



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

5 STARSHIP ROCKY is dropping into this easier spot after rallying late to get beat 3 lengths vs \$8,000 open-claimers on the turf. Trainer Joe Catanese Jr has Samy Camacho atop the son of Wildcat Heir. **3 MY CHARMING CLYDE**, a 20-time winner, the 11-year-old will try to stretch his speed to the wire after making a middle move and finishing 4th in his recent outing at this level and distance. Trainer Dennis Ward tabs 10-pound apprentice Aurelio Ramirez to ride.

1 ILLUSTRIOUS SON is another getting some needed class relief after facing open-competition before the layoff. The last time the gelding faced conditioned claimers he won by 6 lengths (April 21).

SELECTIONS: 5-3-1

RACE 2:

6 PHISH FAN is making his first start since tussling with the who's-who of hard-knocking \$10,000 starter optional claimers before the layoff. Trainer Monte Thomas has leading jock Edgard Zayas astride the 11-time winner.

5 GREELY IS BACK is back from the layoff looking to notch his 3rd consecutive victory after the back-to-back scores going 5 furlongs. Trainer Dennis Ward has Carlos Montalvo named to ride.

1 BIG BOY BRUNO is making his first start since following an impressive \$6,250 score going a mile with a clunker vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on a 'good' Gulfstream main track. Trainer Peter Walder has Miguel Vazquez handling the turnback to 6 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-1

RACE 3:

5 GO POKE THE BEAR is a son of productive turf sire Kitten's Joy debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and Edgard Zayas named to ride. The pair of 5-furlong workouts on the Palm Beach Downs turf should help his cause.

8 SPUNKY KITTEN, another son of Kitten's Joy, is debuting for trainer Mike Maker with Lasix, and Paco Lopez named to handle the outside post. The tote action should tell us more about his chances. **1 NEW YEAR** is stepping up the competition after returning from the layoff to finish 2nd vs \$25,000 maidens in his local turf debut at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 5-8-1

RACE 4:

4 SCOTUSCARE, a reclaim by trainer Dave Braddy, the gelding is going for his 4th consecutive victory, and his 2nd consecutive score locally. The new/old connections tab Romero Maragh to ride.

3 OVER SENSUAL will face state-bred optional claimers at three-quarters of a mile after rallying wide in the slop to finish 3rd behind repeat winner The Best Candy when going 6 ½ furlongs last out.

2 MAJESTIC SECRET is hoping to find a tad more after rallying to finish a well-meant 2nd at this level and distance last out. Trainer Rory Miller has Jose Batista in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-2

RACE 5:

9 MANHATTAN PROJECT, now in the Gustavo Delgado barn, the son of Bernardini drops to the \$16,000 level after returning from the 5-month layoff at Gulfstream to finish a late-running 2nd – as the favorite - vs \$20,000 maidens; Paco Lopez rides. **10 BRAG DUDE** can turn out to be the controlling speed, in an otherwise paceless race, after setting the pace and getting outkicked late when finishing 2nd in his local turf return at this level and distance.



2 SPRING JOY is going back to his most accomplished surface after following a pair of 'in the money' finishes on the GP turf with 3rd place finish here in the slop.

SELECTIONS: 9-10-2

RACE 6:

3 VALLEY GIRL is dropping to the \$10,000 level in the first start since finishing 2nd in a \$16,000 maiden sprint at Gulfstream during August. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Edgard Zayas atop the daughter of Fort Loudon. **7 TREASURED INFO** is another dropping in for a dime after dueling for the lead and fading to finish 4th in a \$16,000 maiden sprint across town. Trainer Joe Orseno has Romero Maragh in the irons.

6 ROSES FOR MARTINA is a daughter of Afleet Alex debuting for trainer Oscar Gonzalez with a consistent morning work tab showing at Palm Meadows; Ronald Ordonez rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-6

RACE 7:

7 OUR CLOSURE is making her local return vs Florida-bred runners after facing a steady dose of allowance competition on the Elis Park turf. Trainer Rodolphe Brisset has Antonio Gallardo atop the daughter of Repent.

9 REAGAN'S ODYSSEY is dropping a notch after tracking the pace and finishing 2nd in her local return vs \$20,000 starter optional claimers. Trainer Marcus Vitali has Romero Maragh atop the daughter of Kantharos.

1 CAMEL MARTINI, a lightly raced 3-year-old daughter of Biondetti (5-1-2-2), is making her first start since rallying to come within a length of defeating similar going 7 ½ furlongs on a 'good' GP turf. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo handling the inside draw.

SELECTIONS: 7-9-1

RACE 8:

4 QUEEN JILL, now in the Gerard Ochoa barn, the daughter of Giant's Causeway turns back to 7 furlongs on the main track after dueling throughout and holding sway to defeat \$25,000 conditioned claimers going a mile on the turf during May. Note that the 4-year-old has run well in the past when switching from turf to dirt. **7 DORITZA** moved to the Jane Cibelli barn via the claim, and is stretching out an additional furlong, after stumbling at the start prior to finishing 3rd in her across town finale going three-quarters of a mile. **1 CHRISTMAS MAGIC**, a winner at this distance 2 starts back, stretches out after pressing the pace and fading to finish 5th vs \$16,000 optional claimers going 6 furlongs on a wet track listed as 'good'.

SELECTIONS: 4-7-1

RACE 9:

2 SOMETHING BIRD is wheeling back after returning from the freshening to make a premature move to get the lead prior to finishing 4th in his local debut at this level and distance. Leading trainer Marcus Vitali has Samy Camacho atop the son of Birdstone. **7 SEATTLE TREASURE** was visually impressive in defeat when he closed from 9th and last to finish a late-charging 3rd- beaten a length at 23-1 – going a mile here last out. Trainer Lilli Kurtinecz has leading rider Edgard Zayas atop the gelded son of Treasure Beach.

1 HONEY DONT, now in the Tim Hills barn, the gelded son of Soldat, who was impressive breaking his maiden at Belmont for trainer Bill Mott, was sent south after coming up empty in a pair of turf outings at Saratoga. Leading apprentice Romero Maragh hops aboard.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-1

BEST BET: RACE 5 – 9 MANHATTAN PROJECT

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – SOMETHING BIRD