



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**2 BRAG DUDE** is back in South Florida after facing tougher in his 6-race campaign in California. Trainer Juan Andreas Rodriguez has Leonel Reyes handling the homecoming. **5 MISTER STORM** is stretching out to seven-eighths of a mile after returning from the 9-month plus layoff to finish a wide late-running 4<sup>th</sup> vs this level of competition going 5 ½ furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. **7 RIGO** is an inconsistent sort who ran well enough 2 starts back to be a contender in this wide-open race.

**SELECTIONS: 2-5-7**

## RACE 2:

**5 GIA LIA JOE** is a daughter of Treasure Beach stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after shaking off early traffic problems (lacked room) to finish a fast-closing 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 ½ furlongs; Raul Mena rides for Fernando Abreu. **3 EXCLUSIVELY EMMA** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the 3-month layoff, breaking from a tough post, racing wide, and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> at this level and distance. **2 SUNFEST** is another trying to score the elusive maiden victory after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in her Gulfstream turf finale at this level and distance. Trainer Armando De la Cerda tabs Emisael Jaramillo to ride as Edgard Zayas sticks with Exclusively Emma.

**SELECTIONS: 5-3-2**

## RACE 3:

**7 HELLO JULIET**, a previous winner at Gulfstream West, returns at the three-quarters of a mile after stalking the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> when facing similar quality going 6 ½ furlongs across town.

**3 FERGIELICIOUS**, in for the \$12,500 tag in this optional claimer, drops, and makes her first start since finishing 4<sup>th</sup> behind Hello Juliet when they competed on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Trainer Yvon Belsoeur has Jose Batista handling the rematch.

**5 FLORA FANTASY**, 2 for 2 'in the money' locally, returns after making a 5-wide bid – as the favorite – to finish 4<sup>th</sup> behind common thread Hello Juliet on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**SELECTIONS: 7-3-5**

## RACE 4:

**9 TRUE HEIRESS** has her claiming tag sliced in half after showing speed and fading when facing \$16,000 and \$30,000 conditioned claimers, respectively, in her 2 previous sprints at the distance. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Edgard Zayas handling the class relief. **6 DAWN LIGHTNING**, 5 for 8 'in the money' going 5 furlongs on the turf, is going back to the grass after in the first start since rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in a \$12,500 conditioned claimer going 6 furlongs on the Gulfstream main track. Trainer Eddie Plesa Jr is 18% with his turf sprinters. **5 FLYING QUEEN** is dropping a notch hoping this latest karma change helps produce the elusive 2<sup>nd</sup> career victory (23-1-5-8). Trainer Victor Barboza Jr reunites the daughter of Majestic Warrior with Miguel Vasquez.

**SELECTIONS: 9-6-5**

## RACE 5:

**6 LAILONI** is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after returning from the layoff with blinkers added, and proceeding to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> going 5 furlongs. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Edgard Zayas named on the Arindel Farm homebred daughter of Brethren.

**5 MICAH'S GIRL** is making her first start since responding to the addition of blinkers with an improved 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish vs state-bred special weight competition at Gulfstream on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Trainer Carlo Vaccarezza has Jeffrey Sanchez named to ride as Edgard Zayas rides Lailoni.

**2 BRUNETTE PRINCESS** is a daughter of Bodemeister debuting for trainer Gustavo Delgado with 4 solid workouts over the track showing in preparation for her first race; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

**SELECTIONS: 6-5-2**



#### RACE 6:

**5 TEXAS RUSTLER**, a 4-time winner on this turf course (11-4-2-0), returns after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs a notch tougher in back-to-back turf sprints at the distance. It's the old horse-for-course play.

**6 GIANT'S VOICE**, 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Texas Rustler when they competed at this 5-furlong distance on August 9<sup>th</sup>, turns back after stalking the pace and fading when trying 7 ½ furlongs in his across town finale. Trainer Steve Klesaris has apprentice Romero Maragh named to ride. **7 FIRST GOAL** is returning to the turf with that dangerous commodity on his side – Speed! Trainer Luis Duco has 7-pound apprentice Kevin Carmona trying to steal this sprint on the front end.

**SELECTIONS: 5-6-7**

#### RACE 7:

**7 NO CHOICE** is dropping to the \$12,500 level in the first race since showing some early interest and fading to finish last in his \$35,000 career debut. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Edgard Zayas handling the swan dive through the maiden ranks.

**8 PAPELON**, 1 of 2 first-time starters in the field from trainer Antonio Sano, this son of Shanghai Bobby shows 12 workouts over the track, including the recent half-mile bullet, in preparation for the long-awaited debut; Jesus Rios rides. **2 MR LUCAS**, the other first-time starter from Sano, the son of Bodemeister debut with 11 workouts over the track, and boasts a recent half-mile bullet in the slop in preparation for his first race.

**SELECTIONS: 7-8-2**

#### RACE 8:

**5 BRIGHT VENEZUELAN** is debuting locally after ending her turf campaign across town by rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – as the tepid favorite – at this level and distance. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Paco Lopez returning on the daughter of Justin Phillip.

**4 SPEED STAR**, who was sharp in her 2 previous turf sprints last year, returns to the lawn after chasing the pace and fading when facing state-bred allowance competition going 6 furlongs on the dirt. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch. **3 RICHIE'S SISTER** will try to make it 2 in a row after leading every step of the way when defeating Bright Venezuelan by a neck at 22-1 last out.

**SELECTIONS: 5-4-3**

#### RACE 9:

**6 FLYING GIRL** moved to the Javier Gonzalez barn via the claim, and tries a 2-turn mile locally, after making a bid and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> when facing similar quality in a 1-turn mile across town. The new connections tab Leonel Reyes to ride. **4 DEVUELTA** is stepping up to face open competition after ending her campaign across town with a 'come-from-behind' \$6,250 'non-winners of 3-lifetime' score going a 1-turn mile. Trainer Peter Walder has Hector Berrios going for 2 in a row.

**5 QUEENS QUARTERS** is a late-striding type debuting locally for trainer Juan Arriagada looking to sit behind the speed, and spring the mini upset.

**SELECTIONS: 6-4-5**

#### RACE 10:

**6 ZWEET EMBRACE**, bred to respond favorably to both the surface and the distance, the daughter of Zensational stretches out around 2-turns on the turf after dueling throughout and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in her \$20,000 career debut going 6 ½ furlongs on the main track. **4 HEIR TIME** is dropping to the \$20,000 level, and stretching out to 7 ½ furlongs, after taking the overland route when finishing a wide 6<sup>th</sup> in a \$35,000 maiden race contested at 5 furlongs on the grass.

**2 BIENVILLE STREET** is dropping, stretching out, and wearing blinkers, after rallying wide to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in front of Heir Time last out. Trainer Cam Gambolati has Paco Lopez negotiating the added real estate.

**SELECTIONS: 6-4-2**

**BEST BET: RACE 6 – 5 TEXAS RUSTLER**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 6 ZWEET EMBRACE**

