

RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS



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FIRST RACE:

6 SQUIRES WINGMAN plunges to the \$5,000 level after showing speed and holding on to hit the board in back-to-back \$10,000 'two-lifetime' claimers locally. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Mario Madrid atop the one to beat.

2 WHATSTHETRUTH makes his first start since defeating a pair of next-out winners, as the odds-on choice, in a 'key' \$25,000 maiden test at Monmouth last August 22nd. Trainer Jason Servis reunites the son of Yes It's True with jockey Jose Lezcano. **4 COPING TIGER** drops in for a nickel after stumbling at the start and getting beat double-digit lengths in a fruitful \$10,000 'two-lifetime' claimer that produced a pair of next-out winners. Trainer Manny Estevez tabs Paco Lopez to ride.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-4

SECOND RACE:

7 CAPE GIRL, the only 8-time winner in the field, drops to the \$10,000 level after breaking from the adventurous inside post, dueling 3-wide, and tiring to finish third vs. \$16,000 claimers at the distance. Trainer Peter Walder lightens the load with 7-pound apprentice Ares Campos in the saddle (115). **3 TRI TO DANCE** moved to the Norm Pointer barn via the claim after drawing away 4-wide to defeat \$6,250 claimers by 4-plus lengths. The 3-time winner at the distance (13-3-1-3) has Junior Alvarado in the saddle.

2 BROS SIS is stretching out to a mile after responding to a drop in competition with a respectable third place finish vs. similar at 7 furlongs. Trainer Eddie Broome has Paco Lopez atop the daughter of Skimming.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-2

THIRD RACE:

7 MISS CATALYST has trained steadily on the Palm Meadows turf in preparation for the first start since finishing a well meant second at this level and distance on Jan. 11th. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Chris DeCarlo returning on the daughter of Mr. Greeley. **3 PROVEN RIGHT** will be outfitted with blinkers after closing to finish fifth - beaten 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths - vs. similar on a softened turf listed as 'good'. Trainer Mark Hennig has Joe Bravo in the saddle. **9 COFFEE** is turning back to a mile and a sixteenth after percolating on the front end and fading late to finish fifth vs. similar opposition at 9 furlongs. Trainer Graham Motion has Elvis Trujillo trying to ration the speed of the \$140K daughter of El

Corredor. **4 STARSHIP KITTY**, a fast closing third in her \$80,000 career turf here on Feb. 4th, returns to the grass after finishing a troubled fourth (bumped 1/8-pole) in another \$80,000 maiden test moved to a 'good' main track. Trainer Steve Dwoskin has Javier Santiago named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-9-4

FOURTH RACE:

6 PRINCE ALPHIE, 1 of 2 from trainer Peter Walder, turns back to 7 furlongs after drawing clear on a sealed 'sloppy' track to defeat similar at a mile. Note that the hard-knocking 9-year-old loves the local surroundings (4-3-1-0).

7 B L'S TSUMANI, claimed for \$20,000 by Peter Walder on Jan. 22nd, drops, and stretches out, after failing to show much in a 'key' 6-furlong sprint that produced next-out local winners Chasing the Prize and Edge of Chaos. Jose Lezcano handles this half of the Walder uncoupled entry.

5 VALUE DRIVER is turning back to seven-eighths of a mile after failing to reel in current nemesis Sneaky Stephen in back-to-back races vs. \$16,000 claimers at a mile. He's a major player with Sneaky Stephen sitting this one out.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-5

FIFTH RACE:

2 CATCHING is stepping up, and turning back to a mile (7-2-1-1), after responding to a drop in competition with a 'much-the-best' victory vs. \$20,000 claimers at a mile and a sixteenth. Note that the hard-knocking mare likes the local terrain (7-1-2-1). **4 CUT FOR LUCK**, a very impressive front running winner here on Feb. 16th vs. \$16,000 starter allowance competition, is back in South Florida after setting the pace and weakening to finish 3 lengths behind repeat winner R Vicarious Girl in a strong 9-furlong \$16,000 starter handicap on the Tampa sod. The turnback to a mile can be key for the swift daughter of Best of Luck. **1 SCALINATELLA** drops to the \$35,000 level after making a middle move and fading to finish fifth vs. \$50,000 claimers at the distance, which was her first race in 5 months.

8 HONORABLE TRUTH, who returned from a similar layoff in January to come within a half-length of winning at this level and distance, returns to the turf after losing her best chance when she hesitated at the start of a \$25,000 starter allowance on the main track.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-1-8

SIXTH RACE:

6 INDEEDINGLY, a \$200K son of Street Cry, plunges to the \$15,000 level after showing speed and retreating vs. \$80,000 maidens here on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Chris DeCarlo handling the major drop-down. **7 NOS MAN** is stretching out to a mile after showing improved speed when he was dropped into a 5 ½-furlong \$15,000 maiden test last out. Trainer Eddie Kenneally has Joe Bravo handling the stretchout. **4 TRUE ALLY** drops to the bottom on the dirt after stalking the pace and retreating vs. \$27,500 maidens at 7 ½ furlongs on the local turf. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Paco Lopez handling the surface switch. **2 LOOSE SHAIL** is a son of Hold on Chris debuting for trainer Henry Collazo with six morning workouts showing. Check the tote action for more clues about his readiness to compete at first asking.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-4-2

SEVENTH RACE:

7 DAVID K is turning back to his best distance (11-3-1-4) after rallying to finish second vs. similar at 9 furlongs. Trainer Dave Kassen has Joe Bravo at the controls. **10 GRAND** is another turning back to one of his best distances (8-3-1-1) after making a 3-wide bid and tiring to finish a couple of lengths behind David K in their recent clash at a mile and an eighth. Trainer Dale Romans teams with jockey E T Baird. **11 EASTERN SEABOARD** is hoping to find a little more for the stretch drive after making what looked like a winning bid and finishing third at this level and distance last out. Trainer Ralph Ziadie has leading jock Jose Lezcano penciled for the return assignment. **3 LEADWITHYOURCHIN** is turning back to a mile and a sixteenth after making a move along the inside and finishing fifth behind David K at 9 furlongs. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr. has Paco Lopez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 7-10-11-3

EIGHTH RACE:

7 BIG RED HOPE was given some time to recharge his batteries after a game entry-level allowance victory on Feb. 27th in which recovered from a slow start to win by a length. Trainer Eddie Broome, 25% with the 31-60 day layoff, has Elvis Trujillo in the saddle. **1 BLUE PEPSI LODGE**, now in the Joe Calascibetta barn, makes his first start since coming within a length of winning the \$55K Hooting Star at Calder last August. The swift son of Pioneering should be running and gunning as soon as the spring the latch. **3 MANNINGTON** is turning back to 6 furlongs with the ideal stalking style needed to reap the spoils in probable pace setter Blue Pepsi Lodge should need a race. Trainer Terri Pompay has Jose Lezcano in the saddle again.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-3

NINTH RACE:

11 BEYOND OUR REACH, Group 1 stakes-placed, while still a maiden, at the Curragh in Ireland last summer, is back with maidens after failing to show much in the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Fillies at Santa Anita last October. The daughter of Danehill, now in the Todd Pletcher barn, is training sharply on the Palm Meadows turf.

12 DAME ELLEN is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after a promising 1-mile turf debut here on Feb. 14th in which she surrendered a late lead to finish second. Trainer Chad Brown, who trained Maram to defeat Beyond Our Reach in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies turf, has Manoel Cruz in the saddle. **1 SACREDNESS** is a Stronach Stables homebred daughter of Holy Bull debuting for red-hot trainer Wesley Ward, who is 32% with his-first time starters. The sophomore starts her campaign with Lasix and Elvis Trujillo added to the mix. **10 DYANI** should show more after a promising career debut at this level and distance in which she recovered from a slow start to finish third. Trainer Eddie Kenneally has Joe Bravo up.

SELECTIONS: 11-12-1-10

BEST BET: RACE 3 - 7 MISS CATALYST

LONG SHOT: RACE 9 - 4 GLADSONG

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