



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**2 KING'S DREAM** plunges to the \$10,000 level on the main track after facing considerably tougher in a trio of turf races with little success. Trainer Patrick Biancone finds a spot where he can shed the maiden tag.

**10 DON'T TAP AND TELL** is stretching out to a 1-turn mile after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in back-to-back sprints going three-quarters of a mile. **7 HIGH FRANCESCO** is another stretching out to a mile after returning from the 10-month plus layoff to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs similar going 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer Ron Spatz has apprentice Romero Maragh handling the 2<sup>nd</sup> start off the bench.

**SELECTIONS: 2-10-7**

## RACE 2:

**5 ESCRIBIENTE**, a son of Wrote, will be outfitted with blinkers, and is returning to the turf, after following a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the grass going 7 ½ furlongs with another 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in a race moved from the lawn to a mile and a sixteenth on a fast-main track. **8 SUMMER SPICE** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after returning from the layoff and taking the overland route when finishing a wide 6<sup>th</sup> – beaten 4 lengths – vs similar going 7 ½ furlongs.

**3 MORENO MOJO**, who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on the turf when facing similar quality during June, is going back to the lawn in the first start since finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in a race moved to this distance on a sealed 'sloppy' track.

**SELECTIONS: 5-8-3**

## RACE 3:

**8 GERRYS BIG WIN** took a major step in the right direction when she opened up a 3 ½-length lead before settling for 2<sup>nd</sup> going 5 furlongs in her last. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Edgard Zayas rationing her speed today. **4 REDOUBLE**, a \$140,000 daughter of Bernardini, is debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher, and that should be more than enough to pique your interest. The consistent morning work tab at Palm Beach Downs should produce positive results. **6 DANA GRACE** is a daughter of Mucho Macho Man debuting for trainer Kathy Ritvo with a strong morning workout pattern showing, that includes the recent half-mile bullet in 47 flat, which was the best time of 52 horses at the distance.

**SELECTIONS: 8-4-6**

## RACE 4:

**2 PASSION FOR HOPE** is stretching out around 2-turns on the turf after rallying between rivals to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in her \$16,000 career debut going 5 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track at Tampa. Trainer Efen Loza Jr has Shane Laviolette returning on the daughter of Passion of Gold (Medaglia d'Oro), who is bred to love both the surface and distance.

**10 LIGHT SHOW** is debuting on the turf with blinkers added, and dropping to the \$12,500 level, after breaking poorly in back-to-back dirt sprints at the \$20,000 and \$16,000 levels, respectively. Trainer Armando De la Cerda has Emisael Jaramillo handling the surface switch. **6 RUN GAL RUN** is stretching out to a mile after rallying to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs similar opposition going 7 ½ furlongs last out.

**SELECTIONS: 2-10-6**

## RACE 5:

**3 CAUTIOUS GIANT** is hoping to return to the winner's circle after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in 5 consecutive races dating back to February. Trainer Victor Barboza has Emisael Jaramillo looking to cure the case of seconditis.

**1 MY FRIEND FLAVIN**, who does his best running from 'off the pace' can end up sitting in the garden spot if the speed, which includes Cautious Giant, fails to find the wire. Trainer Leo Gabriel Jr has Luca Panici in the saddle.

**2 SANTIAMEN**, who was a perfect 2 for 2 sprinting on the main track during his freshman season, is making his local return the first start since fading from contention in the \$100,000 Mucho Macho Man last January. Trainer Antonio Sano has the son of Dialed In firing bullets for the return.

**SELECTIONS: 3-1-2**

## RACE 6:

**6 TIGER PAW**, a winner at this distance 2 starts back, stretches out after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup>, from a tough outside post, when going 7 ½ furlongs last out. **7 ABBOT** is looking for a little more after leading every step of the way until he was nailed at the wire by Flashy Chelsey last out. Trainer Yvon Belsoeur, who claimed him 2 starts back, has Jose Batista in the saddle again. **1 FLASHY CHELSEY** will try to make it 2 in a row after getting up to spoil Abbot's victory party last out; C C Lopez rides.

**SELECTIONS: 6-7-1**

**RACE 7:**

**6 ITSMYLUCKYCHARM** is stretching out to five-eighths of a mile after responding to the dropdown in competition, and the addition of Lasix, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish vs \$25,000 maidens here back on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr is 18% with the 61-180 days layoff. **2 CHIC AND SEXY** is a daughter of First Samurai debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with 11 Palm Beach Downs workouts showing in preparation for the long-awaited unveiling. Emisael Jaramillo rides as Pletcher go-to jock rides **5 SECRET O'LIFE**. The daughter of He's Had Enough is debuting for trainer David Fawkes with Lasix and a steady morning work tab showing.

**SELECTIONS: 6-2-5**

**RACE 8:**

**4 QUASAR MOON**, 1 of 2 in the field for trainer Todd Pletcher, the \$180,000 son of Orb debuts on the turf with 9 Palm Beach Downs workouts showing in preparation for this assignment. The freshman gets Lasix and has Tyler Gaffalione in the saddle. **3 REORGANIZE** gets the nod on the experience angle after setting the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> – beaten a couple of lengths – going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Trainer Dave Braddy keeps it light with apprentice Reylu Gutierrez riding. **12 RILEY RULES** will depart from the outside, and race with the blinkers off, after back-to-back 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes on the turf including his last, which was contested around 2 turns (7 ½ furlongs).

**SELECTIONS: 4-3-12**

**RACE 9:**

**10 CHISELED** will face \$6,250 open-claimers looking to sit in the catbird seat behind when should be a hotly contested early pace. The 4-time winner at the distance adds to his appeal as an 8-time local winner (23-8-4-4). **8 SOLVE** moved to the Rodolfo Garcia barn via the claim after making what looked like a winning move before settling for 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance; Emisael Jaramillo rides the son of Flatter. **1 OVER LIMIT**, 1 of 2 in the field for trainer Peter Walder, breaks from the rail looking to save more for the stretch drive after dueling and fading to finish 4<sup>th</sup> behind stablemate Peace Points last out; Tyler Gaffalione stays aboard.

**SELECTIONS: 10-8-1**

**RACE 10:**

**8 HARD COUNT** will race with the blinkers off after dueling for the lead and weakening to 4<sup>th</sup> in a 'key' 5-furlong dash that produced next-out winners Reservednotattained and Seanow, who broke his maiden on the Saratoga turf in his next start. **7 WINTER WOLF** is a \$475,000 son of Will Take Charge debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with a string of solid workouts showing in preparation for this assignment. Trainer Pletcher, who also has Bal Bay Drive in the field, tabs Gaffalione to ride Winter Wolf.

**12 ELGIN ESCAPE**, a half-brother to Susan's Girl and My Dear Girl Stakes Winner Starship Bonita, stretches out to 5 ½ furlongs after recovering from a very slow start to finish a respectable 5<sup>th</sup> in his 5-furlong debut.

**SELECTIONS: 8-7-12**

**RACE 11:**

**6 FAST EDDIE E** moved to the Yvon Belsoeur barn via the claim, and drops to the \$10,000 level, in the first outing since breaking from a tough post (12) and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> vs a group of hard-knocking \$16,000 conditioned claimers on June 15<sup>th</sup>. **11 DENEK** is hoping to get away from the gate in a timely fashion after breaking slowly prior to launching a late rally to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Tyler Gaffalione atop the son of Tapizar (Tapit). **1 GOLDEN KANTHAROS** will depart from the rail after chasing the swift pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance. The son of Kantharos, listed as a gelding, has apprentice Reylu Gutierrez in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 6-11-1**

**RACE 12: THE DR. FAGER**

**8 TAKE COMMAND** certainly lived up to his name when he drew clear to win his 5-furlong career debut by 5 widening lengths. Trainer Terri Pompay has Nik Juarez returning on the son of Field Commission. **6 FULLY LOADED** come into the Dr Fager fully loaded after posting impressive back-to-back victories for trainer Jose Pinchin. The son of Two Step Salsa has Edgard Zayas going for the hat trick. **3 NACHO PAPA** is stretching out an additional half-furlong after returning from the freshening to finish a late-running 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Fully Loaded. Trainer Stanley Gold has Jeffrey Sanchez returning on the Arindel homebred.

**SELECTIONS: 8-6-3**

**RACE 13: THE DESERT VIXEN**

**9 CAPTURE YOUR DREAM**, now in the Mark Casse barn, the daughter of promising sire Uncaptured is stepping up to face winners with Lasix added after the head-swirling debut in which she drew off to win by 10 ½ lengths; Tyler Gaffalione rides. **3 NANCYSAIDSO**, the only multiple winner in the field, will try to make it 3 in a row after following victories over recent Schuylerville Stakes winner Catherinethegreat 2 starts back, with a hard-fought victory in a \$75,000 optional claimer going 5 ½ furlongs in her last. **12 VALKYRIE GOLD** is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after the game debut victory going 4 ½ furlongs in which she defeated both Nancysaidso and Cookie Dough. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 9-3-12**

**BEST BET: RACE 10 – 8 HARD COUNT**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 12 – 8 TAKE COMMAND**