



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

5 INTO TOURING is a daughter of Tourist, out of the Into Mischief mare Smokin Mischief, debuting for trainer Mark Casse with a string of consistent workouts showing, on both turf and dirt, at Palm Meadows. The barn 5 for 7 with their freshman runners, has Edwin Gonzalez facing the boys.

3 MORE ADVENTUROUS is a son of More Than Ready debuting for trainer David Fawkes with solid turf breeding on both sides of the family tree: Emisael Jaramillo rides. **1 UNION FREEDOM** is a son of Violence debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks with 6 local workouts showing in preparation for his first start. Leading jock Edgard Zayas will handle the inside draw.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-1

RACE 2:

6 HERCULES is dropping into a competitive spot after his 3-race win streak ended when he finished 5th – as the tepid favorite – vs \$75,000 allowance optional claimers last out. Juan Alvarado has Edgard Zayas handling the class relief. **3 KIGER** is dropping to the \$35,000 level on the main track in the first start since failing to handle \$75,000 allowance optional claimers going a mile on the turf during February. Leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr, 30% with the turf to dirt angle, has the Peachtree homebred son of Verrazano working sharply for the return.

2 HARD LIGHTING should have the screws tightened after returning from the 5-month layoff to finish a track-the-pace 3rd vs \$25,000 optional claimers going a mile. Victor Barboza Jr is 20% with the 2nd start off the bench.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-2

RACE 3:

7 DR. ROGER is stretching out to 7 furlongs again hoping the latest distant switch helps him improve his current chalk burning status. Trainer Juan C Avila has Emisael Jaramillo handling the added distance.

10 STATEN ISLAND is freefalling to the \$12,500 level on the main track after facing maiden special weight competition, with little success, on the turf. Trainer Jeff Engler has Victor Lebron atop this shaky proposition. **3 TRINNI JOHN** is stretching out to seven-eighths of a mile after rallying to finish 2nd – beaten only a neck – vs this level of competition going 6 furlongs: Apprentice Mario Fuentes rides.

SELECTIONS: 7-10-3

RACE 4:

4 HEIRESSALL is back in the allowance optional claiming ranks after returning from the freshening to finish a track-the-pace-and-weaken 4th in the 6 ½-furlong Musical Romance last out. Trainer Terri Pompay has Miguel Vazquez handling the turnback to 5 ½ furlongs. **1 STARSHIP NALA** is cutting back to this distance, and breaking from the rail, after making a 4-wide bid to get the lead before fading to finish 3rd vs \$62,500 allowance optional claimers going 7 furlongs. Steve Dwoskin has Victor Lebron handling the daughter of Capo Bastone.

3 FOOLISH HEART is another turning back to 5 ½ furlongs, and getting some class relief, after setting a pressured early pace and weakening to finish 4th vs \$75,000 allowance optional claimers going 6 ½.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-3

RACE 5:

9 LUNAR BLAST, drops, and stretches out to 7 furlongs, after recovering from a slow start to make a menacing move at the 1/8th pole before weakening to finish 4th – beaten a length - vs \$20,000 maidens going 6 furlongs. Rohan Crichton has Miguel Vazquez handling the dropdown in competition.

1 DEFENDANT drops, and moves to the rail, after debuting locally for trainer David Fawkes, showing brief speed, and weakening when finishing 6th behind Lunar Blast. The daughter of Gone Astray should move forward in her 2nd outing over the local terrain. **10 BELLA GABRIELLA** is turning back to seven-eighths of a mile after tracking the pace and finishing a workman-like 2nd going a mile last out. Kathryn Davey has apprentice Gaddiel Martinez handling the turnback.

SELECTIONS: 9-1-10



RACE 6:

8 ALIZEE is dropping into this dated claimer, and turning back to 7 ½ furlongs, after making a move to get the lead before flattening out and finishing 4th vs a hard-knocking field of \$20,000 claimers going 8 ½ furlongs. Marcial Navarro has Edgard Zayas in the irons. **3 SASSY JUSTICE** has been knocking on the door in consecutive races at this level and distance, and just needs a little push from Lady Luck to get her picture taken. Trainer Anna Varsi has Miguel Vazquez named to ride. **6 NYMUE'S TREASURE**, who has recently turned finishing 3rd into an art form, and who is still looking for her first victory since 2019, merits a spot on the exotic tickets. Trainer Mary Eppler has strong finisher Edwin Gonzalez at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-6

RACE 7:

6 AWESOME ANNMARIE has lived up to her name recently when posting impressive back-to-back victories, including her last when she drew clear to defeat a trio of next-out winners in that 'key' \$12,500 state-bred optional claimer at the distance. Herbert Miller has Jose Morelos named to ride.

1 LIZA STAR breaks from the rail after rekindling some of her back class when she used her speed to defeat \$12,500 optional claimers at her most accomplished distance (22-8-0-5). The 12-time local winner is spotted perfectly for the \$25,000 tag.

2 BRAMBLE BERRY is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after setting a pressured pace and finishing 2nd in the 6 ½-furlong Musical Romance. Her ability to win from on, or with, the pace, can be key with speedy Liza Star breaking to her inside.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-2

RACE 8:

8 SUGAR FIX, who does her best running from a stalking position, should sit the 'trip' behind what appears to be a strong early pace scenario. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas going for 2 in a row at the distance. **6 JABUTICABA** leaves little doubt as to what her running tactics will be. The speedy daughter of City Zip will be running and gunning as soon as the spring the gate latch. Jena Antonucci has Angel Arroyo trying to turn the tables on Sugar Fix.

5 DRAPES, who hung on gamely to win her last, and keep her record on the turf unblemished, wheels back for Tom Proctor trying prove she can handle the jump up to the \$62,500 level. Edwin Gonzalez goes for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 8-6-5

RACE 9:

2 COLLABORATE, who broke his maiden going a mile, stretches out after rebounding from the ambitious outing in the Grade 1 Florida Derby with a 3rd-place finish in the 6 ½-furlong Roar Stakes. Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas atop the \$600,000 son of Into Mischief. **1 CAXAMBAS CANDY** is hoping to get away cleanly in his 2nd consecutive start from the rail after stumbling and bumping when 4th at this level and distance last out. David Fawkes has Miguel Vazquez named to ride. **4 PRINCESS SECRET**, who won the 7-furlong Susan's Girl and the mile and a sixteenth \$400,000 My Dear Girl during her stellar freshman campaign, will face the boys after rallying to finish 3rd vs \$75,000 fillies going 6 ½ furlongs last out. Owner/trainer Dan Pita has Leonel Reyes atop his stable star.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-4

RACE 10:

2 MISSION BRIEF is cutting back to a mile after returning from the freshening to finish a wide late-closing 5th vs this level of competition going 8 ½ furlongs. Tim Hamm has Edwin Gonzalez named to ride. **3 JARLIAN** is dropping to the \$16,000 level after returning from the layoff to prompt the pace and finish 3rd vs \$25,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Leonel Reyes handling the turnback to a mile.

1 TRACEABILITY, listed as a gelding, makes his first start since showing promise on the turf vs better before going to sidelines last July. Joe Catanese has Jonathan Gonzalez atop the son of Munnings.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-1

BEST BET: RACE 7 – 6 AWESOME ANNMARIE

LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 2 MISSION BRIEF