

## RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS



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**FIRST RACE:**

**3 DESIRED** should be primed and ready to offer more after dueling for the lead and fading in her first race back from a 10-month layoff. Trainer Michael Matz has Jose Lezcano returning on the \$2.2-million dollar daughter of Storm Cat.

**4 HALO'S VERSE** is stretching out after finishing a workman like fifth in a 'key' 6-furlong dash at Fair Grounds on Jan. 19th that produced a pair of next-out winners. Trainer Tom Proctor has Rene Douglas atop the \$500K daughter of Unbridled's Song.

**7 VALID HUMOR**, second in a 1-turn mile at Belmont in 2007, stretches out on the dirt after stalking the action and finishing seventh - beaten 4 ¼ lengths - at 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Stan Hough has Joe Bravo quarterbacking the surface switch.

**SELECTIONS: 3-4-7**

**SECOND RACE:**

**7 IT'S A MIRACLE** will try to make it two in row at the distance after surviving a stretch duel to defeat \$10,000 'three-lifetime' claimers. Trainer Wayne Catalano, 28% with horses winning consecutive races, has apprentice Jose Ortiz in the saddle again. **6 UNTUTTABLE GAL**, 7-1-0-3 locally, and 12-2-2-3 at the distance, is stretching out after proving no match for \$32,000 allowance optional claimers in a 7-furlong test at Tampa. Trainer Peter Walder has Jose Lezcano atop the daughter of Untutable. **8 OUR LITTLE BUCK**, who has shown in the past that she can string together back-to-back victories, will try to do it again in the first start since she closed to win by a head, at this level and distance, on Jan. 9th. Note that trainer Eddie Broome has a 27% win average with the 31-60 day freshening, and a 19% average with horses winning consecutive races.

**2 ILLUSTRATER**, a winner of three of her last four races vs. \$6,250 claimers, and second in the other, steps up with the consistency angle on her side.

**SELECTIONS: 7-6-8-2**

**THIRD RACE: THE SUNSHINE STATE**

**6 YESBYJIMMINY** is back in South Florida, and back on a traditional dirt surface, after his 6-race win streak, which included four consecutive stakes victories, ended when he failed to handle Santa Anita's Pro-Ride surface in the \$300K Sunshine Millions Dash. **1 HYPOCRITE**, second to Yesbyjimmy in the Jack Dudley Sprint (Nov. 8), and third to him in the Grade 3 Kenny Noe, renews the rivalry after restoring his confidence with a commanding score in the \$75K Super at Tampa on Feb. 7th. Trainer Manny Tortora has Manoel Cruz handling the rematch. **2 NET PRESENT VALUE** is stretching out to 7 furlongs after responding to a surface switch with a fourth place finish vs. money-allowance runners here at three-quarters of a mile. The third start off the bench can be key for the Joe Orseno/Carlos Marquez Jr. collaboration.

**SELECTIONS: 6-1-2**

**FOURTH RACE:**

**2 STACIE'S SMILE** drops, and cuts back to a mile, after failing to earn a check when facing maiden special weight competition in her local turf debut on Jan. 14th. Trainer Ken McPeek, 9 for 19 (42%) with horses making similar class drops, has Kent Desormeaux atop the daughter of Lemon Drop Kid.

**10 HEIR ENCORE**, a beautifully bred daughter of Horse Chestnut, makes her career debut for trainer Christophe Clement with a string of solid Payson Park workouts showing. The barn, 3 for 10 with debut maiden claimers, adds Lasix and Joe Bravo for this event. **3 GOSHAWK KATHERN** is a daughter of Northern Afleet debuting for trainer Chad Brown with a series of useful workouts showing, on both turf and dirt, in preparation for the career debut. Brown, 3 for 10 with a \$6.50 return of investment with his debut maiden claimers, adds Lasix and Cornelio Velasquez. **9 ALEXANDRITE RING**, another from leading trainer Ken McPeek, makes her first start since finishing third at this level and distance here on Jan. 17th. Manoel Cruz rides as Desormeaux shifts to Stacie's Smile.

**SELECTIONS: 2-10-3-9**

**FIFTH RACE:**

**1A ASPETUCK HILL**, part of a Bobby Hale entry, turns back to a 1-turn mile in the first start since posting back-to-back victories vs. similar in a pair of 2-turn miles at Calder. **8 MISS CATRINA** moved to the Steve DiMauro barn via the claim after notching her second consecutive victory when she defeated \$20,000 'two-lifetime' claimers at the distance. **6 MARGARET SMILE** is stretching out to a mile after notching her second consecutive sprint victory when she defeated \$16,000 claimers here at 6 furlongs. **5 TASHIDA**, second to Aspetuck Hill in a 2-turn mile at Calder on Dec. 13th, stretches out after following a \$25,000 claiming victory at 6 ½ furlongs with a third and fourth place finish, respectively, vs. \$25,000 starter allowance sprinters.

**SELECTIONS: 1A-8-6-5**

**SIXTH RACE:**

**6 TREVELYAN** is stretching out to 9 furlongs with blinkers added after closing to finish fourth in a 'key' maiden special weight test at a mile and a sixteenth that produced a pair of next-out winners. Trainer Todd Pletcher, 29% with first-time blinkers, has Chris DeCarlo at the controls. **12 CULLINAN**, a half to 6-time turf - and Grade 2 winner - Roshani debuts for trainer Bill Mott with a series of solid Payson Park workouts showing. Kent Desormeaux will handle the outside post (12).

**5 STAY RED** makes his first start since he recovered from a troubled beginning (hesitated) to come within a half-length of winning his 1-mile career debut on the Calder sod. Trainer Juan Rizo has Jose Rivera II in the saddle. **8 AMA SOUL MAN**, a \$370K son of Perfect Soul, shows a slew of sharp workouts on the Palm Meadows turf in preparation for the debut. Trainer Barclay Tagg adds Lasix and Jose Lezcano to the mix.

**SELECTIONS: 6-12-5-8**

**SEVENTH RACE:**

**4 GEORGIAN** is turning back to three-quarters after finishing a good second in his local debut vs. similar at 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Leo Azpurua Jr. has Elvis Trujillo in the irons.

**8 SUCCESSFUL LOVE** is turning back to 6 furlongs, and racing without blinkers, after making a 3-wide bid to finish third behind Georgian in their recent race at 6 ½ furlongs.

**3 MOYER'S POND** will try \$35,000 'three-lifetime' claimers after posting speed figures good enough to win here when facing allowance level competition in the Bluegrass State last summer. **6 EL POCO DIABLO**, who was beaten a nose here last year when switching from turf to dirt (Mar. 31st), shifts back to the main track after a chase-and-fade performance vs. similar in his local return on the turf.

**SELECTIONS: 4-8-3-6**

**EIGHTH RACE:**

**10 CUSTOM FOR CARLOS** is stretching out to seven-eighths after a game 6 ½-furlong career debut in which he was beaten a head by classy B Z Warrior. Kent Desormeaux rides for trainer Eddie Kenneally. **3 BIG TOP**, a \$1-million dollar son of Giant's Causeway, who is half to graded stakes winners Whywhywhy and Spellbinder, debuts for trainer Nick Zito with a slew of swift workouts, including three bullets, showing. The colt should be mixing it up as soon as they pop the gate latch.

**4 DUBINSKY** is hoping to show more from Post 4 after breaking from Post 10, dueling for the lead, and fading to finish fourth at a mile. The turnback to 7 furlongs looks like a winning move for the \$240K son of Toccet. **9 NICANOR**, Barbaro's little brother, is turning back to 7 furlongs after stumbling and injuring himself slightly at the start when finishing 10th in his 1-mile career debut. Jose Lezcano rides.

**SELECTIONS: 10-3-4-9**

**NINTH RACE:**

**7 ADMIRALITY** is ready to raise the ante when he stretches out to a mile after a solid comeback at three-quarters of a mile in which he recovered from an awkward start to finish second. The hot Nick Zito barn has Jermaine Bridgmohan handling the stretchout. **1 DREAM MAESTRO**, the obvious class of the race, turns back to a mile (2-0-1-1) after making a middle move and fading to finish fourth in the 9-furlong Sunshine Millions Classic. **2 DISCREET TREASURE** is stepping up the competition after edging way 4-wide to defeat \$37,000 allowance competition at the distance. Trainer Stan Hough has Cornelio Velasquez in the saddle again. **3 B. B BEST** is stepping up the competition after holding on gamely to defeat \$40,000 claimers in his local return at the distance. The hard-knocking gelding always runs well in Hallandale Beach (8-1-0-4).

**SELECTIONS: 7-1-2-3**

**TENTH RACE: THE HONEY FOX (G3)**

**2 WILD PROMISES** is piling up the frequent flyer miles when she returns to Florida from her home base in Northern California looking for her seventh consecutive stakes victory, and first score since she won the Sunshine Filly & Mare Turf

here on Jan. 24th. The mare, undefeated in three local starts (3-3-0-0), has Aaron Gryder in to ride. **1 I LOST MY CHOO**, another who is a perfect 3 for 3 on the Gulfstream sod, makes her first start since finishing a troubled fifth in the Grade 2 Lake Placid at Saratoga (Aug. 15). Trainer Phil Serpe has the horse-for-course play training like a winner. **7 SCOLARA** will try for two in a row at the distance after keeping her local record unblemished (2-2-0-0) when she returned to defeat state-bred competition in the \$75K Marion County. Trainer Bill Mott has Rene Douglas at the controls. **9 FLIBBERJIBIT**, 2 for 2 at the distance here this year, steps up after using her speed to defeat \$75,000 allowance optional claimers by 3-plus lengths. Trainer Marty Wolfson has Javier Castellano named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 2-1-7-9**

**ELEVENTH RACE:**

**1 GALLIGAN ROAD** is stretching out to 7 furlongs after re-rallying to finish third in front of next-out local winners Just A Coincidence and Have One More in a 'key' 6-furlong dash last out. **7 INQUISITION** is a son of Spanish Steps debuting for trainer Ken McPeck with a string of solid Palm Meadows workouts showing. The colt starts his campaign with Lasix and Kent Desormeaux at the controls. **8 HENNIGAN** is hoping for a clean trip after bumping hard at the top of the stretch and finishing seventh in a monster 'key' race that produced next-out winners Dunkirk, Santana Six, and Ziegfeld, the horse he bumped with last out. **4 SAN VALENTINO** is stepping up after an eventful \$80,000 career debut at the distance in which he broke slow, was blocked on the turn, and beaten only 1 ½ lengths.

**SELECTIONS: 1-7-8-4**

**BEST BET: RACE 6 - 6 TREVELYAN**

**LONG SHOT: RACE 10 - 11 SOCIAL QUEEN**

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