



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

4 CAPTAIN ZIGGY is making the 3rd start of his current form cycle after responding to the dropdown with a 2nd place finish – beaten a length – at this level and distance. Georgina Baxter has Marcos Meneses in the saddle. **8 JUGUETE** will depart from the outside after rallying to finish 4th behind Captain Ziggy last out. Rodolfo Garcia has Miguel Vazquez handling the rematch. **7 HE AIN'T NO SAINT** is stretching out slightly after rallying to finish 4th – beaten 1 ½ lengths – vs \$12,500 maidens going 7 ½ furlongs. Jose Pinchin tabs leading jock Edgard Zayas to ride.

SELECTIONS: 4-8-7

RACE 2:

4 SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL is dropping to the \$50,000 level on the main track after setting the pace and finishing 3rd in her special weight debut going 5 furlongs on the turf. Carlos David has Samy Camacho atop the daughter of Air Force Blue (War Front). **3 MAGIC VICTORY** is a daughter of First Dude debuting for leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr, who has a 19%-win average with his freshman runners: Edgard Zayas rides. **1 ACACIAHELPME** is a daughter of Include debuting for trainer Tom Proctor with a series of solid workouts showing at Palm Meadows: Romero Maragh handles the always adventurous inside post.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-1

RACE 3:

1 BAILEY is cutting back to 6 furlongs again after following the \$25,000 starter optional claiming victory at the distance with a troubled starting 2nd vs state-bred allowance runners going 7 furlongs. Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas handling the inside post. **5 THINKABOUTIT** will try to make it 2 in a row after posting the best last out Beyer figure (80) when defeating \$35,000 conditioned claimers at the distance. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Edwin Gonzalez atop the son of Uncaptured.

6 VINNIE VAN GO, claimed in 9 of his last 12 races, moves to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, removes the blinkers, and stretches out, after finishing 3rd vs this level of competition going 5 ½ furlongs. Note that the barn is 23% with the blinkers off angle.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-6

RACE 4:

2 QUEEN STREET is dropping to the \$20,000 level, and making her first start since running 2nd behind a buzz saw named R Adios Jersey, who drew off to win by 12-plus lengths last December. Trainer David Fawkes has Emisael Jaramillo handling the first start in 6-plus months. **6 ELUSIVE UNCAPTURED** is dropping to the \$20,000 level, and stretching out to 7 furlongs, after showing speed and fading vs \$50,000 maidens going three-quarters of a mile last out. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Luca Panici handling the class relief. **7 MIZZEN** is dropping into the maiden claiming ranks, and receiving Lasix, in the first outing since finishing 4th vs special weight runners at GP West. Trainer Juan C Avila, 28% with maidens making their 2nd start, has Carlos Olivero named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-7

RACE 5:

2 GLITTER BAY is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and turning back slightly, after opening and surrendering a 2-length lead when fading to last vs \$25,000 claimers going a mile. Saffie has Edgard rationing her speed. **12 BRODY'S HONOR** is dropping to this level after setting the pace and finishing 3rd vs \$20,000 '2-lifetime' claimers last out. The obvious concern is the tough outside post, especially at this 7 ½-furlong distance. **11 SLEWYS CHOSEN ONE** moves to the Joe Orseno barn after stalking the pace and finish 4th vs similar quality in a trio of turf outings at Tampa. She can end up sitting the 'trip' if Glitter Bay and Brody's Honor get hooked up in a speed duel.

SELECTIONS: 2-12-11



RACE 6:

4 KURT'S A KEEPER is dropping into a competitive spot after stepping up off the claim by trainer Leon McKanas and finishing a stalk-the-pace 3rd vs \$50,000 maidens: Miguel Vazquez rides.

7 BLACK BELT, who was 3rd vs \$50,000 maidens the last time he sprinted on the dirt, is going back to the main track after returning from the 2-month layoff to finish a sightseeing 7th vs \$50,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Mark Casse has Edwin Gonzalez handling the combo dropdown/surface switch. **6 UNO TIGER** is making his first start since encountering trouble at the start (squeezed) and finishing a 6-wide 6th vs \$35,000 maidens during April. Kathleen O'Connell has Luca Panici atop the gelded son of Macho Uno.

SELECTIONS: 4-7-6

RACE 7:

6 PUDDING is making his local return for Kathleen O'Connell after a solid campaign at Tampa, which includes the odds-on victory at this level and distance last out. The barn, 21% with the 61-180 days layoff, has Samy Camacho in the saddle again.

5 HIGH HEATER will face \$20,000 open-claimers after failing to get untracked in a 'key' \$25,000 optional claimer that's produced a pair of next-out winners. Trainer Peter Walder has Miguel Vazquez atop the son of Creative Cause, who is a perfect 2 for 2 at 7 furlongs. **2 TONY SMALL** is turning back to one of his best distances (6-3-2-0) after rallying to finish 2nd vs a hard-knocking field of \$16,000 optional claimers going a 1-turn mile. Trainer Dennis Ward has Carlos Lugo handling the turnback.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-2

RACE 8:

6 LA CHICA LATERAL moves to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and debuts locally, after posting back-to-back open length claiming victories at Tampa. The daughter of Chitu is working sharply at Palm Meadows in preparation for the return.

7 PATRICK'S LASS is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after dueling throughout and holding sway to defeat state-bred allowance runners going 7 furlongs. Trainer Louie Rousell, winning races at a 32% clip, has the daughter of Adios Charlie working well for this assignment.

4 SUNSHINE CITY is dropping, going back to the main track, and cutting back to a sprint, after showing speed and finishing 2nd and 1st, respectively, in a pair of \$35,000 starter optional claimers going a mile on the turf. Trainer Bobby Dibona is a solid 26% with the turf to dirt angle.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-4

RACE 9:

4 CASALSA should be primed and ready to score after returning from the 7-month layoff to press the pace and finish 4th in a screw tightening performance at the distance. Peter Walder has Edgard Zayas atop the Two Step Salsa gelding. **6 FLIPPING FISH** should take the lion's share of the betting action after responding to the class relief with a 2nd place finish at this level and distance. Trainer Ron Spatz has Miguel Vazquez in the irons. **7 JR SPEED** proved he could compete at this level after stepping up off the claim by trainer Mark Passley and finishing 3rd behind Flipping Fish last out. He'll try to flip the previous outcome with Samy Camacho at the helm.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-7

RACE 10:

7 BONNIE BELL, 1 of 2 entered in the nightcap by Tom Proctor, stretches out around 2 turns after encountering some traffic problems and finishing 5th in her 5-furlong debut at Tampa. The daughter of Super Saver, bred to love the distance, is working well on the Palm Meadows turf, and has aggressive jock Edwin Gonzalez doling out her speed.

9 RIVERCREST ROAD is stepping back up to special weight company after responding in her first journey around 2-turns with a duel-for-the-lead 3rd behind next-out stakes' winner Starship Nterprise going a mile last out. **11 KULTHUM** is stretching out slightly to a mile after finishing a promising 3rd in her career debut going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Trainer Terri Pompay has Leonel Reyes handling the outside draw.

SELECTIONS: 7-9-11

BEST BET: RACE 9 – 4 CASALSA

LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 7 BONNIE BELL