

RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1: MILLIONS TURF PREVIEW

6 ARCHER ROAD is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after posting his 5th victory this year, and 2nd win in a row, when he rallied to score in the 1-mile \$75,000 Mr Steele. The gelding should sit the 'trip' behind the speed that includes **2 CLASS AND CASH**, a 5-time winner at the distance, is stretching out after highlighting his versatility when he came from well 'off the pace' to win the 6-furlong \$100,000 Laurel Dash on a yielding course. Trainer Jane Cibelli has Nik Juarez in the saddle. **3 SALUTE THE COLONEL**, 2 for 3 at the distance, stretches out after closing to get beat a neck by Archer Road in the Mr Steele last out.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-3

RACE 2: MILLIONS SPRINT PREVIEW

4 KROY, 2nd to classy Mr Jordan the last time he sprinted on the dirt, is going back to the main track after tracking the pace and weakening to finish 8th behind 1st race choice Archer Road on the turf. Trainer Armando de la Cerda has Paco Lopez handling the combo surface switch/turnback. **3 FIELD TRIP** will try to make it 4 sprint victories in a row after posting back-to-back 90-plus Beyer figures in his two previous wins across town. **7 QUIJOTE** couldn't have been more impressive when he followed the 3rd place finish in the \$75,000 Trinniberg with a commanding \$62,500 optional claiming victory here on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Sally Mitchellhill has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-7

RACE 3: <u>MILLIONS F & M TURF PREVIEW</u>

4 PICARA is turning back to 7 ½ furlongs after keeping her local turf record unblemished (2-2-0-0) when she used her speed to defeat \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers going a mile. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Edgard Zayas going for 2 in a row. 8 WARRANTY is stretching out slightly after the promising local turf debut in which she rallied to finish 2nd – beaten a half-length – vs \$25,000 optional claimers going 7 ½ furlongs. 7 THINKIN COWTOWN is making her first start since posting by far the best last-out Beyer figure (82) when defeating \$62,500 optional claimers at Gulfstream on September 23rd. Trainer Gary Jackson has Jose Batista returning on the 5-year-old mare.

SELECTIONS: 4-8-7

RACE 4: MILLIONS CLASSIC PREVIEW

1 MR. JORDAN, the defending champ of the Classic Preview, is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth in his quest to keep his local record unblemished (4-4-0-0). The horse-for-course play has Paco Lopez named to ride. **3 DELAND**, 3-2-1-0 at the distance, is stretching out after using his speed to win the \$75,000 Mo Exception by 8 widening lengths when going a 1-turn mile on a sealed 'sloppy' track across town. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael Jaramillo atop the speedy 6-year-old. **2 NOBLE DRAMA** is stretching out an additional 1/16th of a mile after rallying to win the 1-mile \$150,000 Wildcat Heir by a perfectly timed neck. Trainer David Fawkes has Nik Juarez returning on the son of Gone Astray.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-2

RACE 5: THE JUVENILE FILLIES SPRINT

4 SELECT FRIDAY, who was sharp sprinting during July and August, including the 2nd-place finish in the 6-furlong Desert Vixen, turns back to 6 ½ furlongs after failing to get untracked when beaten double-digit lengths in the \$400,000 My Dear Girl Division of the Fla Sire Stakes. **7 BUSY SIGNAL** is cutting back to a sprint distance after following her 6-furlong maiden special weight victory with a 2nd place finish going a 2-turn mile here last out. Trainer Milt Wolfson has Samy Camacho handling the classic turnback move.

1 LOVESICK will be tested for class in the first start since winning her 4 ½-furlong career debut – as the favorite – at GP during August. Trainer Fawkes, who also conditions Select Friday, has Paco Lopez on this half of his uncoupled entry.

SELECTIONS: 4-7-1

RACE 6: THE JUVENILE SPRINT

7 JACKSON is going back to the main track after returning from the layoff to finish 2^{nd} – as the 4-to-5 favorite - behind Breeders' Cup Juvenile turf winner Bulletin in the 5-furlong Hollywood Beach last out.

4 MADDY'S LAST DANCE will try to make it 3 in a row after following his \$50,000 maiden victory across town with a late-running \$50,000 optional claiming score here going 6 furlongs. Leading trainer Marcus Vitali readied him for this performance with a bullet 3-furlong drill in 34 & 4.



9 MAX K. O. is getting his first serious class check after drawing clear like a 'good thing' to defeat a pair of next-out winners in his commanding \$25,000 career debut here contested at 6 furlongs on a 'good' track.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-9

RACE 7:

2 BRUNETTE PRINCESS is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after surrendering a late lead when finishing 2nd – beaten a neck as the favorite – in her 6-furlong debut. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has Emisael Jaramillo atop the daughter of Bodemeister.

7 WILDWOOD'S BEAUTY shows a couple of sharp Gulfstream Park workouts in preparation for her career debut for trainer Scott Becker, who has a 23% average with his freshman runners. **9 STRONGER KAT** sports a 3-furlong bullet workout in 35 & 3 in preparation for her first start since finishing a promising 3rd behind Brunette Princes in their respective 6-furlong debuts.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-9

RACE 8: THE JUVENILE FILLIES TURF

4 BOX OF GOLD moved to the Oscar Gonzalez barn via the claim after edging away late to defeat \$20,000 maidens going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Trainer Gonzalez, 36% with new claims, has Miguel Vazquez atop this longshot play. **9 JOLIE BAY** is returning to the turf after setting the pace and fading to finish 3rd on the Woodbine synthetic surface in the mile and a sixteenth Grade 3 Mazarine. Trainer Mark Casse has Jose Batista atop the daughter of He's Had Enough.

3 BLAZING BROOKE, a daughter of Winslow Homer (Unbridled's Song), is debuting on the turf after finishing 3rd on the dirt behind Cookie Dough in the My Dear Girl and the Susan's Girl Divisions of the FSS. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Edgard Zayas quarterbacking the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-9

RACE 9: <u>THE MILLIONS DISTAFF</u>

6 HEIRESSALL is stretching out to 7 furlongs for the first time after posting a trio of impressive victories at distances from 5 ½ to 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Terri Pompay has Miguel Vazquez going for the 4-peat.

9 SHANGHAI STARLET is returning to the main track after her 2-race win streak on the dirt, which includes a victory in the rained out \$75,000 Panama City, ended when she finished 4th on the grass in the \$75,000 Miss Gracie. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Edgard Zayas atop the daughter of Shanghai Bobby.

5 STARSHIP BONITA is making her first start since drawing clear to defeat a trio of next-out winners in the 'key' \$100,000 Sheer Drama in her last. She should sit in the catbird seat behind the hot pace expected.

SELECTIONS: 6-9-5

RACE 10: THE JUVENILE TURF

1 MEGA BUCKS will try to make it 2 in a row after shipping in from Laurel for trainer Mike Trombetta and rallying to defeat a field of maiden special weight runners going a mile on the turf. 4 RED FOG led every step of the way but the last when he was beaten a nose by Mega Bucks last out. Trainer Stanley Gold has Jeffrey Sanchez handling the rematch. 3 HE'LL DO is debuting locally for trainer Tom Proctor after setting tepid fractions of 25 & 2 and 50 & 2 on route to a mile & 70-yard maiden victory on the Delaware turf; Keibar Coa rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-3

RACE 11:

2 MERCUSIO is debuting locally for trainer Gerald Bennett after dueling throughout and finishing 2nd in his maiden special weight debut going 5 ½ furlongs on a west-fast track at Delaware.

4 FOLLLOWHISFOOTSTEPS is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after making a move to get the lead before weakening to finish 3rd in his 6-furlong debut here. Trainer John Vinson has Carlos Montalvo atop the gelded son of Field Commission. 1 COLD WARRIOR is a gelded son of Kantharos debuting for trainer Scott Becker with a pair of promising South Florida workouts showing in preparation for this assignment. The tote action should tell us more abut his chances to win at first asking.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-1

BEST BET: RACE 2 – 4 KROY

LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 4 BOX OF GOLD