



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

7 LA LEYENDA will try a 2-turn mile locally after rallying to finish 3rd and 2nd, respectively, in a pair going a 1-turn mile across town.

2 CAPTAIN BOBER will depart from an inside post after dueling for the lead and fading to finish behind La Leyenda when they hooked up going a mile at Gulfstream in their last. **3 ASK THE HEIR** is a late-running type who can be along to grab a share of the trifecta or super.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-3

RACE 2:

4 DIXIELAND DUDES has her claiming tag sliced in half, and returns to the turf (4-1-0-1), after showing some early interest and fading when facing \$16,000 conditioned claimers in a race moved from the turf to a sealed 'sloppy' Gulfstream main track. Trainer Terri Pompay has Luis Castillo handling the class relief. **8 SUNSHINE TREASURE** is making her local return the first start since rallying to finish 3rd when facing similar quality going a mile on the turf across town. Trainer Joe Orseno has Paco Lopez in the saddle again. **5 PSYCHO GIRL** is a late-running type who should be able to close and grab a piece of the exotic wagers.

SELECTIONS: 4-8-5

RACE 3:

7 COMBINATION is a son of Alternation debuting for trainer Joe Orseno with a series of solid morning workouts showing, including the recent half-mile bullet in 47 & 1. The freshman gets Lasix, and has Paco Lopez handling the outside post.

4 FOREVER MO is a \$140,000 son of Uncle Mo debuting for trainer Antonio Sano with 5 Gulfstream Park workouts showing in preparation for this assignment; Edgard Zayas rides.

3 PRINCESS ZAYA, a daughter of Oxbow, is debuting locally after ending her 2-race campaign with 3rd place finish – at huge odds of 58-1 – when facing the girls in a 5-furlong sprint across town.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-3

RACE 4:

6 GREGORY SUN, 2 for 3 'in the money' on the turf, is shifting back to the lawn after returning from the layoff to finish 4th going 6 furlongs on the main track. Trainer Bobby Dibona has jockey C C Lopez on this major piece of the pace puzzle today.

8 DIAMOND MAJESTY is debuting locally after following his \$10,000 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' victory 3 starts back with a 3rd and 2nd place finish, respectively, in a pair of \$10,000 '3-lifetime' claimers on the Gulfstream turf. Trainer Patrick Biancone has apprentice Romeo Maragh atop the gelded son of Lookin at Lucky. **1 ON CRUISE CONTROL**, a previous winner on this turf course, returns after rallying to finish 2nd in back-to-back \$10,000 '3-lifetime' claimers going a mile on the Gulfstream turf.

SELECTIONS: 6-8-1

RACE 5:

7 BALLIE'S DREAM should be primed and ready to exit the maiden ranks after dueling for the lead and finishing 3rd in her career debut at this level and distance. Trainer Larry Pilotti keeps it light with leading apprentice Romero Maragh in the saddle. **10 DREAMINGOFMERMAIDS** is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after finishing 2nd – from Post 10 – back-to-back sprints going 5 ½ and 6-furlongs across town. **8 CHIEF BOW NO MOVE** is stretching out an additional furlong after rallying on a sealed 'sloppy' track to finish 2nd here going 5 ½ furlongs. The zero-for-25 maiden may have found the spot where she can notch the elusive victory.

SELECTIONS: 7-10-8

RACE 6:

4 ABBOT is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, and dropping a notch on the claiming scale, after dueling throughout and finishing 3rd – beaten a length as the favorite – in a \$10,00 claimer on the Gulfstream turf. Trainer Yvon Belsoeur has Jose Batista returning on the previous winner at the distance.



6 WHAT POWER will be outfitted with blinkers after showing some late interest when finishing 4th in a 7 ½-furlong \$10,000 claimer across town. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Paco Lopez named on the 2-time winner at the distance (8-2-0-2). **8 TIGER PAW** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after running out of real estate when finishing 4th behind repeat winner Escape Velocity and Abbot going 7 ½ furlongs last out.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-8

RACE 7:

3 TOUCHET is dropping to the \$6,250 level after responding to a dropdown from the \$16,000 to the \$10,000 level with an improved 3rd place finish going three-quarters of a mile here last out. Trainer Sandra Slivka has Samy Camacho at the controls.

2 SUPER WITCH, 2nd when facing this level of opposition 2 starts back, drops after stalking the pace and fading to 4th when facing \$10,000 types in her Gulfstream finale at the distance.

8 HELEN ROSE is making her local return after posting back-to-back 3rd place finishes when facing this familiar competition across town.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-8

RACE 8:

5 STAR'S BELLA VITA is making her first start since encountering early trouble (stumbled start) before rallying to finish 3rd – as the tepid favorite – when facing 25,000 optional claimers at Gulfstream on August 2nd. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Edgard Zayas named on the daughter of Bernstein.

1 TANDA'S JOY is debuting locally in the Michelle Nihei barn after a couple of solid turf performances at Monmouth, which includes the \$16,000 conditioned claiming victory 2 starts back. Note that the New Jersey shipper had Paco Lopez in the saddle when she won on August 5th. **9 AQUEMINI**, who finished 2nd in front of the top choice when they competed on August 2nd, is dropping to this level after the stalk-and-fade outing on a sealed sloppy track last out. Trainer Juan Arriagada has Hector Berrios in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-9

RACE 9:

2 BROWNS GAP moved to the Angel Quiroz barn via the claim, and is turning back slightly to a mile & 70 yards, after stalking the pace and finishing 2nd behind Gran Chief when they hooked up at a mile and a sixteenth across town. The new connections tab Hector Berrios to ride. **4 GRAN CHIEF** should take all the money when going for his 3rd consecutive victory, which includes the sharp score over both Browns Gap and Diamond Square last out. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Samy Camacho named to ride. **5 PEACE POINTS** moved to the Gerald Procino barn after the claim, and stretches out an additional 70 yards, after rallying to finish 2nd in a 1-turn mile across town. Miguel Vazquez, who rode Gran Chief last out, will stick with Peace Points.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-5

RACE 10:

11 INFAMY is plunging to the \$10,000 level for trainer Mark Casse after failing to show much when facing better before the extended layoff. The gelding breaks towards the outside with Samy Camacho at the controls. **3 BETA MAX** is stretching out around 2-turns on the turf after showing some early interest and fading when facing similar quality in sprints on both dirt and turf. He's spotted perfectly in the nightcap. **8 MEXICAN LUCKY** is going back to the turf with the tactical speed needed to steal this race from on or just off the pace. He's worth a flyer at a price.

SELECTIONS: 11-3-8

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 5 STAR'S BELLA VITA

LONGSHOT: RACE 4 – 6 GREGORY SUN

