



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

11 TROPICAL GOLD, now in the Michelle Nihei barn, the daughter of Midas Touch makes her first start since opening and surrendering a 3 ½-length lead when finishing 3rd – beaten a length – at this level and distance. She's the controlling speed and should prove tough to catch. **7 WAR BEAUTY** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after responding to the dropdown in competition with a late closing 2nd going a mile at this level. She's the logical choice to pick up the pieces of the top choice does another swan dive in the stretch. **12 INCA PRINCESS** breaks from the outside, and returns to the turf, after rallying to come within a nose of exiting the maiden ranks going a mile and a sixteenth on a wet surface listed as 'good'.

SELECTIONS: 11-7-12

RACE 2:

5 PURE STYLE is looking to make amends in this easier spot after vying for the lead and finishing 3rd – as the odds-on choice – at this distance. **6 ROYAL FLYER** cuts back to a sprint distance on the dirt with blinkers added after breaking poorly, and showing some early interest before fading through the lane when trying \$12,500 maidens on the turf last out. **7 I'MAWRECKINGBALL** is stretching out an additional furlong after rallying wide – at 92-1 – to finish 2nd in a race moved from the grass to 5 furlongs on the main track.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-7

RACE 3:

4 NOBLE VENEZUELA is returning to the main track after following a set-the-pace 2nd place finish at this level and distance on the dirt with a stalk-and-weaken 3rd place finish vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers on the turf. **1 PLAYERS LUCK** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the freshening to finish a 5-wide 3rd at this level and distance. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Edgard Zayas handling the inside draw. **3 DANCIN IN THE HEAT**, another from trainer Georgina Baxter, is plummeting to the \$12,500 level in the first start since finishing 5th vs state-bred allowance runners at Gulfstream West; Emisael Jaramillo handles this half of the uncoupled entry.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-3

RACE 4:

6 ONE WILD CHIC is turning back to 4 ½ furlongs in the first start since opening and relinquishing a 4-length lead when finishing 2nd going 5 furlongs on June 23rd. Trainer Jonathan Thomas has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride.

8 NACHO MAMA is a daughter of Brethren, and 1 of 2 in the field for Arindel and trainer Stanley Gold, who makes her debut with a series of solid 4 and 5-furlong workouts showing over the track; Jeffrey Sanchez rides.

7 ABUELA'S LOVE is a daughter of Cairo Prince debuting for trainer Eddie Plesa Jr with Lasix and Edgard Zayas named to ride. The tote action should tell us more.

SELECTIONS: 6-8-7

RACE 5:

2 RAZORBACK LADY is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after returning from the 7-month plus layoff to set the pace and finish a screw-tightening 2nd at this level and distance. Trainer Patrick Biancone has apprentice Romero Maragh in the saddle. **6 AWESOME MASS** is stretching out after following her open-length state-bred allowance victory 2 starts back with a 3rd place finish behind Razorback Lady last out. The rematch sets up another classic clash between speed and stalker. **4 BRISTOL'S BROOKE** will be tested for class after the impressive \$35,000 maiden victory in which she drew clear to defeat a trio of next-out winners by almost 6 lengths; Tyler Gaffalione rides.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-4

RACE 6:

6 VENEZUELAN FOREVER is dropping to the \$10,000 level in the first start since stalking the pace and weakening when facing \$20,000 open-claimers before the layoff. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Tyler Gaffalione in the irons. **10 INSIDE TRIP**, another from Saffie Joseph Jr, will break towards the outside (Post 10), and race with the blinkers off, after rallying to finish 2nd behind repeat winner Callie California going a mile in her last. Leading apprentice Reyly Gutierrez guides the daughter of Prospective. **9 KATIE'S CHAMP** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after recovering from some trouble at the start to finish 4th vs this level of competition going 7 ½ furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 6-10-9

RACE 7:

8 WHEN IT'S LOVE is a daughter of Overanalyze debuting for trainer Kathleen O'Connell with a string of solid workouts showing over the Gulfstream West training track. The freshman starts her campaign with Lasix and Edgard Zayas named to ride. **9 HI HI HOLLY** is dropping to the \$16,000 level after chasing the pace and weakening in her \$35,000 career debut going 5 furlongs. Trainer Jorge Delgado has Tyler Gaffalione handling the class relief. **4 DRAMAMINA** is a daughter of Big Drama debuting for trainer Oscar Gonzalez with Lasix and Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. The recent half-mile gate work in 48 & 2 should bolster her chances to win at first asking.

SELECTIONS: 8-9-4

RACE 8:

10 PARMEL LANDING is stretching to his best distance (9-3-1-1) after returning from the 10-month layoff to track the pace and finished a stamina enhancing 6th going 5 furlongs. Trainer Joe Orseno has Romeo Maragh handling the added distance. **9 BIG MONEY MACHINE** is making the 3rd start of his current form cycle, and turning back to 7 ½ furlongs, after encountering traffic at the 3/8th-pole when finishing 4th going a mile and a sixteenth in his last. **6 VIGAS** should be ready to offer more after returning from the 5-month layoff, breaking from a demanding outside post (11), and closing 4-wide to finish 4th at this level and distance. Trainer Henry Collazo has Roberto Alvarado Jr in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 10-9-6

RACE 9:

3 VOW ME NOW is hoping to get away trouble free after stumbling and getting pushed out at the start when finishing 6th in what turned out to be a competitive maiden special weight sprint. The drop to the \$50,000 level should help the Plesa Jr/Juarez collaboration. **6 LOGSDON** is a son of Adios Charlie debuting for trainer Luis Olivares with a series of sharp workouts over the Gulfstream West training track. Tab the tote action for more clues about his readiness to compete at first asking. **9 SHAFIRO** is a son of Awesome of Course debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks with 8 local workouts showing in preparation for this assignment. The colt gets Lasix and has Tyler Gaffalione at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-9

RACE 10:

2 PROSPECTIVELY, who does her best running from 'off the pace', is dropping into a competitive spot, and should sit a perfect trip behind the speed, after finishing 5th in the \$117,000 Martha Washington in her last.

9 STEELIN MAGNOLIAS, now in the Angel Penna Jr barn, the daughter of City Place returns to her best surface after ending her spring campaign at Tampa with a set-the-pace-and-weaken 4th place vs \$25,000 starter allowance runners going a mile and a sixteenth on a 'fast' track. **5 ONE DIRECTION SONG** is turning back slightly after changing recent running tactics when stalking the pace and finishing 4th going a mile last out. Trainer Dave Kassen has Tyler Gaffalione rationing her speed today.

SELECTIONS: 2-9-5

RACE 11: THE SUGARLOAF KEY HANDICAP

5 CURLIN'S APPROVAL drops, and turns back to three-quarters of a mile, after following a sharp score in the \$75,000 Ana T with a 4th place finish – as the favorite - in the 7-furlong Grade 2 Princess Rooney last out. Trainer Happy Alter has Tyler Gaffalione in the saddle.

6 YES I'LL GO is turning back to her most accomplished distance (4-3-0-0) after following the 4th place finish behind Curlin's Approval in the Ana T with a hard-fought 7-furlong allowance optional claiming victory last out.

1 ESTILO FEMENINO will be tested for class after returning from the 381 days layoff to defeat a solid group of \$16,000 optional claimers, which includes my 5th race choice Razorback Lady. Use that earlier race as a handicapping guide before you plunk your money down on this daughter of Midnight Lute.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-1

RACE 12:

3 HARD WORKER is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after responding in his first-ever outing on the turf with a duel throughout 2nd place finish going 7 ½ furlongs. **4 ROCKY STRANGE** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after rallying from 8th and last to finish 3rd and come within a neck of defeating \$20,000 maidens. Trainer Armando De la Cerda has Miguel Vasquez in the irons. **8 TWO STEPS TO TOGA** is stretching out to this distance after shipping back from Tampa to finish a troubled 3rd (checked late) behind top choice Hard Worker last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-8

BEST BET: RACE 9 – 3 VOW ME NOW

LONGSHOT: RACE 10: 2 PROSPECTIVELY