



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**2 PARTICULARITY** is dropping back to his best level thus far on the turf after making a 5-wide move to finish 5<sup>th</sup> in a 5-furlong special weight sprint moved from the turf to a sealed 'sloppy' track. **6 GIANT DILEMMA** is another dropping to the \$25,000 level after showing some early interest and fading in a series of maiden special weight races at the distance. **7 KID KANTHAROS** was given some time to regroup after showing speed and retreating in a trio of races at the distance before the layoff. Trainer Fernando Abreu has Miguel Vasquez in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 2-6-7**

## RACE 2:

**1 VICKY QUEEN** will depart from the rail after following her '2-lifetime' victory at the distance with a duel throughout 3<sup>rd</sup> -beaten a half-length – at this level and distance. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr teams with Edgard Zayas. **4 UP THE ROAD** is dropping to the \$6,250 level after returning from the freshening and failing to fire when facing \$16,000 conditioned claimers going 7 furlongs on wet surface listed as 'good'. **3 WHITE MOON** is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after tracking the pace throughout and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind the top choice and Diana's Comprise.

**SELECTIONS: 1-4-3**

## RACE 3:

**5 SALAS JACK** is plunging to the \$12,500 level after facing tougher on the turf with inconsistent results. The red-hot Jonathan Thomas barn tabs leading jock Tyler Gaffalione to ride. **6 TENDOWNINGSTREET** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after tracking the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> – as the odds-on choice - behind repeat winner Kikinboy going a mile last out.

**2 GRAN NETWORK**, listed as a gelding, the son of Dialed In was given some time off after the poor showing vs this caliber of competition on April 15. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Miguel Vasquez in the saddle again.

**SELECTIONS: 5-6-2**

## RACE 4:

**1 SOL DAT SUGAR** is making her first start since responding to the dropdown to this level and distance with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish behind a pair of next-out winners. **8 HERECOMESTHEGHOST** is turning back after returning from the layoff to open and surrender a 3-length lead when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$10,000 claimers going 7 furlongs on a 'good' track. **4 KITTIAN HILL** is making her second start at this level and distance after setting the pace and settling for 2<sup>nd</sup> for trainer Rohan Crichton and jockey David Boraco.

**SELECTIONS: 1-8-4**

## RACE 5:

**1 PERFECT TAY**, who fits the conditions of the race perfectly, the 8-time winner, which includes 6 victories on the local turf, is hoping for a clean trip after having to check along the rail when finishing 5<sup>th</sup> vs \$12,500 open-claimers in his last. **8 GREGORY SUN** moved to the Bobby Dibona barn via the claim, and steps back up to the \$16,000 level, after getting nailed at the wire – as the favorite - when dropped to the \$10,000 level last out. **4 SMART RETURN** will try to rebound vs \$16,000 conditioned claimers after breaking slowly and never getting untracked when finishing 7<sup>th</sup> vs state-bred optional claimers last out. Trainer Peter Walder, who has 2 in the race (Lucky Kitten), has Tyler Gaffalione handling this half of his uncoupled entry.

**SELECTIONS: 1-8-4**

**RACE 6:**

**6 LITTLE TOE** will try to make it 2 in a row after responding to the surface switch from turf to a sealed 'sloppy' track with a \$35,000 maiden victory at 7 furlongs. **3 AGUJERO** is stretching out to his best distance thus far after failing to reel in repeat winner Prince Tito when facing tougher in a \$25,000 optional claimer contested at 7 furlongs on a 'good' track. **4 BIG FRIDGE** is making the usually fruitful 3<sup>rd</sup> start back from the layoff after encountering trouble at the start (steadied) and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> at this level and distance.

**SELECTIONS: 6-3-4****RACE 7:**

**2 UNCLE B** is returning the allowance optional claiming ranks after highlighting his current sharp form with a well-meant 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the \$75,000 Miesque's Approval. Trainer Lilli Kurtinecz has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride.

**6 CUT TO ORDER**, in for the \$25,000 tag in this optional claimer, is making his 1<sup>st</sup> start since closing to finish in a dead heat for the victory in a \$25,000 conditioned claimer going a mile.

**1 GLOBAL ENTRY** will break from the rail trying to turn the tables on Uncle B after finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> behind him, respectively, during March and April.

**SELECTIONS: 2-6-1****RACE 8: THE OCALA FLAME**

**3 KING HUMOR** is making his stakes debut after following his impressive debut maiden victory with a hard-fought score over well-meant Reed Kan and next-out Roar Stakes winner Tuxor Expectations. **2 NOBLE DRAMA** is back home after shipping up to Tampa and winning the mile & 40-yard \$100,000 Silver Charm Sire Stakes. Trainer David Fawkes has Tyler Gaffalione handling the turnback to 6 ½ furlongs.

**6 TAKE YOUR PLACE** is turning back to this distance after following an impressive \$35,000 allowance optional claiming victory at 6 furlongs with a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish vs \$75,000 types going 7 furlongs in his last.

**SELECTIONS: 3-2-6****RACE 9:**

**3 SHIM**, now in the Larry Pilotti barn, the gelding drops to the \$10,000 level, and turns back to the distance where he broke his maiden, in the first start since tracking the pace and fading in a 7 ½-furlong \$30,000 '2-lifetime' claimer on New Year's Day. **10 LONG BLADE** is dropping a notch after returning from the freshening to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$12,500 maidens at the distance. Trainer Armando De la Cerda has go-to jock Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle. **12 GRAN MALBEC** is stepping up to the next level after using his speed to defeat \$12,500 maidens by 3-plus lengths. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has apprentice Reylu Gutierrez handling the outside post.

**SELECTIONS: 3-10-12****BEST BET: RACE 7 – 2 UNCLE B****LONGSHOT: RACE 5: 1 PERFECT TAY**