



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**11 HERE COMES BULLET** wheels back after dueling from start to finish when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance. Victor Barboza Jr has Edgard Zayas up.

**7 KATHERN'S JOY** is dropping a notch, and getting Lasix, after closing to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$16,000 maidens going seven-eighths of a mile. **5 DUEL FUEL** is hoping to break trouble free after bumping rivals at the start when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind top choice Here Comes Bullet. Carlos Perez has Jesus Rios up.

**SELECTIONS: 11-7-5**

## RACE 2:

**8 SOUTH SEA** is stretching out to a mile after responding in the first race after the claim by Steve Klesaris with a 4-wide 2<sup>nd</sup> - vs this level - in his first turf race since 2019: Edwin Gonzalez rides.

**6 LOUDER THAN BOMBS** is dropping into a competitive situation after running into impressive repeat winner Chuck Willis in a \$70,000 overnight handicap at the distance. Dave Fawkes has Emisael Jaramillo handling the class relief.

**3 SHARM EL SHEIKH** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the 8-month layoff to show speed and fade to 6<sup>th</sup> last out. Murat Sancal has Edgard Zayas handling the 2<sup>nd</sup> start off the bench.

**SELECTIONS: 8-6-3**

## RACE 3:

**6 GRAINGER COUNTY** is returning from the layoff, and going back to the main track, after posting back-to-back turf victories going five-eighths of a mile. Ralph Nicks is a solid 19% with the grass to dirt move.

**1 GANGLY** is making his first start since breaking from the rail and drawing clear to defeat this level of competition going 5 ½ furlongs on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Bob Hess Jr has Cristian Torres handling the colt's 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive race from Post 1.

**7 AIN'T WASTING TIME** moves to the Marcial Navarro barn via the claim after posting his 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive victory when defeating \$6,250 claimers at this distance. The now-horse has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 6-1-7**

## RACE 4:

**3 SALUTE THE COLONEL** is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and turning back to a mile, after setting a keen early pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$35,000 optional claimers going 11 furlongs. Joe Orseno has Edwin Gonzalez atop the 7-year-old gelding.

**6 GOLDEN DECISION** is another dropping into this \$16,000 dated claimer after making a 4-wide bid and tiring vs \$35,000 claimers going a mile. Peter Walder has Edgard Zayas at the controls. **7 UNCLE CURLY**, another from Peter Walder, is hoping for a clean trip after encountering traffic problems in the stretch when checking in 5<sup>th</sup> at this level and distance.

**SELECTIONS: 3-6-7**

## RACE 5:

**1 BABY LION** is hoping to get away trouble free after bobbling and bumping at the start, going up to duel for the lead, and getting beat a neck when 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$25,000 allowance optional claimers at the distance. Saffie Joseph Jr has J.C. Diaz handling the inside draw.

**3 C'MON KAREN** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after her 2-race win streak ended when she surrendered a late lead and finished 4<sup>th</sup> vs state-bred allowance runners going 7 furlongs. Bob Hess Jr has Rajiv Maragh up. **7 COREY** is hoping to make amends after pressing the pace and weakening – as the odds-on choice – when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Baby Lion. Jose D'Angelo tabs Edwin Gonzalez rides.

**SELECTIONS: 1-3-7**

## RACE 6:

**5 OVERDUE HONOR** is a gelded son of Uncle Mo debuting for trainer Louie Roussel with Lasix, and a string of solid workouts showing, including the 5-furlong bullet on May 30, in preparation for this assignment: Emisael Jaramillo is named to ride.

**6 SINGLE LADY** is daughter of Shanghai Bobby who may have signaled her intentions when she worked a half-mile bullet in 46 & 2, which was the best time of 64 workers at the distance. Kent Sweezey has Edgard Zayas facing the boys. **2 DEL GRIFFITH** is a gelded son of Candy Ride debuting for trainer Tim Hamm with Lasix and a series of stamina enhancing workouts showing at Palm Meadows, which is just a short plane, train, or auto ride up the road.

**SELECTIONS: 5-6-2**

**RACE 7:**

**3 CASH REFUND (GB)** has her claiming tag sliced in half after returning from the layoff to get fanned 5-wide when finishing 5<sup>th</sup> vs \$35,000 maidens going 8 ½ furlongs. Mike Maker is 18% with a big sampling of horses making the 2<sup>nd</sup> start after a 45-180 days layoff.

**6 UPTOWN QUEEN** is stepping up the competition after returning from the layoff to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a neck – vs \$12,500 maidens going 7 ½ furlongs. Dave Fawkes has Emisael Jaramillo handling the 2<sup>nd</sup> start back. **7 THATS ALL SHEWROTE** will face \$16,000 maidens after tracking the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$25,000 state-bred maidens going 7 ½ furlongs on a good turf.

**SELECTIONS: 3-6-7**

**RACE 8:**

**2 PLEASE SIT DOWN** is dropping into this \$6,250 conditioned claimer after facing tougher in the 4 starts since defeating this caliber of competition during December. Joe Orseno has Victor Lebron in the irons.

**9 OMEGA MOON** moves to the Armando De La Cerda barn via the claim after responding to a dropdown in competition with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish – as the 3-to-5 favorite - at this level and distance. The new connections keep the status quo with Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle. **4 ALASTOR** is stepping up to the next level after using his tactical speed to draw clear and defeat \$6,250 ‘2-lifetime’ foes by 3-plus lengths. He can get brave if left alone on the front end.

**SELECTIONS: 2-9-4**

**RACE 9:**

**3 THORN** is dropping to the \$20,000 level, and stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, after hitting the board in 2 of 3 recent turf outings at the \$35,000 level. Trainer Bobby Dibona has J.C. Diaz Jr handling the son of Speightster. **6 LONG BEACH KID** moves to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and stretches out to 8 ½ furlongs, after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, respectively, vs this level of competition going 7 ½ furlongs and a mile. Saffie, 24% with new claims, has Edgard Zayas named to ride. **4 SOUTH POINTE DRIVE** is turning back after rallying between horses to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – at 12-1 - vs similar going a mile and an eighth. Mike Lerman has Victor Lebron in the saddle again.

**SELECTIONS: 3-6-4**

**RACE 10:**

**5 TROPHY CHASER** makes his 5-year-old debut the first start since following his game victory in the Grade 3 Challenger at Tampa with a poor showing in the Grade 2 Oaklawn Handicap last May. Trainer Juan C Avila has the multiple graded stakes-placed son of Twirling Candy training forwardly for the return.

**4 SOLE VOLANTE**, is another trying to recapture past glories when he returns to the main track after coming up empty in both the Grade 3 Tampa Bay, and the Tropical Park Derby. The multiple graded stakes-placed performer on the dirt, returns for Patrick Biancone with Luca Panici at the controls. **1 PRO QUALITY** and **2 GLORY OF FLORIDA** figure strongly on the ‘what have you done lately’ angle after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, respectively, behind hard-knocking multiple stakes winner Noble Drama in a \$60,000 overnight handicap at the distance last out.

**SELECTIONS: 5-4-1-2**

**RACE 11: THE MARTHA WASHINGTON**

**3 KARAKATSIE** is turning back to a mile after returning from the layoff to finish a rallying 2<sup>nd</sup> behind repeat stakes winner Con Lima in the mile and a sixteenth \$75,000 Honey Ryder last out. Armando De La Cerda has Edwin Gonzalez up.

**7 TIK TOK FAMOUS (GB)** is stepping up to face winners after returning from the 11-month layoff, receiving Lasix, and drawing clear to break her maiden with a commanding performance. Saffie Joseph Jr has Emisael Jaramillo returning on the speed sophomore.

**4 LADY EMILY** is another stepping up to face winners after drawing clear to win her 7 ½ furlong debut by 5 ½ lengths. Mike Maker has Victor Lebron up

**SELECTIONS: 3-7-4**

**RACE 12:**

**7 MAY I** is dropping to the \$6,250 level on the main track in the first start since drawing clear to defeat \$16,000 maidens going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Juan C Avila has go-to jock Hector Berrios handling the surface switch. **10 AUDREY** is making her first start since rallying 4-wide to defeat \$12,500 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs during February. Oscar Gonzalez has Edwin Gonzalez handling the jump up to face winners. **4 QUEEN ABARRIO** may have finally found the spot when she can notch the elusive 2<sup>nd</sup> victory (19-1-3-6) after knocking on the door in 4 consecutive races in this ‘non-winners of 2-lifetime’ condition.

**SELECTIONS: 7-10-4**

**BEST BET: RACE 10 – 5 TROPHY CHASER**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 3 THORN**