



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**4 MI KARLITA** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish – as the favorite – vs this level of competition going 7 ½ furlongs. **1 CATNIP KITTEN** is dropping to the bottom on the turf after losing all chance when she was squeezed back the start of a \$20,000 maiden test moved from the grass to a fast-main track. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Jairo Rendon in the saddle again. **7 ALLEZ ALLEZ** is stretching out to 8 ½ furlongs again after ‘hitting the board’ in 1 of 3 recent turf routes going 7 ½ furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 4-1-7**

## RACE 2:

**3 FIRST AND THREE** is dropping to the \$35,000 level in the first start since finishing a distant 2<sup>nd</sup> behind the best 3-year-old in the world (Maximum Security) in a \$50,000 starter optional claimer here at the distance.

**6 SMOKER** is stretching out to 7 furlongs after finally turning the tables on current nemesis Leaky Cup when he defeated him at 6 furlongs last out, and received a 93 Beyer figure for his effort. **4 CABRE** is making his first start since defeating Smoker when they hooked up in the \$35,000 maiden sprint here in January. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has Edgard Zayas atop the lightly raced son of Flashback.

**SELECTIONS: 3-6-4**

## RACE 3:

**1 HIGH HONORS (BRZ)** is dropping into this \$35,000 optional claimer after knocking heads with some of the best local turf sprinters, including Mr French, and multiple stakes winner Pay Any Price, before the layoff. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

**7 GIANT’S VOICE** is turning back to 5 furlongs after following a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish between next-out winners Tiger Blood and Dance Proudly going 5 furlongs with a nose defeat going 7 ½ furlongs last out. **2 CAPTAIN GAUGHEN** moved to the Gustavo Delgado barn via the claim, and steps up the competition, after chasing the pace and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> behind Giant’s Voice, and next-out winners Tiger Blood and Dance Proudly, in a \$12,500 open-claimer at the distance.

**SELECTIONS: 1-7-2**

## RACE 4:

**3 CAPTURE THE GENIE** is stretching out to five-eighths of a mile after racing wide and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in her helpful 4 ½ furlong debut. Trainer Mark Casse has Jose Batista atop the daughter of Uncaptured, who has a 17%-win average with his freshman runners.

**1 GO GATOR GIRL GO** is a daughter of win early sire Cajun Breeze, a half-sister to Grade 3 winner Mia Torri, debuting for trainer Mike Yates from the always interesting inside post. **5 ONYX** is debuting locally for Arindel, and trainer Juan Alvarado, after finishing distant 4<sup>th</sup> in her 5-furlong debut at Belmont. The daughter of Dialed In has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 3-1-5**

**RACE 5:**

**4 BILOXI BAY**, now in the Ralph Nicks barn, drops to the \$16,000 level after showing some late interesting when facing better before the layoff. The gelding should sit in the garden spot behind what can best be described as a shaky early pace scenario. **8 TIPSY KITTEN** will face \$16,000 conditioned claimers at a mile after failing to fire when facing state-bred optional claimers in the first race after the claim by trainer David Fawkes; red-hot turf rider Jairo Rendon hops aboard. **2 COMETIN** is returning to the turf after shaking off an awkward start to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> going a 1-turn mile on the dirt; Edgard Zayas rides.

**SELECTIONS: 4-8-2****RACE 6:**

**6 SAY ADIOS**, who has the speed needed to kiss this field goodbye, stretches out to three-quarters of a mile after returning from the 8-month layoff to stalk the pace and get beat a neck when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in a \$35,000 maiden sprint moved from the turf to a 'good' main track. **3 MIAMI ROSE** is hoping to find a little more firepower for the stretch drive after finishing a distant 2<sup>nd</sup> at the distance last out. Note that the sophomore is 5 for 6 'in the money' when sprinting on the GP main track. **4 KEILANI** is stepping up the competition after the eventful \$12,500 debut in which she steadied at the start, drifted in the lane, and still finished 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**SELECTIONS: 6-3-4****RACE 7:**

**2 CONNOLLY STATION** should be primed and ready to score after returning from the 7-month plus layoff, debuting on the turf, dueling throughout, and finishing a well-meant 3<sup>rd</sup>. Trainer Joe Orseno has Jairo Rendon named to ride. **1 STALWART HUMOR** is \$150,000 son of Distorted Humor, and a half-brother to a pair of Grade 2 stakes-placed runners, debuting for trainer Mark Casse with Lasix, and apprentice Cristian Torres handling the inside draw.

**5 FRITZEN**, who does his best running from a stalk/close position, can sit the 'trip' if the pace gets hot and heavy.

**SELECTIONS: 2-1-5****RACE 8:**

**7 GABRIELLEELIZABETH** is making her first start since her impressive 3-race win streak ended when she was beaten a head when 2<sup>nd</sup> in a \$25,000 open-claimer on New Year's Day. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez, 28% with the 61-180 days layoff, has the filly firing bullets at Palm Meadows. **6 HELLO JULIET** moved to the Juan Arriagada barn via the claim, and turns back to three-quarters of a mile, after returning from the layoff to finish a 5-wide 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers going 7 furlongs.

**3 EYE'S REWARD** hasn't been seen since she drew clear to wallop a field of \$50,000 maidens – as the 3-to-5 favorite – on April 14. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Cristian Torres named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 7-6-3****RACE 9:**

**4 GOLDEN TAP** is dropping to the \$20,000 level after the ambitious 5<sup>th</sup> place finish when jumping up to the \$35,000 level last out. Trainer Jose Garoffalo has Miguel Vazquez in the irons. **1 STREAK OF KITTEN** is a 4-year-old daughter of Kitten's Joy debuting for trainer Mike Maker with Lasix, and Jairo Rendon handling the inside post. **6 CHARETTE** is making her first start since responding the dropdown in competition with a well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Carlo Vaccarezza has Albin Jimenez named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 1-4-6****BEST BET: RACE 7 – 2 CONNOLLY STATION****LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 4 GOLDEN TAP**