



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**8 STAY SAFE KITTEN** is dropping a notch on the claiming scale after rallying – at 14-1 – to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in a \$10,000 claimer at the distance. Trainer Marcus Vitali has Paco Lopez named to ride.

**1 SOBER ON SUNDAY** is hoping to bounce back at a mile and a sixteenth after showing an interesting pattern by following a solid performance with a clunker. Trainer David Fawkes has Jeffrey Sanchez named to ride. **5 BE SURE LISA** will try to make it 2 in a row after returning from the layoff to rally on the Gulfstream turf to defeat \$10,000 '3-lifetime' claimers by 2-plus lengths.

**SELECTIONS: 8-1-5**

## RACE 2:

**3 SPIRIT LOVE** is returning to the conditioned claiming ranks after his 2-race win streak ended when he finished 5<sup>th</sup> vs \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Trainer Aubrey Maragh has Romero Maragh in the saddle. **5 SHIM** was solid in defeat when switching from turf to dirt and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Larry Pilotti has Samy Camacho in the irons again.

**1 MR. SHEEN** is hoping to shine in his local debut after the pair of consistent performances across town, which includes duel-for-the-lead 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance.

**SELECTIONS: 3-5-1**

## RACE 3:

**7 KANTHAROS' IMAGE** was sharp in defeat when he returned from the layoff and rallied to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten three-quarters of a length – at this level and distance. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Edgard Zayas in the irons. **6 I'M CARDINAL** is making his first start since reeling off back-to-back victories, which includes the \$16,000 score going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Paco Lopez named to ride.

**4 SHERPA** moved to the Natalie Fawkes barn via the claim, and makes his first start since rallying to finish a troubled 3<sup>rd</sup> (steadied late) behind I'm Cardinal on August 17<sup>th</sup>; Miguel Vazquez rides.

**SELECTIONS: 7-6-4**

## RACE 4:

**7 HARRYHEE**, who is as honest as the come, is back in the allowance optional claiming ranks after setting the pace and just betting nipped in the \$75,000 Trinniberg. The gelding gets the nod because of his fondness for the local surroundings (4-2-1-1). **5 TAKE YOUR PLACE** is making his local debut for trainer Saffie Joseph Jr the first start since reeling off back-to-back sprint victories at Gulfstream, which includes the \$62,500 optional claiming victory in a race moved from the turf to 5 furlongs on a 'fast' main track. **4 RED CRESCENT** is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after an impressive score going 7 furlongs in which held on to defeat \$16,000 optional claimers by a length. Trainer John Vinson has Emisael Jaramillo going for 2 in a row.

**SELECTIONS: 7-5-4**

## RACE 5:

**6 EPIC LOVE** is dropping a notch, and stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, after returning from the 2-month layoff to come within a head of exiting the maiden ranks when 2<sup>nd</sup> going a mile in a \$12,500 maiden test across town.

**9 HARD WORKER** is debuting locally after the pair of competitive turf races at Gulfstream, which includes the hard-fought 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at this mile and a sixteenth distance. **4 FLEDERMAUS** was game in defeat when shipping from Tampa into Gulfstream Park and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind next-out winner Our Dreams Fly in a \$12,500 maiden test at the distance.

**SELECTIONS: 6-9-4**



#### RACE 6:

**1 KLAUDIAS WARRIOR**, now in the Steve Towne barn, the freshman drops to the \$12,500 level after dueling for the lead and retreating to 5<sup>th</sup> when facing \$16,000 maidens across town. **7 SPRINKLED** is another getting some class relief after returning from the 4-month layoff to chase the pace and fade at the \$16,000 level. Trainer Marcus Vitali lightens the impost with apprentice Romero Maragh at the controls. **5 TIZ TAS TIME** is dropping to this level on the main track after chasing the pace and fading to get beat double-digit lengths in a \$20,000 maiden sprint on the turf.

**SELECTIONS: 1-7-5**

#### RACE 7:

**6 MATZO BELLA** is debuting locally at 5 furlongs after the promising 5 ½-furlong debut on the Saratoga turf in which she tracked the pace and finished a useful 3<sup>rd</sup>. Trainer Jena Antonucci has Miguel Vasquez named on the daughter of Gio Ponti. **2 GERRYS BIG WIN**, a daughter of Winslow Homer, is debuting on the turf after following a pair of well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup> places finishes going 5 furlongs on the main track with a stalk and fade outing on the dirt behind Cookie Dough in the 7-furlong \$200,000 Susan's Girl Division of the Florida Sire Stakes.

**9 RED HOT DAME**, a daughter of Violence, is debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with a series of consistent workouts showing at Palm Beach Downs. The freshman gets Lasix, and has Edgard Zayas handling the outside post.

**SELECTIONS: 6-2-9**

#### RACE 8:

**6 SOL DAT SUGAR** is dropping to the \$6,250 level in the first start since vying for the lead and encountering traffic late (tight quarters) when finishing 4<sup>th</sup> behind repeat winner Trappe Me Later at the \$12,500 level. **9 OPTIMISTIC SHOT** has an optimistic shot to have her picture taken when she turns back to three-quarters of a mile after surrendering a late lead when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> going a 1-turn mile across town. **4 DREAMY ART**, now in the Gilberto Zerpa barn, the 5-year-old mare returns to Gulfstream West (1-0-1-0) after facing tougher with inconsistent results at the Fairgrounds and Evangeline Downs; Edgard Zayas rides.

**SELECTIONS: 6-9-4**

#### RACE 9:

**8 PEGGITY** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after encountering trouble and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> when facing \$10,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile on the Gulfstream turf. Trainer Terri Pompay has Miguel Vasquez trying to spring the upset with the daughter of Bullet Train. **5 INSIDE TRIP** should take the lion's share of the betting action when she treks 8 miles west after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – as the favorite – in a \$10,000 '2-lifetime' going a mile and a sixteenth on the Gulfstream green.

**9 LIGHT SHOW**, who broke her maiden on the turf, is shifting back to the lawn after tracking the pace and finishing a distant 3<sup>rd</sup> in a mile and a sixteenth affair moved from the grass to this distance on a sealed 'sloppy' track.

**SELECTIONS: 8-5-9**

#### RACE 10:

**11 MR. NOBODY** is dropping to the \$25,000 level on the main track, and turning back to a sprint distance, after stalking the pace and finishing a so-so 5<sup>th</sup> when facing maiden special weight competition going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Trainer Dave Braddy has Emisael Jaramillo handling the combo dropdown/surface switch/turnback.

**9 VENEZUELAN WARRIOR** is stepping up to this level after recovering from a slow start to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in his \$16,000 career debut going 5 ½ furlongs on a sloppy Gulfstream main track. **12 FOR THE ROAD** will depart from the outside after the solid \$16,000 debut across town in which he came within a head of exiting the maiden ranks at first asking. Trainer Dennis Ward has Jonathan Gonzales handling the outside slot.

**SELECTIONS: 11-9-12**

**BEST BET: RACE 4 – 7 HARRYHEE**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 8 PEGGITY**