



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

4 DEXTER is dropping to the \$20,000 level with blinkers added after stalking the pace and flattening out when finishing 5th at the distance vs \$35,000 maidens. **6 JAMAICAN**, who was a set-the-pace 4th vs maiden special weight competition when trying this distance on the dirt back in March, returns to the main track looking to be a major piece of the pace puzzle. **5 CURIOSO** is dropping back to this level after breaking slowly from the rail when finishing 5th vs \$30,000 maidens.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-5

RACE 2:

4 TRANSLATE SLOWLY is gelded son of Kantharos, out of the Labeeb (GB) mare Ms. Lydona, who is bred on both sides of the family tree to relish the turf. Trainer David Fawkes adds Lasix, and jockey Victor Lebron to the equation. **5 BIFF** is a gelded son of Brethren debuting for Arindel and trainer Oscar Gonzalez with Lasix, and Jairo Rendon named to ride. The tote action should tell us more. **1 VENERATE** is a son of Treasure Beach debuting for trainer Antonio Sano with a series of solid workouts showing over the GP West main track; Luca Panici rides.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-1

RACE 3:

2 MR. KISSES moved to the Juan Arriagada barn via the claim, and faces \$6,250 open-claimers, after returning from the layoff to duel for the lead and finish 3rd – as the favorite - vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers going 6 furlongs. **1 NORTHERN**, a sharp winner, on a 'good' track, at this level and distance 2 starts back, drops after making a middle move for the lead before fading at the ¼-pole to finish 6th in the 'slop vs \$10,000 claimers. Trainer Liz Dobles tabs Edgard Zayas to ride. **4 HACKLETON** is cutting back to 5 ½ furlongs after following a solid score going 6 furlongs 2 starts back, with a stalk-and-fade outing, also at 6 furlongs last out.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-4

RACE 4:

5 MONFORTE, a son of Carpe Diem, is debuting on the turf after showing speed and weakening late going 4 ½ and 5 furlongs, respectively, on the main track. Trainer Antonio Sano adds 2nd-time blinkers.

2 OIL COLONY is a \$75,000 son of Bernardini debuting for trainer Mark Casse with a string of solid workouts showing, on both dirt and turf, at Palm Meadows. The colt gets Lasix, and has apprentice Cristian Torres in the saddle.

7 SAINT BENEVOLENCE is stepping up the competition after showing a fondness for the turf with finishing 2nd in his \$35,000 debut on the grass.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-7

RACE 5:

1 TUESDAY'S ROSE moved to Carlos David barn via the claim, and turns back to three-quarters of a mile after posting her 2nd consecutive victory when defeating this level of competition at 6 ½ furlongs.

2 BODY HIGH drops to the \$6,250 level, and stretches out to 6 furlongs, after closing to finish a distant 2nd in a \$12,500 claimer contested at 5 ½ furlongs. The additional distance should bolster her chances.

6 OUR ADDI BELLE, a new face on the local scene, debuts locally for trainer Peter Walder as a 5-time winner at the distance, and a 9-time winner overall. I like the fact that Edgard Zayas hops aboard.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-6

RACE 6:

1 GOOD OLD BOY is going back to the turf after following his driving '2-lifetime' victory on the turf with a hard-fought 2nd in a race moved from the grass to a 1-turn mile on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas handling the inside draw.

5 SHIDOSHI is hoping to find a tad more for the stretch drive after surrendering a late 4 ½-length lead when finishing 2nd – beaten a head as the favorite last out. Trainer Antonio Sano secures the services of Luca Panici, as Edgard sticks with the top choice.

4 SWEET KAYDEN moved to the Rasharn Creque barn, and faces \$10,000 conditioned claimers on the turf, after dueling and finishing a distant 3rd – as the odds-on choice – vs \$12,500 going 6 ½ panels on the dirt; Tyler Gaffalione rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-4

RACE 7:

5 CAT CAY is stretching out to 5 ½ furlongs after stalking the pace and finishing a promising 2nd in her \$12,500 debut going 4 ½ furlongs. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Edgard Zayas returning on the daughter of Brethren. **6 WAIKIKI**, another daughter of Brethren from Arindel, has her claiming tag carved in half after chasing the pace and fading to finish 3rd vs \$25,000 maidens at 5 furlongs. **4 SNOW AND LILYLYNN** is another eligible to take step forward after finishing a workman-like 3rd behind Cat Cay in their respective debuts.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-4**RACE 8:**

2 TIMMY M. is heading back to the turf, and facing allowance optional claiming competition, after following his 4th place finish behind classy Vow Me Now in the \$75,000 English Channel with poor showing in the rained out Thirsty Fish, which was moved to 7 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. The sophomore faces older horse with Jairo Rendon in the saddle.

1 BAFFIN BAY, in for the hefty \$75,000 tag in this optional claimer, will try to make it 2 in a row after surviving a stretch duel to defeat \$35,000 claimers going 7 ½ furlongs. **4 GRAND JOURNEY** was sharp in victory when he stalked early, and drew clear late, to defeat \$35,000 optional claimers at this 1-mile distance. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-4**RACE 9:**

10 MISS MARIU is dropping to the \$6,250 level on the main track after facing better on the turf with inconsistent results. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr is 37% with the grass to dirt angle. **7 RAPID RIVER** is dropping to this level, and turning back to a 1-turn mile, after showing early interest and fading to get beat a ton vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on a sealed 'sloppy' track.

2 UNCAPTURED ANGEL moved to the Gillian Andreasen barn via the claim, and looks to save more for the latter stages of the race after the set-the-pace-and-retreat at this level and distance last out.

SELECTIONS: 10-7-2**RACE 10: THE RICHARD H LEE**

1 SALUTE THE COLONEL, the only proven commodity at this marathon 12-furlong distance, will try to make it 2 in a row after winning the 1 ½-mile Home of the Brave, despite the fact that he was carried wide in the stretch last out.

3 MARSHALL EDDY will try to use his speed to turn the tables on the Colonel after setting the pace before drifting out in the stretch and settling for 2nd in the Home of the Brave. Trainer Joe Catanese has Luca Panici named to ride. **7 WHISKY N ROSES** gets the services of popular Peruvian pilot Edgar Prado after rallying to finish 3rd behind the top 2 in the Home of the Brave. It can be déjà vu all over again.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-7**RACE 11:**

8 FIRST AND THREE, a distant 2nd behind G1 Florida Derby winner Maximum Security in a \$50,000 starter optional claimer during February, will face \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers after returning from the layoff to run a respectable 4th vs \$35,000 starter optional types at the distance last out. Trainer David Fawkes spots the son of First Dude perfectly vs older horses. **2 GLORY OF FLORIDA** is stretching out to 7 furlongs after taking the overland route when finishing a wide 4th vs this level of competition going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Antonio Sano tabs red-hot jock Tyler Gaffalione to ride. **1 POLAR JET**, an impressive winner at this level 2 starts back, albeit at 6 furlongs, stretches out after breaking slowly from the rail and finishing 3rd vs 4 rivals in a \$16,000 optional claimer going 6 furlongs. Trainer Jorge Navarro has Victor Lebron trying to get the gelding out of the gate in a timely fashion.

SELECTIONS: 8-2-1**RACE 12:**

8 PATTY HEANEY is a daughter of Young Brian (Hard Spun) debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks with Lasix, and a solid morning work tab showing. Trainer Nicks, whose 2-year-olds have been running lights out, tabs Tyler Gaffalione to ride. **4 REMARKABLE SILVER** is a daughter of Treasure Beach debuting for trainer Joe Orseno with Lasix, and 7 local workouts showing in preparation for this turf assignment; Jairo Rendon rides. **2 GEA**, a daughter of Animal Kingdom, who is bred to love the turf, debuts for trainer Oscar Gonzalez with a trio of sharp workouts over the Palm Meadows main track showing. The freshman gets Lasix, and has Carlos Lugo at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 8-4-2**BEST BET: RACE 5 – 1 TUESDAY'S ROSE****LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – 8 FIRST AND THREE**