



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

6 AREYOUTALKINGTOME is turning back a tad after returning from Gulfstream West to encounter some traffic problems and still manage to finish a well-meant 2nd at this level and distance.

5 ARCHER ROAD is dropping to the \$50,000 level, and returning to the turf, after following three consecutive 'in the money' finishes vs maiden special weight competition on the turf with a 3rd place on the main track. Trainer Stanley Gold has Emisael Jaramillo handling the return to action.

2 TENDOWNINGSTREET should be primed to offer more after returning from an 8-month layoff to finish a late-closing 4th behind Areyoutalkingtome last out.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-2

RACE 2:

1 BUN BUN is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after shipping from Laurel and finishing 3rd – as the favorite – vs this level of competition going 5 ½ furlongs. **4 MAMACHITA**, now in the Bernardo Lopez barn, the mare cuts back to three-quarters after rallying 4-wide to finish 3rd vs similar going 6 ½ furlongs; Miguel Vasquez rides. **7 FLYING QUEEN** is making her local return at the \$6,250 '2-lifetime' level after following her \$10,000 maiden victory with a 4th place vs \$8,000 claimers at Gulfstream West. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr is 31% with the 31-60 days layoff.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-7

RACE 3:

5 TRADING VOLUME is a daughter of Arch debuting for trainer Chad Brown with series of bullet workouts showing at Payson Park in preparation for her first start. The 4-year-old gets Lasix, and has Joel Rosario in the saddle. **6 RAGING TOWN** is making her latest return to action the first start since she finished 3rd in a 5 ½-furlong sprint here last February. Trainer Barclay Tagg, 2 for 5 (40%) with the longer than 180 days layoff, has Jose Ortiz in the saddle.

2 FIRST MISTRESS is a daughter of First Dude making her 4-year-old debut the first start since running 2nd here in a 6-furlong maiden special weight sprint on September 1st.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-2

RACE 4:

2 SISTER DRAMA is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after returning from the 2-month freshening to finish 2nd in front of a pair of next-out winners when going 7 ½ furlongs vs this level of competition.

9 LITTLE IRISHDANCER is dropping a notch after shipping in from Churchill Downs to finish a late-closing 5th vs \$20,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Dale Romans has Luis Saez handling the 2nd start off the bench.

5 FRECKLE DE FRECK is stepping up to the next logical level after responding to a dropdown in competition with a \$20,000 maiden victory going a mile on a 'firm' course. Trainer Marcus Vitali has Emisael Jaramillo going for two in a row.

SELECTIONS: 2-9-5

RACE 5:

2 CANDY ASSET is stretching out to a mile, and returning to the turf, after following her \$50,000 maiden score on the grass here last April with a 7-furlong \$50,000 claiming victory going 7 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track at Gulfstream West. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Tyler Gaffalione atop the undefeated son of Candy Ride. **8 SOGLIO** moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim after shipping in from Delmar to defeat \$50,000 claimers here at the distance. The new connections tab Jose Ortiz to ride. **3 LITTLE NO WAY** is stepping up the competition after a sharp local return vs \$25,000 optional claimers in which he came within a head of springing the 11-1 upset. Trainer Carlo Vaccarezza has Javier Castellano in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-3

RACE 6:

7 OVERDRAFT is dropping to the \$25,000 level in the first race since finishing 3rd – as the 4-to-5 favorite – vs \$40,000 maidens at Churchill. Trainer Dale Romans has leading jock Luis Saez in the saddle.

2 JUBILANT is dropping to this level, and turning back to three-quarters of a mile, after returning from the 2-month freshening to finish a distant 4th vs \$50,000 maidens going 7 furlongs. Trainer Leo Azpurua Jr has Miguel Vasquez atop the daughter of Discreet Cat.

1 QUICKLUCKYCOCO will depart from the rail after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 2nd place finish at this level and distance; Edgard Zayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-1

RACE 7:

7 VORTEX ROAD will try to make it three in a row after following her 2'-lifetime' score at Gulfstream West with a \$16,000 'non-winners of 3-lifetime' victory here going a mile last out. Trainer Jorge Navarro has Nik Juarez in the saddle. **4 PULLED THE GOALIE** moved to the Ron Spatz barn via the claim, and wheels back after rallying to win at this level and distance last out. The new connections keep the status quo and have jockey Jose Lezcano going for two in a row. **10 HUG A TREE** is stretching out around 2-turns after rallying to finish 2nd in front of a pair of next-out winners when going 5 furlongs last out. The daughter of Forestry should be part of the pace at this distance.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-10

RACE 8:

10 CYPRIANA is a \$300,000 daughter of Bodemeister who is working lights out in preparation for her career debut for trainer Mark Hennig. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Jose Ortiz handling the outside post. **8 CILANTRO** is a daughter of Distorted Humor debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with a solid morning workout tab showing at Palm Beach Downs; John Velazquez rides. **3 Y'ALL** is making her local debut with blinkers added after chasing the pace and fading when facing maiden special weight competition going a mile and a sixteenth on the Woodbine Tapeta surface. Her previous experience can be 'key' in a race with 6 first-time starters.

SELECTIONS: 10-8-3

RACE 9:

1 PADILLA moved to the Ralph Ziadie barn via the claim, and will try to make it two in a row, after stalking early and drawing clear to win at this level and distance. The barn, 6-for-15 (40%) with recent claims, has Luis Saez handling the inside post.

7 STARSHIP WILDCAT, a 7-time local turf winner, and a 10-time winner at the distance, is making his local return the first start since setting the pace and finishing 5th in a \$40,000 turf sprint at Saratoga on July 31st. The 9-year-old son of Wildcat Heir, now in the Ruben Gracida barn, has Emisael Jaramillo in the

saddle. **9 AMELIA'S WILD RIDE** is dropping to the \$16,000 level after chasing the pace and tiring when facing \$25,000 optional claimers in his local return at the distance. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-9

RACE 10:

11 COWTOWN SPIRIT is returning from the layoff, and stretching out three-quarters of a mile, in the first start since posting back-to-back \$6,250 victories going 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael Jaramillo going for the hat trick.

6 RIBERENA is making her first start since her stellar 2017 campaign in which she won 4 of her last 5 races, which includes back-to-back victories at this level and distance at Gulfstream West. Trainer Antonio Sano has Marcos Meneses going for 3 in a row. **5 LOVING VALENTINA** will try to make it two in a row, and notch her 6th local victory, after stalking early and pouncing late when defeating similar here at the distance last out.

SELECTIONS: 11-6-5

RACE 11:

9 FLYING EMERALD is stepping up the competition after shaking off early traffic problems to finish a late-closing 3rd vs \$50,000 maidens at the distance. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Miguel Vasquez atop this longshot possibility. **10 GLOSSY** will be treated with Lasix in the first start since stalking the pace and weakening to finish 4th when going 6 furlongs on the Belmont turf. Trainer Bill Mott has Jose Ortiz named on the daughter of Broken Vow.

11 MARCHING FIRE, a half-sister to fast turf sprinter Sharp Sensation, and 1 of 2 in the race for trainer Wesley Ward (Pocket Book), has been training sharply on the Palm Meadows turf in preparation for the debut.

SELECTIONS: 9-10-11

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 10 CYPRIANA

LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – 9 FLYING EMERALD