



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

3 FLASHY CHELSEY is stepping up to the next level after adding to his consistent turf campaign with a hard-fought score vs \$16,000 starter optional claimers. **8 GRAY DUDE** moved the red-hot Juan Arriagada barn via the claim after rallying from 16 lengths 'off the pace' to defeat \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers. The new connections tab Paco Lopez to ride. **2 BIRD HUMOR**, who ran well on this turf course during 2017, is making his first start since coming within a length of defeating a repeat winner in a \$10,000 starter allowance at Tampa during April. Trainer Sarah Nagle has Jonathan Gonzales handling the 6-time turf winner.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-2

RACE 2:

1 YALE DEAL is stepping up to face winners in the first start since winning his \$25,000 career debut going 4 ½ furlongs. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Edgard Zayas going for 2 in a row. **5 DEEP FIRE** is turning back to a sprint distance on the dirt after following his \$16,000 maiden breaker on the main track with a stalk-and-fade outing on the turf in the 7 ½-furlong \$125,000 Proud Man. Trainer Yvon Belsoeur, who claimed him 2 starts back, has Paco Lopez handling the surface switch.

3 VENEZUELAN PEGASUS is another going back to sprinting on the dirt after failing to get involved on the grass in the Proud Man. Trainer Alexis Delgado adds the blinkers back for the surface change.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-3

RACE 3:

1 HEIDI HO will be outfitted with blinkers after returning from the 2-month layoff to finish a troubled (steadied) 2nd at this level and distance. Trainer Efren Loza Jr has Edgard Zayas handling the inside draw. **2 QUEEN OF CREDIT** renews the rivalry with Heidi Ho at Gulfstream West after the solid turf outing across town in which she finished a nose behind her in 3rd last out. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Carlos Montalvo named to ride.

6 RACHEL'S SMOKIN, now in the Sean Duffy barn, the daughter of Sky Mesa makes her South Florida debut after the pair of stalk-and-weaken 5th places finishes sprinting on the New York turf circuit.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-6

RACE 4:

7 THE GOSPEL OF JOHN is a daughter of To Honor and Serve debuting for trainer Yvon Belsoeur with back-to-back bullet workouts showing over the Gulfstream main track. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Paco Lopez at the controls. **4 BODEBABE**, a \$140,000 daughter of Bodemeister, is hoping to make amends after stumbling at the start and never looking comfortable thereafter when finishing last – as the even-money favorite – in her 6-furlong maiden special weight debut. **6 KITTY FOYLE** is a \$575,000 daughter of Tapit debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and a slew of workouts showing both at Saratoga and Palm Beach Downs in preparation for her first start; Edgard Zayas rides this shaky proposition.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-6

RACE 5:

10 PROUD LEGACY, a \$10,000 '2-lifetime' winner at the distance 2 starts back, is turning back after tracking the action and flattening out when finishing 5th vs \$10,000 3-lifetime competition going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Phil Combest adds the blinkers back on this longshot possibility. **4 ZERO ZEE** is debuting locally after shipping from Laurel into the Saffie Joseph Jr barn and using her speed to defeat \$10,000 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' claimers going 5 furlongs on the Gulfstream turf. **8 BETTABE FAST**, who ran well here last year, albeit on wet tracks, makes her local return for trainer Jorge Delgado on what has been her best surface and distance thus far (6-1-3-0).

SELECTIONS: 10-4-8



RACE 6:

4 RICHEST GIFTS is turning back to his best distance (5-3-0-0) after his 3-race win streak ended when he bobbed slightly at the start and finished 5th vs \$10,000 starter optional claimers going a 1-turn mile at Gulfstream. Trainer Joe Orseno tabs hot apprentice Romero Maragh to ride as Samy Camacho sticks with **1 POWERFUL VENEZUELA**. The sophomore goes from the outside (Post 7) to the rail, for trainer Victor Barboza Jr, after stalking the pace 4-wide and finishing 2nd at this level and distance. **3 FAFA** is dropping to the \$25,000 level, and turning back to three-quarters of a mile, after stalking the pacesetters and fading to finish 7th vs \$40,000 claimers going 6 ½ furlongs in the slop. The gelded son of Blame definitely does his best running on a fast surface.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-3

RACE 7:

3 SECRET O'LIFE is dropping to the \$20,000 level after stalking the pace along the inside before making an outside bid to finish 3rd behind late-running Zaos Dream, on an Opening Day turf course that favored horses that did their best running from 'off the pace'. Trainer Marcus Vitali has apprentice Romero Maragh in the saddle. **11 BOX OF GOLD** is dropping to the \$20,000 level locally, and stretching out around 2-turn, after departing from a demanding outside post (10), making a steady outside bid and finishing 4th in her \$35,000 career debut going 5 furlongs on the Gulfstream turf, a race that produced a pair of next-out winners. **10 VELDT** is a daughter of First Samurai, out of the Indian Charlie mare Sward, debuting on the turf after making a middle move to get the lead before weakening to finish 5th in a 'key' \$25,000 sprint on the Gulfstream main track that produced a pair of next-out winners from 6 starters. Trainer Antonio Sano, who has 2 in the race (Ocean Delight), adds blinkers and Paco Lopez to handle the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 3-11-10

RACE 8:

9 VICTOR LOUNGE (IRE), 1 of 2 in the field for trainer Danny Gargan (Congruity), steps up to face winners after cruising away on a yielding Belmont turf course to defeat \$40,000 maidens by 6 widening lengths; Paco Lopez rides.

8 REMEMBER THE MAINE moved to the Juan Carlos Abarrio barn via the claim after a dead-game \$16,000 conditioned claiming victory in which he slipped thru a narrow opening on the hedge to win by a head – as the favorite – going a mile and a sixteenth on the Gulfstream turf. The son of Court Vision is the only 3-time winner in the field.

6 WITHOUT REMORSE is turning back to a mile after stalking the pace and finishing a better than it looks on paper 3rd vs \$35,000 optional claimers going a mile and an eighth. The gelding is spotted perfectly vs \$30,000 conditioned claimers.

SELECTIONS: 9-8-6

RACE 9:

2 GRAN BONITA CHICA moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and wears blinkers, after rallying to finish 3rd – as the 3-to-5 favorite – in her 5 ½-furlong career debut contested at 5 ½ furlongs; Jalon Samuel is named to ride.

8 MY MINI QUEEN is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after drifting wide when finishing 4th behind Gran Bonita Chica going 5 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Alexis Delgado has Emisael Jaramillo named to handle the rematch. **6 WHEN IT'S LOVE** is dropping a notch, and stretching out an additional half-furlong, after bumping at the start and finishing 5th – as the favorite – going three-quarters of a mile vs \$12,500 maidens at Gulfstream. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Edgard Zayas in the saddle again.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-6

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 9 VICTOR LOUNGE

LONGSHOT: RACE 5 – 10 PROUD LEGACY