



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

6 CATANA'S EDGE moved to the Mike Morrison barn via the claim, and wheels back at the same distance, after following a sharp \$6,250 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' victory with a stalk-the-pace-and-flatten-out 5th when facing this level of competition in his last. The new connections tab Hector Berrios to ride.

5 HY DANDY, a previous winner here going a 2-turn mile, returns after rallying to finish 2nd – at a life-altering 76-1- when going a 1-turn mile at Gulfstream. **1 JUDITH'S SUNSET** is stretching out around 2-turns after rallying from last in a field of 12 to come within a neck on notching this condition going a 1-turn mile across town.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-1

RACE 2:

3 MISS LAMBORGHINI is returning to the turf after posting her 3rd career victory when she returned from the freshening to defeat \$10,000 '3-lifetime' claimers going 5 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch. **8 TRAPPE ME LATER**, a 4-time winner, which includes a 5-furlong turf victory here last November, returns after posting back-to-back sprint victories on the Gulfstream main track. Trainer Robert Smith has Carlos Montalvo going for the hat trick.

9 DANESSA AGAIN moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and steps on the turf with blinkers added, after returning from the layoff to duel for the lead and finish 2nd in an \$8,000 claimer contested at 6 ½ furlongs on the dirt.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-9

RACE 3:

7 JUBILANT, 2 for 2 'in the money' locally (2-0-1-1), is stretching to three-quarters of a mile after ending her campaign across town with a trio of 'in the money' finishes, which includes the sharp \$10,000 maiden breaker at this distance. **5 TOUCHET** is dropping to the \$10,000 level, and turning back to three-quarters of a mile, after heading south from Churchill Downs to stalk-the-pace and finish 4th across town vs \$16,000 conditioned claimers going 6 ½ furlongs on a wet track listed as 'good'. **6 DERBY DAY DARLING** is hoping mother nature cooperates after failing to handle the sloppy going in her Gulfstream sprint finale going 5 ½ furlongs in the wet going. She's a major player on a fast track.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-6

RACE 4:

6 NIGHT WATCH is stretching out around 2-turns with blinkers added, and dropping to the \$35,000 level, after rallying to 'hit the board' in a pair of 5-furlong turf sprints contested under special weight conditions. Trainer Stanley Gold has go-to-jock Jeffrey Sanchez atop the daughter of Brethren. **7 SECRET O' LIFE** is debuting locally after a solid turf outing across town in which she set the pace and was just out-kicked when finishing 2nd at this level and distance. Trainer Marcus Vitali has Nik Juarez penciled in for the return riding assignment.

5 TRIXIE'S TIME is eligible to show more after the promising career debut at the distance in which she recovered from a slow start to finish 4th. Trainer Fernando Abreu has Raul Mena atop the daughter of Hat Trick.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-5



RACE 5:

9 SCORCHED EARTH is dropping to the \$6,250 level in the first start since following her open-length \$10,000 maiden victory with a 5th place finish vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers.

3 FONTANAZZA is turning back to a sprint distance after setting the pace and getting reeled in on the turn when finishing 4th going a 1-turn mile across town. Trainer Angel Quiroz lightens the load with 5-pound apprentice Romero Maragh. **5 MICHELLE'Z LAUGH** is turning back to 6 ½ furlongs after rallying to come within a neck of notching this condition when finishing 2nd going a 1-turn mile at Gulfstream. Trainer Marcus Vitali has Carlos Montalvo in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 9-3-5

RACE 6:

7 R SECRET LIFE is taking a gigantic drop to the \$8,000 level after showing speed against better when competing on the main track both here and across town before the extended layoff. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Paco Lopez handling the turf debut. **1 WAR PIPE** is stepping up to the next level, and departing from the rail, after leading throughout when defeating \$12,500 maidens at the distance.

5 CRIMSON SPADE, who has run well on this course in the past, returns with a great commodity on his side – Speed! He'll take them as far as he can.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-5

RACE 7:

2 BELLE TAPISSERIE, a swift son of Tapizar, who was 2nd to next-out Grade 3 winner National Flag the last time he faced allowance competition, stretches out to a mile in the first start since a stalk-and-fade 4th in the Grade 3 Hutcheson Stakes on March 24th.

6 APOSTLE, a \$900,000 son of Medaglia d'Oro, is stepping up to face winners after returning from the 6-month layoff to break his maiden going a 1-turn mile across town. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Edgard Zayas atop the pricey 3-year-old. **7 ERCOLANO** is stretching out around 2-turns after following his debut victory with a troubled (steadied) 4th place finish – as the favorite – vs '2-lifetime' allowance runners going 6 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-7

RACE 8:

11 I'M JUST FANCY is dropping a notch after the promising turf debut in which she dueled for the lead before fading to finish 6th in a \$12,500 maiden test at the distance. Trainer David Fawkes has Paco Lopez rationing her speed. **9 RISKY RISKY RISKY** is freefalling to the \$10,000 level after failing to show much when returning from the layoff and finishing 6th on the turf vs maiden special weight competition. **10 TRIP THE QUEEN** is an obvious choice to be on the ticket after ending her campaign across town by coming within a half-length of notching the elusive maiden victory (12-0-5-0).

SELECTIONS: 11-9-10

BEST BET: RACE 4 – 6 NIGHT WATCH

LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 11 I'M JUST FANCY

