



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**6 TEMPESTUOUS** is a son of Awesome of Course debuting for trainer Carolos David, who has a solid 22% with his freshman runners. The colt, working well at Palm Meadows, has Paco Lopez up.

**8 MR MAC QUHAE** is dropping to the \$16,000 level in the first start since coming up empty – as the favorite – vs \$50,000 maidens during October. Antonio Sano has Tyler Gaffalione handling the class relief.

**3 DR CHROME** drops to this level after encountering early trouble (bumped, steadied) in his \$35,000 career debut going 5 furlongs on the Tapeta. Mark Casse has go-to jock Edwin Gonzalez in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 6-8-3**

## RACE 2:

**3 ADVENTURE SEEKER**, the only multiple winner in the field, will try to make it 2 in a row, and 3<sup>rd</sup> career score, after shaking off early trouble to defeat this level of competition going 6 furlongs in the slop.

**1 RUSSIAN TO WIN** is dropping to the \$25,000 level after following his \$50,000 maiden score with a chase-and-and fade outing vs a solid group of \$75,000 optional claimers last out. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Edgard Zayas handling the inside post. **5 GILLIGAN** will try to turn the tables on the top choice after vying for the lead and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind the son of Khozan on the off-track. Juan Alvarado tabs Paco Lopez to ride, as Edgard sticks with Adventure Seeker

**SELECTIONS: 3-1-5**

## RACE 3:

**8 BONNIE'S THE BEST** is freefalling to the \$16,000 level on the Tapeta after showing early speed and fading when facing maiden special weight runners going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Trainer Steve Dwoskin has Miguel Vazquez handling the combo dropdown, turnback, surface switch. **5 SENORITA SALSA** may have found the spot to notch the elusive maiden victory after knocking on the door in a trio of sprints vs \$12,500 maidens going this distance on the Tapeta. Trainer Tammy Levy has Luca Panici up. **7 PRINCESS TERESKA** is changing surfaces after finishing a distant 4<sup>th</sup> vs similar quality going 6 furlongs on the dirt. Juan Reviriego, who took over the training last out, keeps the status quo with Carlos Lugo in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 8-5-7**

## RACE 4:

**8 FULL OF ATTITUDE** is dropping a level, and stretching out to a mile and 70-yards on the Tapeta, after finishing a 5-wide 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$35,000 state-bred maidens going 7 furlongs on the main track. Mark Casse, 22% with his synthetic runners, has Edwin Gonzalez atop the daughter of Khozan. **5 GOSSIPING** is dropping to the \$25,000 level on the Tapeta after stalking the pace and fading to finish 7<sup>th</sup> behind next-out Tepin Stakes winner Vergara in a 9-furlong special affair on the Laurel Turf. Trainer Michael Matz has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride. **7 ACACIAHELPME** is stretching out around 2-turns on the all-weather after the distant 3<sup>rd</sup> – as the favorite – in a \$25,000 maiden sprint on the dirt, a race that's produced a couple of next-out winners. Tom Proctor has the daughter of Include working sharply on the Palm Meadows turf.

**SELECTIONS: 8-5-7**

## RACE 5:

**4 SHEKKY SHEBAZ**, now in the Christophe Clement barn, the stakes winning sprinter on the local turf returns for the new connections after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind red-hot 3-in-a-row winner Belgrano in the Rainbow Heir Stakes at Monmouth. Paco Lopez rides. **2 CITY DRIFTER** is debuting locally for trainer Chris Davis after the colt's 3-race win streak sprinting on the Arlington turf ended with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish vs allowance runners going 5 ½ furlongs on a 'good' Keeneland turf. Regular rider Jose Lopez will be aboard.

**5 TILTED TOWERS** is debuting locally for trainer Mike Maker after responding in the first race after the claim with a slow starting 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$80,000 optional claimers going 5 panels on the Del Mar turf. Tyler Gaffalione handles the West Coast invader.

**SELECTIONS: 4-2-5**

## RACE 6: THE WAIT A WHILE

**1 GUN BOAT** will break from the rail again after dueling throughout and holding on gamely to break her maiden going 6 furlongs on the Aqueduct turf. Trainer Shug McGaughey has solid front running jock Julien Leparoux atop the regally bred daughter of War Front. **8 LIA MARINA**, a daughter of Uncle Mo, is making her stakes debut after following her promising sprint debut on the Saratoga turf with a maiden score – as the favorite - going 6 panels on the Belmont turf. Christophe Clement has Tyler Gaffalione in the saddle.



**3 LAST LEAF**, who beat the boys, on the turf, in the Hollywood Beach, is going back to the grass after dueling for the lead and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$75,000 optional claimers going 5 ½ furlongs on the Tapeta. Ron Spatz has Miguel Vazquez atop the versatile daughter on Not This Time.

**SELECTIONS: 1-8-3**

**RACE 7:**

**3 EMIRATES AFFAIR** is turning back to 5 furlongs after surrendering the lead to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs similar going a mile and 70-yards on the Tapeta. The daughter of Handsome Mike, who has run well at this distance, albeit on the grass, has Paco in the irons.

**5 MISS MAMBA** is cutting back slightly after making a move and flattening out when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$20,000 '2-lifetime' foes going 5 ½ furlongs on the all-weather. Antonio Sano has Tyler in the saddle.

**7 TIDAL WATERS** is debuting locally on the Tapeta after shaking off a bump at the start to defeat \$16,000 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs on the Laurel turf. Trainer Mike Trombetta, 29% with the turf to synthetic angle, has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 3-5-7**

**RACE 8:**

**3 STUNNING PRINCESS**, who broke her maiden here going a mile on the turf in March, returns after disputing the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs entry-level allowance runners going 8 ½ furlongs on the Keeneland turf during April. Trainer Danny Gargan, 9 for 17 (53%) with the longer than 180 days layoff, has the daughter of Cairo Prince firing bullets on the Palm Meadows turf.

**11 TICK TOCK FAMOUS (GB)**, stakes-placed on the turf 2 starts back, is going back to the grass after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a neck – vs \$25,000 optional claimers going about a mile and a sixteenth on the Tapeta. Saffie Joseph Jr has Tyler Gaffalione handling the surface switch. **8 ENDLESS FRONT** is returning to the grass after debuting locally to break her maiden – as the 4-to-5 favorite – going 8 ½ furlongs on the all-weather track. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Emisael Jaramillo named on the daughter of super turf sire War Front.

**SELECTIONS: 3-11-8**

**RACE 9:**

**9 DEL REY DOLLY**, beaten only a neck at this level and distance on the dirt 2 starts back, returns to the main track after proving no match for repeat winner She Nasty when they hooked up going a mile and 70-yards on the Tapeta last out. Mark Casse has Edwin Gonzalez handling the surface switch.

**3 TWENTY ONE SHORT**, now in the Juan C Avila barn, came up large when she rocketed clear in the slop to win her 6-furlong \$25,000 debut by 14-plus lengths. She'll be tested for class with Marcos Meneses in the saddle again. **4 ANNA'S DREAM** is making her first start since drawing clear – as the even-money favorite – to defeat \$35,000 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs. Saffie Joseph Jr, 23% with the 61-180 days layoff, has Edgard Zayas going for 2 in a row.

**SELECTIONS: 9-3-4**

**RACE 10: THE PULPIT**

**5 RED DANGER**, a stakes-winner sprinting on the Kentucky Downs turf, then beaten 2 lengths when 4<sup>th</sup> in the Grade 2 Bourbon at Keeneland, returns to the grass after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the \$200,000 Street Sense going 8 ½ furlongs on the Churchill main track. Brian Lynch has Julien Leparoux returning on the classy son of Orb. **3 C MY MEISTER**, 3<sup>rd</sup> on the turf in the \$100,000 Kittens Joy at Colonial Downs, is going back to the grass after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind repeat winner Peter D, and next-out winner Mr Rum Runner, in the \$60,000 Juvenile going a mile and 70 yards on the Tapeta. Kelsey Danner has Edwin Gonzalez handling the surface switch. **2 ELDON'S PRINCE** is making his first start since following his impressive win on the turf in the Proud Man with a score in the rained-out Armed Forces going 7 furlongs on the main track. Saffie has Edgard going for the hat trick.

**SELECTIONS: 5-3-2**

**RACE 11:**

**4 GONNA BE EPIC** is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear to defeat \$12,500 maidens going a mile and 70-yards on the all-weather. Terri Pompay has Miguel Vazquez going for 2 in a row. **7 OCEAN RIDE** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after setting the pace and weaken vs \$20,000 starter optional claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the Tapeta. Gustavo Delgado has Tyler handling the dropdown.

**3 DRUM AND DRUMMER** is stretching out to a mile and 70-yards after breaking from a tough outside post, vying for the lead, and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$8,000 types going 5 ½ furlongs on the Tapeta. Mike Dini has Chantal Sutherland handling the stretchout.

**SELECTIONS: 4-7-3**

**BEST BET: RACE 8 – 3 STUNNING PRINCESS**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 11 - 4 GONNA B EPIC**