



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**1 HAYBUB** will depart from the rail after the solid turf outing at the distance in which he tracked the pace throughout and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten 1 ¼-lengths as the favorite. **2 SOUTHERN CAL** is making the 3<sup>rd</sup> start of his current form cycle, and hoping to offer more, after closing to finish 4<sup>th</sup> behind Haybub in their recent confrontation at this level and distance. Trainer Eduardo Azpurua Jr tabs Juan Diaz to ride.

**4 MAJOR HIT**, listed as a gelding, is hoping to get away trouble free after breaking awkwardly and finishing 8<sup>th</sup> in his career turf debut at this 7 ½-furlong distance.

**SELECTIONS: 1-2-4**

## RACE 2: THE GINGERBOY

**3 MAL GUAPO**, a 15-time winner, with 4 career victories at the distance (11-4-1-1), drops, and stretches out, after vying for the lead and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in a \$62,500 optional claimer going a mile here on a sealed 'sloppy' track. **4 GOTSOMEMOJO**, who does his best running in the latter stages of the race, should sit in the garden spot behind the oodles of speed in this field. Note the gelding is a perfect 2 for 2 at the distance. **6 PADEN** is debuting locally for trainer Mike Maker, and stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, after losing all chance when he broke in the air when going 7 furlongs at Keeneland. Trainer Mike Maker claimed him last out, and has Tyler Gaffalione handling the added distance.

**SELECTIONS: 3-4-6**

## RACE 3: THE AL'S DEARLY BRED

**4 CLASS AND CASH**, a perfect 2 for 2 on this course, and a 4-time winner at the distance (6-4-1-0), is making his local return for trainer Jane Cibelli after closing to come within a head of winning the 6-furlong \$100,000 Laurel Dash in his last start. **3 SONGEUR** is making his first start since reeling off three consecutive turf victories at Gulfstream for trainer Todd Pletcher before the layoff. Now listed as a gelding, the son of Unbridled's Song has been training forwardly at Palm Beach Downs in preparation for the return.

**5 D'CRAZINESS** is a speedy son of D'wildcat who is looking for his 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive victory, and 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive turf score at this mile and a sixteenth distance. He'll be playing 'catch me if you can'.

**SELECTIONS: 4-3-5**

## RACE 4: THE SASSY HOUND

**6 CAUTIOUS GIANT** moved to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim, and stretches out to 7 furlongs (6-2-0-0), after dueling throughout and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in a competitive \$16,000 optional claimer going 6 furlongs on a 'good' Gulfstream main track. **8 GRIFF** is a late-closing type who returns to South Florida for trainer Tim Hills after a couple of improved sprint performances at Parx and Monmouth. The gelding's back class must be respected. **7 MCFLY** is debuting locally, and stretching out to 7 furlongs, after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> behind hard-knocking Dangerous Bend in a state-bred optional claimer going 6 furlongs across town. Trainer Stanley Gold has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 6-8-7**

## RACE 5: THE TENS HOLY SPIRIT

**7 FEARLESS PRINCESS** moved to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim, and makes her first start since finishing a 6-wide 3<sup>rd</sup> behind a trio of next-out winners in a 'key' \$10,000 claimer going 7 ½ furlongs on the Gulfstream turf. **2 SUN OF TARA** is a lightly raced 3-year-old daughter of U S Ranger who has shown tons of promise in her three career turf races, which includes the hard-fought 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish here going a mile last out. The slight turnback to 7 ½ furlongs should bolster her chances.

**1 MARMALADE**, a consistent 4-2-1-0 on this turf course, is back in the Sunshine State for trainer Frances McNeely after a consistent campaign in a series of route races on the Presque Isle synthetic track; Luca Panici rides the daughter of Cat Thief.

**SELECTIONS: 7-2-1**



#### **RACE 6:**

**2 R SECRET LIFE** is sitting on a winning performance after following his 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in his Gulfstream debut with an improved 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish here at this level and distance. Trainer Ralph Ziadie has Edgard Zayas at the controls. **4 SCOTUSCARE** is turning back slightly to 5 ½ furlongs after responding to both the dropdown to the \$50,000 level, and the 'sloppy' conditions, with an improved 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish going 6 furlongs here last out; cheap, maybe? **5 ELK CAMP** shows a couple of Palm Beach Downs workouts since the disappointing debut here in which he was fractious before the start, and then didn't run a step when beaten 16 ½-lengths as the favorite. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Tyler Gaffalione returning on the \$240,000 son of City Zip.

**SELECTIONS: 2-4-5**

#### **RACE 7: THE FUNNY WOMAN**

**2 MOM'S A COUGAR**, now in the Pedro Castillo barn, the lightly raced daughter of Kantharos, cuts back to 5 furlongs after returning from a layoff to finish a stalk-and-weaken 4<sup>th</sup> in a \$50,000 starter allowance going 6 furlongs on the Belmont turf.

**4 MY SWEET DOVE** is going back to the turf after returning from the 2-month layoff to use her speed to defeat \$62,500 optional claimers by a diminishing nose when going 5 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Ralph Ziadie has Edgard Zayas atop the 2-time turf winner at the distance (7-2-1-0).

**7 LADY COVENTRY**, who does her best running from a stalk/close position, can ending sitting the trip behind the speed when making her 3<sup>rd</sup> start back from the 7-month layoff. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 2-4-7**

#### **RACE 8: THE TRULY A JUDGE**

**9 MISHEGAS** is making his first start since being claimed out of a \$40,000 claimer at Belmont, then being sent to Puerto Rico to win the 10-furlong Grade 1 Barbosa at Camarero on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Trainer Jose Jimenez has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

**8 DREAMING OF GOLD** will try to make it two in a row after leading every step of the way to win the \$50,000 Bull N Whistle Handicap going a mile and a sixteenth across town.

**7 JAY'S WAY**, now in the Armando De la Cerda barn, the consistent son of Gone Astray stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth after a consistent campaign up north last winter and spring. The barn, 26% with new additions to the shedrow, has the 4-year-old working sharply over the track.

**SELECTIONS: 9-8-7**

#### **RACE 9: THE STAGE PLAYER**

**4 DUBAI BOB** is debuting on the local turf after returning from the 2-month layoff to duel for the lead and weaken to finish 5<sup>th</sup> repeat stakes winner Extravagant Kid, and a couple of next-out winners, in the fruitful \$50,000 Tamiami across town.

**8 SUPER SPENDER**, a perfect 2 for 2 on this course (2-2-0-0), returns for trainer Jane Cibelli looking to sit in the catbird seat behind the speed and notch his 7<sup>th</sup> career victory at the distance (18-6-3-0). **7 DIDDLEY**, who has improved since the addition of blinkers, turns back to 5 furlongs again (8-3-1-2) after setting the pace and getting beat a neck by repeat winner Gray Dude going a mile in the \$40,000 Jack Flats last out; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

**SELECTIONS: 4-8-7**

#### **RACE 10: THE P. D. LUCKY**

**4 BIRD HUMOR**, an ultra-consistent son of Distorted Humor, is cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs after notching his 5<sup>th</sup> victory this year when defeating a competitive field of \$25,000 optional claimers by a neck going a mile here in his last. **7 JAGR** is making his first start since couple of sharp turf outings across town including the hard-fought 2<sup>nd</sup> to red-hot Gaultier in a \$12,500 starter optional claimer going a mile. Jockey Edgard Zayas handles the 3-time turf winner this year perfectly. **3 DREAM SHOT** can end up sitting a dream trip behind the speed after recovering from a poor start (hopped) to rally from 11 lengths behind the pace to come within a half-length of catching repeat winner Gray Dude in the \$40,000 Jack Flats.

**SELECTIONS: 4-7-3**

**BEST BET: RACE 3 – 4 CLASS AND CASH**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 9 MY COWBOY**