Turf Preview, returns to action for trainer Juan Rizo with a consistent morning work tab showing. The lightly raced 6-year-old is worth a flyer at a price.

7 ADONIS CREED is stretching out to a mile after setting the pace and just getting caught at the wire by repeat winner Conquest Sandman going 7 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Mark Casse has Jose Lezcano in the saddle. **5 GORGEOUS KITTEN** is dropping into the claiming ranks after showing early interest and fading in the \$75,000 Tropical Park Derby. Trainer Mike Maker has Jose Ortiz named on the multiple graded-stakes placed son of Kitten's Joy.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-5

RACE 8:

5 SILENCER is making her 4-year-old debut the first start since breaking her maiden going a mile and a sixteenth at Monmouth last June. Trainer Bill Mott has the \$300,000 daughter of Quality Road firing bullets at Payson Park in preparation for this assignment; John Velazquez rides. **2 WHAT ABOUT TONIGHT** is turning back to a mile with blinkers added after setting the pace – from an outside post – and tiring to finish 3rd going a 2-turn mile and a sixteenth here last out. Trainer Jorge Navarro is 31% with first-time blinkers. **4 LONGSTOCKING** is stretching out after shipping in from Parx for trainer Michael Lerman and finishing a rallying 2nd in a race moved from the turf to 7 furlongs on a wet track listed as 'good'; Javier Castellano rides.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-4

RACE 9:

8 SO HI SOCIETY is making her North American debut for trainer Chad Brown after racing exclusively in sprint races on the turf in Europe. The daughter of Society Rock, who is working consistently on the Palm Meadows turf, has Jose Ortiz handling her first journey around 2-turns. **5 PASS IT ON** is stepping up to face winners after her successful sophomore debut here in which she closed to break her maiden at a mile in game fashion. Trainer Shug McGaughey adds 2nd-time Lasix, and has John Velazquez going for 2 in a row. **4 BERNADETTA**, a daughter of Bernardini, will shift her focus to the turf after the pair of 4th place finishes on the main track. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Javier Castellano atop the Stonestreet Stables homebred.

SELECTIONS: 8-5-4

RACE 10:

5 INTACTUS is dropping to the \$12,500 level after following her \$16,000 claiming victory on a sealed 'sloppy' track with an awkward starting 4th place finish at the \$25,000 level. **3 TWO TIMING GIRL** moved to the Bobby Dibona barn via the claim, and drops to this level, after encountering traffic problems and finishing last behind Intactus going 6 ½ furlongs in the 'slop'. Trainer Dibona, 35% with recent claims, has Irad Ortiz Jr in the saddle. **1 SALSA RITA** moved to the Tammy Levy barn via the claim, and steps up to tussle with winners, after a couple of solid maiden efforts, including the hard-fought victory last out.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-1

RACE 11:

10 LINDA NIN is stretching out around 2 turns after the pair of solid performances vs this level of competition going 5 furlongs, which includes the 2nd place finish 2 starts back, and the troubled (steadied) 5th place finish in her last start. **8 MAKE BIG MONEY** is returning from the layoff with the great equalizer on her side – speed! The concern is the zero-for-24 record on the Gulfstream turf. **1 DOINTHEWATUSI** is hoping to find another effort like her last when she dueled throughout and finished 2nd – at 16-1 – at this level and distance last out.

SELECTIONS: 10-8-1

BEST BET: RACE 11 - 10 LINDA NIN

LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 3 SUBLIME APPEAL