



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**2 DELICIOUS PURSUIT**, who beat older horses in front running style and when notching her 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Jim Bond-trained Priorize 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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**, 4<sup>th</sup> behind Salsa Rita at this distance 2 starts back, will depart from the rail after finishing a distant 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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 5<sup>th</sup> in the 7-furlong \$100,000 Big Drama last out. Trainer Jose Pinchin, 20% with sprinters making the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the mile & 40-yard Ivanavalot 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> vs this caliber of competition.

**SELECTIONS: 2-1-10**

**BEST BET: RACE 6 – 4 CAUTIOUS GIANT**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 3 REVOLVING SON**