



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**4 R LUCKY DICE** may have finally found the spot to roll back into the winner's circle after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a half-length as the odds-on choice - at this level and distance last out. **3 MEMORIZE** has her claiming tag carved in half after following the \$6,250 '2-lifetime' score 2 starts back with a distant 5<sup>th</sup> place finish vs \$12,500 types last out.

**7 GUCCIGUCCIGIRL** has chased R Lucky Dice around in consecutive races and it can be déjà vu all over again.

**SELECTIONS: 4-3-7**

## RACE 2:

**2 LETS DANCE SOME MO** is dropping to the \$25,000 level on the main track with blinkers added after showing speed and fading when facing better on the turf during her 2-race sophomore campaign last summer. Trainer Bill Mott has red-hot jock Luis Saez in the saddle. **1 BRING JOY** has her claiming tag sliced in half after returning from the 4-month layoff to finish a useful 5<sup>th</sup> vs \$50,000 maidens.

**5 BRENDA'S G L P** is shifting back to the dirt after responding to a dropdown in competition with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish vs \$25,000 maidens going 5 furlongs on the turf.

**SELECTIONS: 2-1-5**

## RACE 3:

**4 EXPECT A KITTEN** is dropping to the \$16,000 level after shipping in from Laurel for trainer Mary Eppler and encountering traffic problems when finishing a late-running 4<sup>th</sup> at the \$30,000 level; Luis Saez rides. **8 TANDA'S JOY** is making her first start since rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance on the GP West turf, and getting a best last race 76 Beyer figure for her effort. **3 MADDY'S SALSA** is another dropping to this level after breaking thru the gate prior to finishing 5<sup>th</sup> – a length behind Expect a Kitten last out.

**SELECTIONS: 4-8-3**

## RACE 4:

**6 DUNK** is stretching out to a 1-turn mile after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish – beaten a length – vs this level of opposition going 6 furlongs on a 'good' main track.

**3 WHY GOD** is dropping into this \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimer after breaking from the rail, tracking the pace, and finishing a distant 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$30,000 '2-lifetime' claimers at the distance. **7 DUKE OF MIAMI** is stretching out to 8 furlongs after making 4-wide bid to finish 4<sup>th</sup> behind Dunk going 6 panels last out; Tyler Gaffalione rides.

**SELECTIONS: 6-3-7**

## RACE 5:

**3 FIRST WARRIOR**, a \$410,000 son of War Front, is debuting on the turf for trainer Kiaran McLaughlin after dodging raindrops up north and finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in a race moved from the grass to 7 furlongs on the main track; Luis Saez rides the beautifully bred 4-year-old.

**1 LOVE SICK KITTEN**, 2 for 2 'in the money' on this course, returns after threatening to break his maiden on the turf in the 6 races since leaving Hallandale Beach. Trainer Mike Maker has Tyler Gaffalione handling the turnback from 9 to 7 ½ furlongs.

**2 DOSWELL**, a 5-year-old gelded son of Giant's Causeway, makes his North American debut for trainer Chad Brown, and that should be more than enough to pique your interest.

**SELECTIONS: 3-1-2**

## RACE 6:

**4 ANGELIA** is debuting locally for trainer Todd Pletcher after ending her 2-race freshman campaign up north with an improved 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at Aqueduct; John Velazquez guides the daughter of Curlin. **2 QUEEN OF BEAS** is stretching out to 7 furlongs after racing greenly and still managing to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – as the favorite – in her 6-furlong career debut. Trainer Jorge Abreu is 31% with horses making their 2<sup>nd</sup> start.

**1 EBULLIENT** is a daughter of Twirling Candy debuting locally for trainer Michael Matz after vying for the lead and finishing a promising 3<sup>rd</sup> in her 6-furlong career debut at Parx; Luis Saez rides.

**SELECTIONS: 4-2-1**

**RACE 7:**

**4 PRECOCIOUS PEACH** is stepping up to tussle with state-bred optional claimers after returning from the 3-month layoff to defeat \$16,000 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' competition. Note that the daughter of Doctor Peach is a perfect 2 for 2 at the distance.

**7 ALL ABOUT STELLA** was solid in defeat when she shook off trouble on the turn (bumped) and finished a rallying 4<sup>th</sup> – beaten three-quarters of a length – at this level and distance. Trainer Jena Antonucci has Paco Lopez in the saddle as Tyler Gaffalione moves to her other entrant **9 GLITTERING JUDY**, who set the pace and finished a neck in front of her stablemate last out.

**SELECTIONS: 4-7-9**

**RACE 8:**

**12 ALASAAYIL**, who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Newspaperofrecord in her career debut, is making her 3-year-old debut after showing speed and getting caught late when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in her Aqueduct turf finale going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin has Luis Saez handling the tough outside post. **11 PROSPERITE** is a \$700,000 daughter of Pioneerofthe Nile debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and a string of solid workouts showing, on both turf and dirt, at Palm Beach Downs; John Velazquez rides. **3 POSITIVE SKEW** is stretching out around 2-turns after making an impressive 6-wide move to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in her 6-furlong debut on the Aqueduct turf. Trainer Chad Brown has Javier Castellano atop the daughter of City Zip.

**SELECTIONS: 12-11-3**

**RACE 9:**

**4 QUEENS QUARTERS** will try to make it 4 in a row after responding in the first race after the claim by trainer Gilberto Zerpa with hard-fought nose victory here at this level and distance. **3 LUZ ESTRELLA** is hoping to find a little more for the stretch drive after dueling for the lead and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Queens Quarters last out.

**1 TREATHERLIKESTAR** moved to the Anthony Quararolo barn via the claim, adds blinkers, and stretches out to a mile, after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in back-to-back races vs similar contested at 6 furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 4-3-1**

**RACE 10:**

**2 CLYDE'S IMAGE**, who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> here during 2017 in both the Grade 3 Dania Beach, and Kitten's Joy Stakes, makes his first start since returning from the layoff to defeat entry level allowance runners on a yielding Belmont turf. Trainer Tom Bush has Javier Castellano named to ride. **7 DR. EDGAR** is debuting locally after crossing the wire first in consecutive allowance races on the turf, but being disqualified and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in his race at the Spa. Trainer Barclay Tagg has Jose Ortiz atop the 4-time turf winner.

**4 ATTRIBUTE** is making his local return for trainer Danny Gargan with that great equalizer on his side – speed! Leading jock Luis Saez can steal this one on the front end.

**SELECTIONS: 2-7-4**

**RACE 11:**

**7 GUERRERON** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after pressing the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> to much the best winner Maximum Security going 6 ½ furlongs last out. **1 DAD'S YANKEES** is dropping the \$16,000 level, and turning back to a sprint distance, after setting the pace and weakening to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$25,000 maidens going a 1-turn mile here last out. Trainer Herman Wilensky has Jeffrey Sanchez handling the inside draw. **6 MATH WIZARD** moved to the Antonio Sano barn via the claim, and turns back to 6 furlongs, after breaking from an outside post (11), chasing the pace, and fading to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind the top choice going 6 ½ furlongs in their last.

**SELECTIONS: 7-1-6**

**BEST BET: RACE 10 – 2 CLYDE'S IMAGE**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 4 PRECOCIOUS PEACH**