Wednesday, June 6, 2018

RACE 1:
2 DELICIOUS PURSUIT, who beat older horses in front running style and when notching her 2nd career victory last out, breaks from an improved post after that gutsy win from Post 11.
6 DAWN LIGHTNING may finally get the perfect setup needed to compliment her stalking style in a race that should have more than enough pace for her to target. **8 RICHIE'S SISTER** makes her first start since coming within a neck of defeating a competitive group of $25,000 optional claimers here last June. Trainer Dave Braddy has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-8

RACE 2:
3 DIPLOMATIC AFFAIR is dropping to the $12,500 level on the main track in the first start since failing to get untracked vs $16,000 state-bred optional claimers on the turf. Trainer Ziadie, 29% with the turf-to-dirt angle at Gulfstream, has leading jock Tyler Gaffalione in the saddle.
4 HELEN VIRGINIA moved to the Ralph Nicks barn via the claim, and stretches out to a mile, after drawing off to defeat $12,500 conditioned claimers at 7 furlongs last out. The new connections tab Jeffrey Sanchez to ride.
5 GRACE'S DRAMA is stepping up, and turning back, after drawing clear to defeat 5 rivals by 17 ½ lengths when the race was moved from the turf to a mile and a sixteenth on a 'good' main track. Watch the skies and bet accordingly.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-5

RACE 3:
7 TACTICAL PURSUIT is making his first start since finishing a promising 3rd behind Jim Bond-trained Prioritize at this level and distance. Trainer Mark Casse, who has 2 in the race (5 Postimpressionist), tabs Emisael Jaramillo to ride the $350,000 son of Tiznow. **3 UNCLE LARRY**, a gelded son of Uncle Mo, is shifting to the turf in the first start since breaking awkwardly from the rail and finishing 3rd in his sprint debut at Gulfstream West last October; Tyler Gaffalione rides in the intriguing possibility.
1 FRENCH EMPIRE is a daughter of Street Sense facing the boys for trainer George Weaver with a string of solid workouts showing at Palm Beach Downs. The sophomore gets Lasix and has Nik Juarez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-1

RACE 4:
7 SALSA RITA is dropping to the $12,500 level after following her impressive $16,000 conditioned claiming victory at this 5 ½-furlong distance with a stalk-and-flatten 4th place showing against $35,000 optional claimers going three-quarters of a mile last out.
6 STELLAMATTUTINA is another getting some major class relief after returning from the 6-month plus layoff to chase the pace and fade vs $35,000 optional claimers. **1 NOTHINS FREE**, 4th behind Salsa Rita at this distance 2 starts back, will depart from the rail after finishing a distant 2nd vs $12,500 conditioned claimers contested at three-quarters of a mile.

SELECTIONS: 7-6-1

RACE 5:
3 YAWL LYIN is dropping to the $40,000 level after shaking off trouble at the start (steadied) to finish an improving 4th vs maiden special weight competition; Tyler Gaffalione hops aboard.
5 BOUND BI LUCK is shipping in for trainer Jane Cibelli and making his first start since showing promise in his 2-race turf campaign at Delaware last summer. The son of Lookin At Lucky is training forwardly at Palm Meadows and has Nik Juarez at the controls. **2 ALLURSTRA** is going back to the turf after returning the 10-month layoff to finish a duel-and-fade 5th in a race moved from a mile on the lawn to 7 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Terri Pompay has improving apprentice Reylu Gutierrez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-2

RACE 6:
4 CAUTIOUS GIANT is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after dueling throughout and finishing 2nd – beaten a length by classy Classic Rock – in the 6 ½-furlong $75,000 Jeblar last out.
2 REASON TO SOAR will try to make it three in a row after following his state-bred allowance score at 7 furlongs with an equally game victory vs $25,000 optional claimers going 6 ½ furlongs last out. **1 THREE RULES**, the winner of more than $967,000, is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after returning from the layoff to stalk the pace and faded to 5th in the 7-furlong $100,000 Big Drama last out. Trainer Jose Pinchin, 20% with sprinters making the 2nd start back from a layoff, has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-1

RACE 7:
3 REVOLVING SON is going back to what is clearly his preferred surface (2-1-0-1) after returning from the layoff and failing to fire in a $20,000 claimer moved to the dirt. Trainer Armando De la Cerda has Emisael Jaramillo handling the surface switch.

4 FALSE ACCUSATION is stepping up to face winners after using his speed from the rail to defeat $20,000 maidens going 7 ½ furlongs on a 'good' turf. Trainer John Servis has Nik Juarez guiding the son of Blame.
1 RYTHMOFSIMMARD is making his first start since rallying to finish 4th behind next-out winner The Accuser at this level and distance. Trainer Jena Antonucci has Romero Ramsay in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-1

RACE 8: _THE LIZA JANE_
3 FLORIDA FUEGO is turning back to a sprint distance locally after following her victory in the 7-furlong $100,000 Sophomore Fillies with a 3rd place finish in the mile & 40-yard Ivanavinalot Florida Sire Stakes at Tampa. Trainer David Fawkes has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride.
5 OOLA GAL is making her stakes debut after returning from the layoff to defeat state-bred allowance runners with a visually sharp late move. Trainer Leo Azpurua Jr has Nik Juarez returning on the daughter of Quality Road.
6 LUZMIMI PRINCESS is hoping to bounce back at 6 ½ furlongs after following her open-length allowance victory going 6 furlongs with a slow starting 6th in the 7-furlong $75,000 Game Face.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-6

RACE 9:
2 DRAFT was given some time off after responding to a dropdown in competition with a 3rd place finish in a productive race, at this level and distance, that has produced a pair of next-out winners. **1 LADY AND ME** is dropping to the $12,500 level after failing to earn a top-three finish in a trio of turf races at the $35-50,000 levels. **10 NORMAL SINUS** is hoping for a clear trip after getting clogged soon after the start (bumped), dueling for the lead, and weakening from her earlier efforts to finish 6th vs this caliber of competition.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-10

BEST BET: RACE 6 – 4 CAUTIOUS GIANT

LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 3 REVOLVING SON