



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**4 IGO FORGREATNESS** is stepping up to the next logical level after parlaying a 5-wide stalking trip into an \$8,000 '2-lifetime' score at the distance. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas going for two in a row. **6 TOIKIN** is stepping up after setting the pace and holding on to defeat \$8,000 '2-lifetime' runners by a diminishing half-length. His ability to control the pace may be 'key' with the temporary rail set at 20 feet.

**3 SHACKLEFORDS STORM** is a late-striding type who should be able to close and grab a share of the exotic wagers. Trainer Manny Carrasco has David Boraco atop the multiple winner at the distance (8-2-0-2).

**SELECTIONS: 4-6-3**

## RACE 2:

**4 RIBERENA**, a winner of 3 of her 4 recent sprints, will step up to face open competition after drawing clear late to defeat \$6,250 '3-lifetime' claimers at the distance last out. **1 RECENTTRANSACTIONS** will depart from the rail after taking the overland route when rallying 6-wide to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Jose Pinchin has leading jockey Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

**5 RORAIMA DOS** is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after rallying along the inside to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers going 5 furlongs on a wet track listed as 'good'. The daughter of Gone Astray is 6-for-11 'in the money' at the distance (11-1-1-4).

**SELECTIONS: 4-1-5**

## RACE 3:

**7 LITTLE BAKER**, a reclaim by trainer Ralph Ziadie, is making his first start since rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in a \$10,000 claimer going 5 furlongs on the Gulfstream turf during June. Trainer Ziadie, 26% with the 61-180 days layoff, has Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **4 ZEUS ODIN** is dropping to the \$12,050 level, and returning to the turf, after chasing the pace and fading to finish 6<sup>th</sup> behind hard-knocking repeat winner Blings Express in a

\$16,000 state-bred optional claimer going 5 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track.

**1 MONKEY MONEY** is cutting back to 5 furlongs, and breaking along the temporary rail, looking to carve out a stalking trip behind the speed. Trainer Monte Thomas has Aby Medina handing the turnback in distance.

**SELECTIONS: 7-4-1**

## RACE 4:

**4 ZING ZING** moved to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim, and makes his first start since using his speed to defeat \$12,500 maidens across town (Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>). Trainer Zerpa, 38% with new claims, has the gelding firing bullets over the track in preparation for the return. **5 ROGUE PATRIOT** is plunging to the \$16,000 level, and returning to the main track, after closing 4-wide to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in a \$35,000 optional claimer going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr, 25% with a limited sampling of horses going from turf to dirt, has Marcos Meneses handling the surface switch.

**3 NEW CHAMPION** is another stepping up to tussle with winners after drawing clear – as the favorite – to defeat \$12,500 maidens here by 4 ½ widening lengths.

**SELECTIONS: 4-5-3**

## RACE 5:

**2 BOSTON MINE**, who has shown the ability to run well from on or off the pace, is hoping to make amends after closing – as the 4-to-5 favorite – to come within a half-length of exiting the maiden ranks at this level and distance. **3 QUACK QUACK** is hoping to stretch her speed to the wire after setting the pace and getting caught late when 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Boston Mine last out. Her speed must be respected with the temporary rail set out at 20 feet. **8 ALONG THE TRAIL** is making her first start since rallying from 10<sup>th</sup> and last to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in front of a pair of next-out winners in a \$12,500 maiden claimer at Gulfstream during July. The daughter of Afleet Alex is worth a look at a price.

**SELECTIONS: 2-3-8**



#### **RACE 6:**

**3 TIP SHEET** is making his first start since finishing a game 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Soutache in the mile and a sixteenth \$400,000 In Reality Division of the Sire Stakes. Trainer Stanley Gold has Emisael Jaramillo handling the turnback to a mile.

**7 MUCHO PROSPECT** is stepping up to face winners after using his speed to defeat a trio of next-out winners, which includes today's participants **1 Madarnas** and **5 ARISTTELES**. The latter, trained by Antonio Sano, is stretching out to a 2-turn mile after closing to be 3<sup>rd</sup> in a \$75,000 optional claimer going 7 furlongs; Jesus Rios rides.

**SELECTIONS: 3-7-5**

#### **RACE 7:**

**4 BETTABE FAST** must to live up to her name, and stay out of a duel with Fallen Leaf, when she returns to the turf after setting a pressured pace and folding late when 3<sup>rd</sup> in a \$12,500 conditioned claimer going 5 furlongs in a race moved from the grass to a wet track listed as 'good'.

**2 FLYING QUEEN** is stepping up to face winners after finally repairing her reputation as a chalk-burner when she rallied – as the 4-to-5 favorite – to defeat \$10,000 maidens going 6 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. **1 CLASSIC CHARLOTTE** has her claiming tag carved in half after finishing an even 5<sup>th</sup> in a \$16,000 state-bred optional claimer at the distance. The obvious concern is the zero-for-7 record at the distance on the lawn.

**SELECTIONS: 4-2-1**

#### **RACE 8:**

**3 LITTLE FLORENTINA** is hoping to find another performance like her last when she set the pace and was just nailed at the wire when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – at 16-1 – going three-quarters on a sealed 'sloppy' track. **7 FORTHEFAM**, 2<sup>nd</sup> when facing similar quality on a sealed 'sloppy' track at Gulfstream in July, drops, and returns to the main track, after showing brief interest and fading when facing maiden special weight company going 5 furlongs on the turf here last out. Trainer Marcial Navarro has Juan C Diaz handling the surface switch.

**9 TAVRIDA** is eligible to take a positive step forward after returning from the 10-month plus layoff and finishing a rallying 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Little Florentina last out.

**SELECTIONS: 3-7-9**

#### **RACE 9:**

**7 GRAY DUDE** is going back to the turf after his 2-race win streak on the grass, which includes a victory in the \$40,000 Jack Flats, ended when he finished 2<sup>nd</sup> here in a \$50,000 claimer moved from the lawn to a mile on a sealed 'sloppy' track.

**5 VISION OF BLUE**, who showed promise on the turf at Tampa before the layoff, makes his first start since setting the pace and getting collared late when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in a mile and a sixteenth allowance at the distance (May 6<sup>th</sup>). Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Luca Panici atop the gelded son of Factum. **1 CANDY ASSET** is stepping to face winners after rallying to break his maiden at first asking when defeating \$50,000 maidens at Gulfstream during April. Trainer Todd Pletcher, 32% with this type of layoff, has Tyler Gaffalione in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 7-5-1**

#### **RACE 10:**

**5 CATHARSIS** is dropping to the \$35,000 level, and debuting on the turf, after setting the pace and fading to finish 5<sup>th</sup> in a state-bred maiden special weight outing going 5 furlongs on the main track. The daughter of Kantharos is bred to respond favorably to the surface switch.

**4 PRETTY OVERDRIVEN** is a daughter of Overdriven debuting on the lawn after setting the pace and holding on to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – as the favorite – when facing similar going 5 ½ furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **3 R SWIFT TAYLOR** 1 of 2 in the race for trainer Gerald Bennett, lures the services of leading jock Emisael Jaramillo to handle the debut. The recent half-mile gate work at Gulfstream was solid (46 & 4).

**SELECTIONS: 5-4-3**

**BEST BET: RACE 9 – 7 GRAY DUDE**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 4 – 4 ZING ZING**