



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**2 BREAK AWAY**, a solid 2<sup>nd</sup> on the turf vs this caliber of competition 2 starts back, shifts back to the grass after drawing clear on a sealed 'sloppy' track to defeat \$8,000 claimers by 9 ½ lengths when going a mile and a sixteenth last out. **4 LOVE FLUTE**, now in the Herman Wilensky barn, the mare stretches out around 2-turns after a consistent sprint campaign vs \$10,000 types on the Gulfstream turf. The concern is the zero-for-11 record at the distance.

**9 BRIANNA'S BUCKET** is stepping up to face open competition after a successful local return in which she rallied to defeat "3-lifetime" claimers at the distance.

**SELECTIONS: 2-4-9**

## RACE 2:

**5 KNOCKOUT RANGER** will try a 2-turn mile locally after threatening to notch this '2-lifetime' condition across town when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in back-to-back races going a 1-turn mile. Trainer Larry Pilotti has Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **1 NIGHT RYTHM** is dropping to the \$6,250 level, and stretching out to 8 furlongs, after closing to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in back-to-back sprints here at the \$12,500 level. Trainer David Fawkes has Tyler Gaffalione handling the inside post. **6 KING POWER** is hoping to make amends after dueling for the lead in keen fashion before weakening late – as the odds-on choice – to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs similar on a wet track listed as 'good'.

**SELECTIONS: 5-1-6**

## RACE 3:

**4 RACINGS MY GAME** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after showing speed and weakening late vs better in 4 consecutive route races on the turf. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr lightens the impost with apprentice Aby Medina in the saddle. **10 SCHETTINO** moved to the Angel Rodriguez barn via the claim, and stretches out to a mile, after opening and surrendering a 3-length lead when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in a \$8,000 claimer here going 7 ½ furlongs. The barn, 35% with new claims, has Jose Valdivia Jr named to ride.

**1 REGAL FORCE**, who does his best running from a stalk/close position, can end up sitting in the catbird seat behind the speed, especially if the top two get hooked up in a duel.

**SELECTIONS: 4-10-1**

## RACE 4:

**7 CORONADO AGAIN** is dropping to the \$30,000 level, and racing with the blinkers off, after flaunting his speed, and winning 1 of 2 local sprints at the \$50,000 level. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas handling the class relief.

**6 FRANCESCO APPEAL**, who won the last time he sprinted on a 'fast' track at Gulfstream, hopes Mother Nature cooperates after following a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish on the turf in the \$40,000 Jack Flats with a poor showing vs \$50,000 conditioned claimers going 6 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Watch the skies and bet accordingly. **5 SHERPA**, listed as a gelding, the son of Kantharos stretches out after dueling throughout and holding sway to defeat \$20,000 claimers going 5 furlongs in a race that was moved from the grass to a sealed 'sloppy' track.

**SELECTIONS: 7-6-5**

## RACE 5:

**4 KISSKISS TELLELL** is debuting locally, and making her first start since breaking slowly from the rail, and closing from 17 lengths off the pace to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in a \$10,000 conditioned claimer going 7 ½ furlongs on the Gulfstream turf. She should get the early pace needed to compliment her patient running style. **8 EVIL TWIN**, who has been the beaten favorite in 3 consecutive races, will try remedy the situation in her 3<sup>rd</sup> start back from the layoff, and her 2<sup>nd</sup> outing over the local turf. **3 AUGUST LILLY** is stepping up to the next level after returning from the freshening to crush a field of \$10,000 '2-lifetime' claimers across town by 7-plus lengths. Trainer Ron Spatz has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 4-8-3**



#### RACE 6:

**5 SHOOTIST** is turning back slightly to 8 furlongs after tracking the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in a race that was contested at a mile & 70 yards on a wet track listed as 'good'. Trainer Joe Catanese III has Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **4 SAIL OF THE SEAS** plunges to the \$10,000 level in the first start since finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in his \$40,000 career debut at Woodbine about 15 months ago. Trainer Mark Casse has Tyler Gaffalione named on this shaky proposition. **1 BRASS BADGE** is a consistent son of Badge who 'hit the board' in 4 consecutive races at this level during his summer campaign at Gulfstream. Trainer Jacob Molina has Jose Batista named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 5-4-1**

#### RACE 7:

**6 SLEWYS CHOSEN ONE** is stretching out to a mile after a sharp local effort in which she rallied to come within a neck of exiting the maiden ranks going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer John Vinson has Jose Batista named to ride. **3 SILVIA O.** is stretching out around 2-turns after the promising 5-furlong debut here in which she rallied against the bias to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Samy Camacho atop the daughter of Exchange Rate.

**2 NEWMANS FAST GIRL** is stepping up to tussle with maiden special weight competition in the first start since finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> best in her \$50,000 career debut going a mile on the Gulfstream turf. Trainer Steve Dwoskin has Carlos Montalvo named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 6-3-2**

#### RACE 8:

**3 BONES** is making her first start since displaying tons of promise when she broke her maiden last December at first-asking, and ended her spring campaign when she defeated \$75,000 optional claimers on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Trainer Ralph Nicks has the daughter of Kantharos training forwardly for the return. **2 NIKKI BELLA** figures on the 'what have you done lately' angle when she debuts locally after the pair of solid sprint efforts across town. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

**1 RICH MOMMY** is making her first start since using her tactical speed to defeat a competitive field of \$16,000 optional claimers in the 'slop' at Gulfstream.

**SELECTIONS: 3-2-1**

#### RACE 9:

**8 PERP** is dropping a notch on the claiming scale after ending his turf campaign in New Jersey with a strong closing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$10,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile on the Meadowlands turf. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Jilver Chamafi named to ride. **6 SANAD** was give some time off after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> vs similar on the Gulfstream turf. The big concern is his 1-for-24 record. **9 SMART RETURN** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after recovering from a bumping incident at the start to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> vs similar going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Mike Arrieta has Ivaldo Santana in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 8-6-9**

#### RACE 10:

**11 MISS MASERATI** is hoping to get back on track at 7 furlongs after her 2-race win streak ended when she vied for the lead and finished a distant 3<sup>rd</sup> behind repeat winner Ventina when going a 2-turn mile last out. **6 CELEBRITY STAR** is dropping to the \$10,000 level after shipping in from Parx, dueling for the lead, and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in a \$12,500 sprint that was moved from the turf to 5 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. **9 CASE DISMISSED** is stretching out to seven-eighths of a mile after closing to hit the board in a pair of local sprints going 6 and 6 ½-furlongs, respectively. Note that she's a previous winner at the distance.

**SELECTIONS: 11-6-9**

#### RACE 11:

**4 SPIRIT LOVE** is making his first start since the troubled debut going 5-furlongs on the Gulfstream turf, a race where he was certainly compromised when he bumped and steadied at the start. Trainer Antonio Sano has the son of Exclusive Quality firing bullets across town in preparation for the return.

**9 DENEb** is making his first start since threatening to defeat this caliber of competition at Gulfstream during April and May. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Emisael Jaramillo named on the son of Tapizar.

**3 GO CRISTIAN GO** drops to the \$10,000 level, and returns to the turf, after following a trio of 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes at this level and distance on the grass with a chase-and-fade outing vs \$25,000 types going 5 furlongs in the 'slop'.

**SELECTIONS: 4-9-3**

**BEST BET: RACE 9 – 8 PERP**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – 8 DUBLIN TINKER**