



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

9 ON CRUISE CONTROL is stepping up to the next level after following his open-length maiden victory on the Gulfstream turf with an equally sharp \$8,000 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' score here at this distance. Trainer Rasharn Creque, who claimed him 2 starts back, has Luca Panici named to ride. **7 WHOOP TI DO** was solid in defeat when he shipped in from across town to come within a head of catching front running Weeza Gone Gray at this level and distance last out. **5 R CAT DADDY**, a previous winner at the distance, should be closer to the early pace when he stretches out to 7 ½ furlongs after breaking slowly and finishing 4th going 5 furlongs in his last. Trainer Ralph Ziadie has David Delgado handling the added distance.

SELECTIONS: 9-7-5

RACE 2:

7 NEW CHAMPION, a well-meant 3rd at this level and distance on the dirt 2 starts back, is going back to the main track after chasing the pace and fading to finish 7th vs \$20,000 maidens going 5 furlongs on the turf. **5 A B G GUERRERO**, beaten a neck at this distance 3 starts back, is shortening up after finishing 3rd in consecutive sprints going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Antonio Sano has Marcos Meneses in the saddle. **6 ED'S DOG**, a son of Maltese Dog, is turning back slightly after responding to both a dropdown in competition, and a turnback from a route to a sprint, with a neck defeat vs this caliber of competition going 6 furlongs in his last.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-6

RACE 3:

10 TIDE OF THE DESERT is making the 3rd start of his current form cycle after rallying to finish an improved 3rd in his local debut at this level and distance. Trainer Michelle Nihei has apprentice Nicky Figueroa in the saddle.

11 DISCO MAN is stepping up to face winners after using his speed to defeat \$12,500 maidens going 7 ½ furlongs on the Gulfstream turf. Trainer Peter Walder has Emisael Jaramillo handling the outside post (11). **7 BOHDI DOG** is hoping to save something more for the stretch run, and stay out of a ruinous duel with Disco Man, after opening and surrendering an early 2-length lead when finishing 4th behind Tide of the Desert last out.

SELECTIONS: 10-11-7

RACE 4:

5 FOREST GATOR is going back to what has been his best surface and distance (2-2-0-0), after stepping up off the claim by trainer Henry Collazo, chasing the pace, and fading when facing \$8,000 claimers going 5 furlongs on the local turf. Trainer Collazo, 21% with the turf-to-dirt angle, has apprentice Aby Medina handling the surface switch. **3 WISE WARRIOR** is stepping up to the next level after living up to his name when he fought through the lane and held sway to defeat '2-lifetime' runners by a head. Trainer Antonio Cioffi, 4 for 10 (40%) at the meeting, has Carlos Olivero going for 2 in a row. **9 HORSE SPOTTER CARL** moved to the Jim Douthall barn via the claim, and hopes to bounce back, after following a pair 2nd place finishes at this level with an unlucky outing in which he bumped at the start causing the jockey to lose and iron and spot the field a 10-length lead.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-9

RACE 5:

8 WINNIE is sitting on a winning performance after rebounding from a stumbling incident at the start on the Gulfstream turf 2 starts back with a late-closing 4th in a 'key' 1-mile turf event here that has produced 3 next-out winners from 6 starters. Trainer Reid Nagle has Jorge Ruiz in the saddle. **11 SONG OF MELODY**, who showed speed and finished 3rd on the turf at this level and distance 2 starts ago, is going back to the grass after rallying to finish 3rd again in a race that was moved from 7 ½ on the turf to 7 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track.



3 STARSHIP GUSSIE, a daughter of High Cotton, is shifting her focus to the turf after stalking 4-wide and finishing 4th in a race moved from 2-turns on the grass to 7 furlongs on a 'fast' main track.

SELECTIONS: 8-11-3

RACE 6:

9 BOURBON HONEY is turning back to 6 furlongs after debuting locally, dueling for the lead, and fading late when finishing 4th vs this level of competition going seven-eighths of a mile. Trainer Fernando Abreu has Jose Batista handling the outside draw. **7 KATHERINE'S DRAMA** is stretching out slightly to three-quarters of a mile after responding to the dropdown in competition with a set-the-pace-and-weaken 3rd going 5 ½ furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. **4 U S DIVA** is cutting back to this distance after returning from the freshening to finish a rallying 3rd behind repeat winner Uruguayan Princess going 7 panels last out.

SELECTIONS: 9-7-4

RACE 7: THE SHOWING UP

2 KROY is debuting on the local turf after highlighting his versatility across town when he followed back-to-back turf victories with a front running score in the \$100,000 Bears Den, a race that was moved from the turf to 7 furlongs on wet main track listed as 'good'. **1 LEMONIST**, who broke his maiden here last October by 9-plus lengths, and followed that with a \$75,000 optional claiming score on the Gulfstream turf last December, makes his first start since finishing 5th – beaten less than 2 lengths – in the \$100,000 Kitten's Joy on February 4th. Trainer Todd Pletcher has the son of Lemon Drop Kid training well at Palm Beach Downs. **9 DUROCHER** is debuting locally after recovering from an awkward start to finish a fast-closing 3rd – beaten a neck – in the \$40,000 Jack Flats across town.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-9

RACE 8:

7 STARSHIP APOLLO, claimed out of 9 of his last 12 races, the popular son of First Dude, now in the Marcial Navarro barn, will try to make it two in a row locally after rallying wide to defeat similar going 6 furlongs last out. The 4-year-old loves the local surroundings (4-2-1-1).

4 MATTHEWS MYSTERY is stepping up to tussle with open company after dueling from start-to-finish and holding on gamely to defeat \$6,250 conditioned claimers here going three-quarters of a mile. **3 BIG BOY BRUNO** can come up large in this spot after rallying to notch his 4th career victory when defeating \$6,250 types at 6 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-3

RACE 9:

3 LUCKY KITTEN is dropping to the \$8,000 level in the first start since finishing 2nd behind repeat winner Metaphorically in a \$16,000 conditioned claimer going a mile on the Gulfstream turf during July. He's the local choice unless the drop has you reluctant to commit. **8 RECALIBRATING** is sitting on a winning performance after returning from the layoff to finish 2nd in front of a pair of next-out winners in his local return at this level and distance. **10 DARNELLS SPIRIT** let it be known he could compete with this level of competition here when he rallied to finish 3rd – a head behind Recalibrating – at this level and distance last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-10

RACE 10: THE CELLARS SHIRAZ

3 GRAN CHERRY is debuting locally for trainer Victor Barboza Jr after a consistent campaign across town in which she followed back-to-back victories vs older horses with a troubled (lacked room), but game 3rd place finish in the \$100,000 Miss Gracie in her last. **1 OVERNEGOTIATE**, a New York-bred daughter of Overdriven, makes her local debut for trainer Todd Pletcher after a game score going a mile and a sixteenth on the Belmont turf, a race in which she fought hard to win by a head. **9 SURPRISE WEDDING** is stretching out to a mile after the promising turf debut in which she finished 2nd in front of Gran Cherry in the Miss Gracie.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-9

BEST BET: RACE 7 – 2 KROY

LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 8 LANTIZ