



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

6 ALPERES, listed as a gelding, cuts back to a mile after dueling throughout and finishing 2nd – beaten a head – at a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Victor Lebron named to ride.

8 MAKINALEGACY will try a mile after following a 3rd place finish when going 7 ½ furlongs 2 starts back with another 3rd place finish going a mile and a sixteenth last out. **7 I'LL MAKE U FAMOUS** is stretching out around 2-turns after finishing a troubled 4th (steadied) vs similar going 5 furlongs on the turf here last out. The son of Congrats gets in light with 10-pound apprentice Alberto Burgos in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 6-8-7

RACE 2:

3 ROSETTA'S GIFT should be ready to score after returning from Tampa to finish 2nd – beaten a neck – at this level and distance. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has leading jock Edgard Zayas named to ride. **1 BALLY SQUALL** is dropping a notch after pressing the pace and finishing a distant 2nd behind 'much the best' winner Vicky Apple in a \$12,500 maiden test at the distance. **2 KAUFY FUTURES** will give the main track a try at a mile after showing speed and fading in a trio of turf routes vs a notch tougher competition.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-2

RACE 3:

8 RACHEL'S SMOKIN continues to climb through her conditions in winning fashion after following her \$12,500 maiden victory with an equally solid score vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers at the distance. **7 SUM MO CASH**, the only 3-time winner in the field, should take a positive step forward after shipping in from Tampa and finishing 5th vs similar in her first-ever trip over the course.

2 GRAN LETIZIA is another stepping up to the next level after returning from the layoff to defeat \$12,500 '2-lifetime' runners in game fashion. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr is 29% winning consecutive races.

SELECTIONS: 8-7-2

RACE 4:

3 WAIKIKI is stretching out to five-eighths of a mile after recovering from a troubled start (stumbled, slammed) to finish 3rd vs \$25,000 maidens going 4 ½-furlongs. **5 LUCKY MILADY**, a full sister to overnight stakes winner Itsmyluckycharm, drops into the maiden claiming ranks after taking the overland route when finishing a distant 7th in her special weight debut. **4 PINK** is Arindel Farm homebred daughter of Brethren debuting for leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr with Lasix, and jockey Jairo Rendon named to ride; don't ignore.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-4

RACE 5: THE CRYSTAL RIVER

3 PAY ANY PRICE, the defending champ in the Crystal River, and the record holder at the distance on the turf, makes his first start since finishing 3rd behind next-out Grade 2 Shakertown Stakes winner Imprimis in the \$75,000 Silks Run. He'll be playing catch me if you can. **4 MR FRENCH** should be primed and ready to get back to his winning ways after his 5-race win streak ended when he returned from the layoff to finish 3rd – beaten a length – in a \$62,500 optional claimer at the distance.

6 SINGANDCRYINDUBAI, 4th behind Imprimis and Pay Any Price in the Silks Run, wheels back after dropping the rider in his last. Trainer Jorge Navarro has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-6

RACE 6:

10 UNPUBLISHED is dropping back to the \$35,000 level on the main track after failing to handle the jump up to special weight company on the turf. Trainer Gary Jackson has 10-pound bug Alberto Burgos handling the combo dropdown/surface switch. **6 DEXTER** is another dropping into the maiden claiming ranks after 'hitting the board' in 2 of 4 sprints on the main track vs state-bred special weight competition. The 4-year-old should be able to carve out a trip behind the speed. **3 LENNOX** makes it a trio dropping to the \$35,000 level after tracking the pace and finishing 3rd in front of Dexter last out.

SELECTIONS: 10-6-3

RACE 7:

6 ARMS WIDE OPEN moved to the Juan Arriagada barn via the claim after following her \$20,000 maiden victory with a 2nd place finish – as the 3-to-5 favorite – at this level and distance. **2 FOR REEF'S SAKE** moved to the Julio Cartagena barn via the claim, and turns back to 5 furlongs (4-1-0-2), after making a wide move to finish 3rd going 7 ½ furlongs in her last. **8 DIAMOND LOVE** is making her first start since finishing 3rd vs \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimers here during March. Trainer Dave Kassen, who won a race here on Thursday and Friday, has Jose Batista named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-8

RACE 8:

1 COMPANY STORE is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after finishing a rallying 2nd – in front of a pair of next-out winners – in his 6-furlong career debut. **8 I TURN A NIGHT UP** is stepping up into maiden special weight competition again after returning from the 14-month layoff to finish 3rd in a \$35,000 maiden sprint contested at 5-furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Happy Alter has Samy Camacho named to ride. **2 JEEKER JOE** is cutting back to a sprint distance on the dirt after setting the pace and weakening to finish 5th vs \$50,000 maidens going a 2-turn mile on the turf.

SELECTIONS: 1-8-2

RACE 9: HOME OF THE BRAVE

11 SALUTE THE COLONEL, aptly named to win the Home of the Brave, is making his first start since disputing the pace and weakening to finish 9th in the 12-furlong Grade 2 Pan American, a race that produced a pair of next-out winners, including Bigger Picture, who won the Grade 2 Elkhorn in his next race. **3 MARSHALL EDDY**, who has shown in the past that he can handle a distance of ground, stretches out after closing to get beat a neck at a mile and a sixteenth last out, and a neck going a mile 2 starts back. **5 MONTCLAIR (IRE)**, a previous winner at this marathon 12-furlong distance, stretches out after returning from the layoff to finish a screw-tightening 6th going a mile.

SELECTIONS: 11-3-5

RACE 10:

5 SWEET KAYDEN, a 3-year-old son of Drill, will try to make it two in a row after crushing older horses going a 1-turn mile last out. Trainer Jorge Navarro is 31% with the route-to-sprint angle. **9 GYOZA** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after stepping up off the claim by trainer Enrique Arroyo and finishing 4th vs \$20,000 conditioned claimers at 6 furlongs. **8 ZALZA** is cutting back to 6 ½ furlongs after notching his 2nd victory when defeating older horses going a mile last out. The gelding is sharp since moving to the Amador Sanchez barn via the claim.

SELECTIONS: 5-9-8

RACE 11:

4 BIG AGENDA is turning back to a mile after setting the pace, crossing the wire first, but being disqualified and placed 2nd for drifting in the stretch when going a mile and a sixteenth last out; Emisael Jaramillo rides. **6 HOLY MEISTER** is a gelded son of Bodemeister, a half-brother to 2014 Grade 2 Holy Bull Stakes winner Cairo Prince, debuting for trainer Mark Casse with Lasix, and apprentice Cristian Torres named to ride. **8 HIGHWAY FLYER** moved to the Emmy Gaffney barn via the claim after rallying to come within a neck of defeating \$50,000 maidens at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-8

BEST BET: RACE 6 – 10 UNPUBLISHED

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 3 MARSHALL EDDY