



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**2 VERY SAVVY** is moving to the turf after displaying a fondness for sprinting at 5 furlongs when she drew clear to defeat \$25,000 maidens in a race moved from turf to dirt. **4 MISSING LINK** is dropping to the \$16,000 level in the first start since showing speed, getting steadied, and retreating vs \$25,000 starter optional claimers going 5 panels during December. Trainer David Fawkes has Tyler Gaffalione atop the daughter of Kantharos. **7 NEVER MY LOVE** is stepping up, and debuting on the grass, after drawing clear to defeat \$16,000 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs on the Tampa main track. Trainer Jane Cibelli has Paco Lopez handling the surface switch.

**SELECTIONS: 2-4-7**

## RACE 2:

**2 PIPER** is stepping it up a notch after setting the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> when Lasix was added for her recent 2<sup>nd</sup>-place finish vs \$16,000 maidens. She has the speed needed to dictate the action in what appears to be a lateral move class wise.

**6 ECIPTICALS CAROL** is stretching out to 6 furlongs on the main track after losing her best chance when she was pinched back at the start of her \$25,000 career debut going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Steve Klesaris adds Lasix, and has leading jock Irad Ortiz Jr returning on the daughter of Social Inclusion. **5 PLAYERA** is dropping to the \$25,000 level after chasing the pace and finishing a distant 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$35,000 state-bred maidens going this 6-furlong distance. Jose Ortiz rides for Rodolfo Garcia.

**SELECTIONS: 2-6-5**

## RACE 3:

**1 LYRICAL** is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after returning from the layoff to finish a duel-for-the-lead 2<sup>nd</sup> vs this level of competition going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa has Emisael Jaramillo handling the 2<sup>nd</sup> start from the rail.

**7 SAY CHEESE** is back locally, and dropping to the \$12,500 level, after shipping up to Tampa and failing to fire vs \$25,000 open-claimers going 6 furlongs. Trainer Larry Rivelli has Irad handling the class relief. **4 SHAKEM** is turning back to a sprint distance after setting the pace and holding sway to defeat \$12,500 maidens going a 1-turn mile here last out. Trainer Bobby Dibona is 17% winning consecutive races.

**SELECTIONS: 1-7-4**

## RACE 4:

**4 GRACE'S DRAMA** moves to the Gary Jackson barn via the claim, and wheels back, after following her victory at this level 2 starts back with a stalk-the-pace 3<sup>rd</sup> last out. Trainer Jackson, 22% with new claims, has Edgard Zayas atop the 10-time local winner. **5 PAPA'S LITTLE GIRL** moved to the Jose Garoffalo barn via the claim after setting a pressured pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> going 6 furlongs last out. The mare, 5<sup>th</sup> behind Grace's Drama going a mile 2 starts back, has Irad Ortiz Jr handling the rematch.

**2 DONT GET SMART** is stretching out to a mile again after following her 'non-winners of 3-lifetime' victory at the distance with a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish vs this level going 7 furlongs last out.

**SELECTIONS: 4-5-2**

## RACE 5:

**11 TWICE TOO MANY** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after stalking the pace – as the favorite – and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> to impressive winner Soup and Sandwich. Trainer Brian Lynch has Luis Saez handling an outside post (11).

**6 UBIQUITOUS**, a half-brother to multiple stakes winner Chance It, cuts back to three-quarters of a mile after the stalk-and-fade 4<sup>th</sup> place finish behind Soup and Sandwich and Twice too Many going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr, 21% with maidens making their 2<sup>nd</sup> start, has Tyler in the saddle again. **5 JOSH YAK**, beaten a neck when 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance 2 starts back, shortens up after the track the pace 3<sup>rd</sup> going a mile last out. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgar Prado handling the turnback.

**SELECTIONS: 11-6-5**



**RACE 6:**

**3 SHIKAKA** is making the 3<sup>rd</sup> start of her current form cycle after rallying late to finish 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, respectively, in a pair at this level and distance. Trainer Sara Nagle secures the services of Edgard Zayas, who should have her closer to the pace this time out. **1 GET N TIPS** is returning from about a 19-month layoff, and debuting on the turf, after showing promise sprinting on synthetic surfaces before going to the sidelines in the summer of 2019. Trainer Larry Rivelli, 33% with the longer than 180 days layoff, and 18% with the synthetic to turf angle, adds Lasix, and Irad Ortiz Jr on the daughter of Stay Thirsty. **5 K'S RUNNING FREE** is stepping up to face winners after returning from GP West to recover from a slow start to defeat \$20,000 maidens by a half-length: Tyler Gaffalione goes for 2 in a row.

**SELECTIONS: 3-1-5**

**RACE 7:**

**5 JABUTICABA** is turning back to a mile after following a disqualification from a victory at the distance 2 starts back with a set-the-pace-and-weaken 4<sup>th</sup> place finish going a mile and a sixteenth last out. Trainer Jena Antonucci keeps the status quo with Irad atop the speedy daughter of City Zip. **4 VITAEMI** is turning back to a mile looking to sit the 'trip' behind the abundance of speed that's signed on to compete in this race. Trainer Rodolfo Garcia has strong finisher Paco Lopez at the controls. **1 JOSEFA** is stepping up after using her speed to defeat \$20,000 '3-lifetime' claimers at the distance last out. She breaks from the rail with Junior Alvarado going for 2 in a row.

**SELECTIONS: 5-4-1**

**RACE 8:**

**2 LORILOUPIES** is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after returning from the layoff to finish a press-the-pace 3<sup>rd</sup> vs this level of competition going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Emisael Jaramillo handling the 2<sup>nd</sup> start off the bench. **5 BEAN** is debuting locally for trainer Larry Rivelli, and making her first start since showing speed and fading in the 8 ½-furlong Grade 2 Golden Rod at Churchill during November of 2019. The daughter of Bernardini may have tipped her hand with the bullet half-mile drill in :47 & 2.

**1 GITANA** moved to the Rohan Crichton barn via the claim, and steps up the competition, after crushing a field of \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers by 7 ½ lengths: Luis Saez rides the inside gas.

**SELECTIONS: 2-5-1**

**RACE 9:**

**3 LA LIBERTEE** is wheeling back after returning from the layoff to finish a stalk-the-pace 3<sup>rd</sup> vs this familiar competition last out. The daughter of Constitution, trained by Mark Casse, should sit a 'key' stalking trip off what is sure to be a hotly contested pace. **7 CAN'T BUY LOVE** proved she could handle the jump to this level when she followed her \$25,000 starter optional claiming victory with a 2<sup>nd</sup>-place finish in front of La Libertee. Trainer Mike Maker adds 2<sup>nd</sup>-time Lasix, and has Jose Ortiz at the controls. **2 AMALFI PRINCESS**, another from Mike Maker, is returning from the layoff, and going back to the turf, with the speed, and the post, needed to play 'catch me if you can': Tyler Gaffalione rides.

**SELECTIONS: 3-7-2**

**RACE 10:**

**4 MOTHERS DAY JEWEL** shows a series of consistent workouts on the Palm Meadows turf since her troubled starting debut (hit gate) vs \$50,000 maidens, a race that's produced a pair of next-out winners thus far. Trainer Tom Bush adds Lasix, and has Angel Arroyo atop the upset special. **9 FRANKIE'S GIRL** is hoping to get a clean trip after having to steady along the inside when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind repeat winner Por Que No, and in front of a pair of next-out winners, in a fruitful \$35,000 maiden affair at the distance. **8 TIME SENSITIVE** has been knocking on the door – as the favorite - in consecutive races at this level and distance. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has Luis Saez trying to change the chalk-burning status.

**SELECTIONS: 4-9-8**

**BEST BET: RACE 6 – 3 SHIKAKA**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 4 MOTHERS DAY JEWEL**