



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**1 EARNESTINE N HAZEL (IRE)** is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, after rallying to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$16,000 types going 7 ½ furlongs. The sophomore drops to her lowest level for Saffie and Edgard.

**11 BLAZINONBAYOU** wheels back after responding to the dropdown in competition with 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at this level and distance. Trainer John Shaw has Luca Panici up.

**6 STREAKING GREY** is dropping to this level, and taking the blinkers off, after breaking poorly from a tough outside post (12) and failing to get untracked vs \$16,000 maidens. She's worth a flyer at a price.

**SELECTIONS: 1-11-6**

## RACE 2:

**3 DAVID'S ROSE** is dropping to the \$12,500 level on the main track, and adding blinkers, after returning from the layoff and taking the overland route when wide vs \$35,000 maidens going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr is 19% with the surface switch. **4 ADIOS DIXIE** is a Dan Pita homebred daughter of Adios Charlie who may have tipped her hand with the solid workout pattern at Palm Meadows, which includes the recent 5-furlong bullet in 1:00 & 2. **5 WOW TAPIT** is freefalling to the \$12,500 level after failing to show much in her maiden special weight debut back in May. Amador Sanchez is 17% with similar class drops.

**SELECTIONS: 3-4-5**

## RACE 3:

**8 WHISKEYONHISLIPS** is dropping to the \$35,000 level on the turf after facing tougher on the dirt with mixed results (4-0-2-0). The son of Lookin At Lucky is a half-brother to Mamba on Three, who is 3 for 4 on the local turf.

**3 PO BOY** is a son of Mo Tom (Uncle Mo) debuting for trainer Kelsey Danner with solid turf breeding on both sides of the family tree. The freshman, working consistently at Palm Meadows, has Angel Arroyo at the controls. **5 NEOPHYTE** is a son of Neolithic debuting for trainer Ron Spatz with leading jock Edgard Zayas named to ride. The tote action should tell us more.

**SELECTIONS: 8-3-5**

## RACE 4:

**2 NACHO PAPA**, claimed in 5 of his last 6 races, the popular gelding, now in the Jose D'Angelo barn, wheels back after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs similar going a mile on a sealed sloppy track. The hard-knocking 5-year-old will have Samy Camacho in the saddle. **3 CREATIVE CLOUD** is hoping to get away in a timely fashion after breaking slowly and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance last out. Leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas named to ride. **4 UNO TIGER** put it all together when trainer Kathleen O'Connell stretched him out from 6 to 8 furlongs last out. The recent maiden winner will have Emisael Jaramillo trying to defeat these seasoned veterans.

**SELECTIONS: 2-3-4**

## RACE 5:

**12 KHOCU**, who was 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$50,000 maidens in his only previous turf sprint, is returning to the grass, and removing the blinkers, after failing to find the winner's circle in a trio of sprints on the main track. Trainer Herman Wilensky readied the son of Khozan for this assignment with a bullet 3-furlong drill in :34 & 2. **8 BULK** is hoping for clear sailing after following a neck defeat at this level and distance 2 starts back with a troubled outing (bumped after start) last out. Trainer Bobby Dibona, who claimed him 2 starts back, has the 3-year-old son of Blame working well for this assignment.



**10 DOO WOP DON** is giving the turf a try after responding to the latest drop in competition with a well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish vs \$20,000 maidens going 6 furlongs on the dirt.

**SELECTIONS: 12-8-10**

**RACE 6:**

**4 TRAPPEZOID** is making his first start since winning 3 of 4 races at the distance, which includes the victory at this level on May 22. Trainer Jorge Delgado has the hard-knocking 6-year-old training strongly for career start 43.

**7 MALIBU MAX**, in for the \$16,000 tag in this starter optional claimer, drops after responding to the addition of blinkers with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish vs \$25,000 optional claimers going 7 furlongs. Trainer Marcial Navarro has Miguel Vazquez atop the 8-year-old who is the elder statesman in the field. **5 BRASSTOWN** will try to make it 2 in a row after dueling throughout and holding sway to win – as the favorite – at this level and distance last out. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgard going for 2 in a row.

**SELECTIONS: 4-7-5**

**RACE 7:**

**8 SATURDAY NITE GIRL**, a \$650,000 daughter of War Front, is stretching out around 2 turns after chasing the pace and finishing a useful 4<sup>th</sup> going 5 furlongs. Trainer Tom Proctor has Emisael Jaramillo named on the regally bred freshman.

**9 KELSEY'S SHOT** had a big shot while setting the pace before she was attacked on both sides and had to settle for 4<sup>th</sup> – beaten a half-length – at this level and distance. Kelsey Danner has Miguel Vazquez returning on her namesake.

**7 CASTLE BORN** was solid in defeat when she stretched out from 5 to 7 ½ furlongs and finished an inside rallying 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance. Owner/trainer Yvon Belsoeur has Marcos Meneses atop the daughter of Vancouver.

**SELECTIONS: 8-9-7**

**RACE 8:**

**8 ROYAL SQUEEZE**, a 4-time winner at the distance, turns back after dueling for the lead and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> – beaten a length by 6<sup>th</sup> race participant Brasstown going a mile last out. Trainer Marcial Navarro has Miguel Vazquez handling the turnback.

**7 VINNIE VAN GO** will try to make it 2 in a row after responding in the first race after the claim by Saffie Joseph Jr with a front running score at this level and distance. The barn is 23% winning consecutive races. **5 CAJUN COMMANDER**, a lightly raced son of Cajun Breeze, makes his first start since showing promise in his 2 well-spaced sprints last season. The upset special is working well for the return to action.

**SELECTIONS: 8-7-5**

**RACE 9:**

**6 DISCREET TUNE**, beaten a head and a nose, respectively, in both recent turf sprints, which includes the troubled starting 2<sup>nd</sup> last out, gets the nod for trainer Carlos David: Samy Camacho rides.

**7 TRY ME** is stepping up to face winners after parlaying a stalking trip in a \$16,000 maiden score over a pair of next-out winners. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Emisael Jaramillo going for 2 in a row.

**2 EMICRACK (CHI)** is eligible to show more after dueling for the lead and weakening to finish 4<sup>th</sup> behind Discreet Tune last out. His current Beyer figures put him in the hunt vs this level of opposition.

**SELECTIONS: 6-7-2**

**RACE 10:**

**4 SILVER PACKAGE** is dropping to the \$6,250 level, and cutting back to 6 ½ furlongs, after prompting the pace and fading vs \$20,000 conditioned claimers going a mile. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Edgard Zayas handling the turnback.

**5 AUDREY** is stretching out an additional half-furlong after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> vs this level of competition going three-quarters of a mile. The 3<sup>rd</sup> start off the bench can be the charm.

**8 CARISMATICA**, now in the Juan Reviriego barn, drops in the first start since showing speed and fading vs \$12,500 2-lifetime claimers going 7 furlongs back in March. Note the barn is 2 for 5 (40%) with new additions to the shedrow.

**SELECTIONS: 4-5-8**

**BEST BET: RACE 7 – 8 SATURDAY NITE GIRL**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 5 – 12 KHOCU**