



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

4 WAR PIPE is sitting on a trip to the winner's circle after chasing the pace and finishing 2nd in front of a pair of next-out winner in his local debut at this level and distance. Trainer Monte Thomas has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle.

8 DIFFERENCE MAKER was sent to Goldmark Farm for a little R & R after encountering traffic at the ¼-pole and finishing 3rd in a \$10,000 '2-lifetime' claimer at GP last out. Trainer Ralph Nicks, 2 for 29 (7%) with the 2nd start back from a layoff, has Edgard Zayas at the controls.

1 OUR BOSS will depart from the rail after a sharp local return in which he came within a neck of notching his '2-lifetime' condition at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 4-8-1

RACE 2:

7 BRENDA'S G L P is shifting her focus to the main track after responding in the first start after the claim by Fernando Abreu with a chase-the-pace 2nd vs \$35,000 maidens going 5 furlongs on the local turf; Emisael Jaramillo will quarterback the surface switch.

1 INTO THE STARS is dropping into the maiden claiming ranks after 'hitting the board' in 2 of 4 sprints vs special weight competition before the layoff in June. Trainer Chad Summers has apprentice Romero Maragh atop the daughter of Into Mischief. **4 FAITH FLYS AGAIN**, the most seasoned runner in the field, was given some time off after finishing 3rd and 2nd, respectively, in a pair of \$40,000 sprints across town. Trainer Jena Antonucci has leading jock Edgard Zayas at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-4

RACE 3:

12 GRAN GREYFROST, who showed speed and faded to finish 4th when facing maiden special weight competition on the Gulfstream turf 2 starts back, is returning to the lawn after tilting windmills when failing to fire on the dirt in the \$400,000 In Reality Division of the Sire Stakes. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr is 4 for 9 (44%) with his 2-year-olds going from dirt to turf.

5 ARAGO is dropping a notch on the maiden scale after returning from the layoff to make an outside bid to finish 4th in his local turf debut at the \$50,000 level. Trainer Alexis Delgado has Edgard Zayas atop the son of The Big Mystery.

6 TIZ LUNA is another dropping into the selling ranks after taking the overland route and finishing 4th when tussling with maiden special weight competition on the local sod.

SELECTIONS: 12-5-6

RACE 4:

2 TAJELIHA, who was impressive breaking her maiden at the \$10,000 level in August, drops after returning from the layoff and failing to fire when facing \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimers here last out. **6 ZARABANDA** is stretching out to a mile after dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd in her local return going seven-eighths of a mile. The sophomore, 4 for 4 in the money at this track (4-1-2-1), has Aby Medina doling out her speed. **5 AWESOME CLUE** is stepping up to face winners after stalking early, and drawing clear late, to defeat \$10,000 maidens here at the distance. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Edgard Zayas going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-5



RACE 5:

9 EVA'S GIFT, a half-sister to multiple stakes winner Dream It Is, will move to the turf after back-to-back 6th-place finishes sprinting on the Gulfstream main track. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Paco Lopez atop the daughter of Shackleford.

4 SUNDAY EXPRESS, 2nd behind repeat winner Towa when sprinting on the GP turf, is turning back to 5 furlongs after stalking the pace and flattening out when stretching out to a mile on the local grass. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas handling the turnback.

6 MOMS PRIDE is a daughter of Into Mischief who is working up a storm over the track in preparation for her career debut. Trainer Juan Arias adds Lasix, and has Emisael Jaramillo atop this intriguing first-time starter.

SELECTIONS: 9-4-6

RACE 6:

7 QUEEN ROLLER moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim after responding to the turnback from a route to a sprint with a commanding 6-furlong score vs \$10,000 open-claimers across town. The new connections keep the status quo with Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle. **8 MY COTTON ROSE**, a reclaim by trainer Barry Croft, is stepping up the competition after totally dismantling a field of \$6,250 '3-lifetime' claimers by 12-plus lengths. The new/old connections tab Luca Panici to ride. **2 YAKUT** moved to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim after tracking the pace and finishing 3rd behind Queen Roller when they hooked up across town. Trainer Delgado, 5 for 10 (50%) with claims this year, has the sophomore firing bullets for the rematch.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-2

RACE 7:

3 GRAN MALBEC was freshened after reeling off 5 consecutive turf victories at this 5-furlong distance. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr, 18% with the 31-60 days layoff, has Emisael Jaramillo returning on this winning machine.

11 STARSHIP WILDCAT is hoping to make amends after finishing 2nd – as the favorite – in the \$75,000 Jupiter Beach 2 starts back, and as the odds-on choice at this level and distance last out. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **8 TENACITY ZIP** drops into this competitive situation after rallying to finish a good 3rd behind Breeders' Cup bound Pay Any Price, and 2nd-place finisher Phantom Ro, in the \$75,000 Tamiami last out; Paco Lopez rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-11-8

RACE 8:

6 GERMAN ALBERTO showed a definite fondness for this course when he saved ground early, and rallied 3-wide late to finish 3rd – at 19-1 – at this level and distance. He's the upset special in the nightcap.

11 TWO STEPS TO TOGA is turning back to 7 ½ furlongs after responding the return of the blinkers with a duel-for-the-lead 2nd place finish going a mile and a sixteenth.

10 R BABY DRIVER is returning to the turf after burning the chalk when he was the beaten favorite in 4 consecutive races on the main track. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 6-11-10

BEST BET: RACE 3 – 12 GRAN GREYFROST

LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 6 GERMAN ALBERTO