



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

1 OUR LITTLE DEVIL, who has some solid turf sprints on the go-back, drops, and returns to the grass, after showing speed and fading vs \$35,000 claimers going 5 furlongs on the main track. Trainer Bill Deaton has Paco Lopez handling the inside speed.

3 HENNI PENNY, who does her best running from 'off the pace' will be there to reap the spoils if the top choice and other speed merchants in the field get hooked up in a fast early pace. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

6 CHARLOTTE THE BRIT moves to the Joe Orseno barn via the claim, and wheels back, after encountering double-trouble (bumped start, steadied turn), when finishing 2nd behind repeat winner Proud Manners last out: Jose Morelos rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-6

RACE 2:

4 HEART OF GOD moves to the Peter Walder barn via the claim, and shifts to the main track with Lasix added, after finishing 2nd vs similar quality going 5 furlongs on the turf. The barn, 41% with the grass to dirt angle, has Paco in the saddle. **1 ROADHOUSE BLUES** is stepping up to face winners after returning from the 8-month layoff to crush a field of \$12,500 maidens by 9-plus lengths. The daughter of California Chrome will be tested for class with Emisael Jaramillo in the irons.

7 SASSY BEAST is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after returning from the freshening to stalk-the-pace 3rd vs similar going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Dave Fawkes has Edwin Gonzalez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-7

RACE 3:

6 MERZAZ is a gelded son of Mshawish debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and a consistent morning work tab showing at Palm Beach Downs. The tote action should tell us more. **4 EAMONN**, beaten a neck when 2nd at this level and distance 2 starts back, drops after tracking the pace and fading vs \$50,000 maidens going a mile last out. Trainer Joe Orseno, who claimed him 2 starts back, has Paco named to ride.

5 KICK IN THE GAS is a \$150,000 son of Tourist debuting for trainer Christophe Clement with Lasix, and a slew of useful workouts showing, on both turf and dirt, up at Payson Park: Joe Bravo rides.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-5

RACE 4:

6 FLAMING HAWK is stepping up to face winners after responding to both the dropdown, and the turnback in distance, with a rousing 11-length victory vs \$16,000 maidens going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr, 25% winning consecutive races, has Edwin Gonzalez named to ride. **5 BAILEY**, another from Saffie Joseph Jr, is making his first start since a troubled outing vs state-bred allowance runners in which he broke slowly, and was steadied at the ½-mile pole: Edgard Zayas rides this half of the uncoupled entry. **1 FLORAL AL** will depart from the rail after setting a pressured pace and finishing 2nd to repeat winner Joshy Jak at this level and distance: Jesus Rios rides.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-1

RACE 5:

3 MEETMEINKINGSTON is a son of Uncaptured, and a half-brother to stakes winner Bucchero, debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with a series of sharp workouts showing at Palm Beach Downs. The colt gets Lasix, and has Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **5 GIGANTIC** is a son of Street Sense debuting for trainer Louie Roussel with Lasix, and string of solid workouts showing both locally and at the Fair Grounds: Emisael Jaramillo rides. **7 NUZHAT**, another son of Street Sense, who's a half-brother to G3 Rampart winner Letruska, debuts for Fausto Gutierrez with Lasix, and Paco Lopez named to ride. **4 TWELVE VOLT MAN** is a son of Violence debuting for Saffie with Lasix, and Edwin Gonzalez named to ride. Need we say more?

SELECTIONS: 3-5-7-4

RACE 6:

4 KITTEN'S ROMANCE is turning back to 7 ½ furlongs with the perfect stalking style needed to sit the 'trip' behind what should be a hotly contested pace up front. Trainer Mark Hennig has Paco atop the daughter of Kitten's Joy. **8 REAL DOOZIE** is turning back slightly after setting the pace and getting nabbed at the wire when finishing 2nd vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers going a mile last out. Trainer Peter Walder, who claimed her 2 starts back, adds blinkers for this assignment.



1 R CALLI KIM is making her first start since flashing ability last summer when she followed a sharp \$35,000 victory on the turf with a 4th-place finish in the \$100,000 Martha Washington last August. Trainer Georgina Baxter removes the blinkers for the 4-year-old debut.

SELECTIONS: 4-8-1

RACE 7:

6 Q F SEVENTY FIVE is stretching out to 9 furlongs after the promising 1-mile debut in which he encountered some trouble (bumped) when finishing 3rd going a mile. Trainer Christophe Clement has Joe Bravo atop the \$210,000 son of Vancouver.

3 PRAYER BOOK, a half-brother to multiple Grade 1 winner Runhappy, is returning to the turf after failing to show much when going 9 furlongs on the main track last out. Trainer Todd Pletcher, 26% with the dirt to turf angle, has the son of Uncle Mo working well since the clunker on the dirt. **5 SIX MINUS**, another from Todd Pletcher, the son of English Channel stretches out to a mile and an eighth in the first start since finishing a late-closing 5th – beaten 1 ¼ lengths – vs \$50,000 maidens going a mile: Edgar Prado rides.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-5

RACE 8:

3 CAUSALISTIC moves to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and immediately drops to the \$6,250 level, after finishing a track-the-pace 3rd vs \$20,000 '3-lifetime' claimers going a mile last out: Edgard Zayas rides. **9 INGREIDO** is dropping into this conditioned claimer after showing speed and finishing 3rd vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers going a mile and 70 yards at GP West. Trainer Jorge Delgado has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. **2 TONS OF GOLD** has been knocking on the door in 5 consecutive races, and merits a spot on the tri and super tickets. Trainer Jose Garoffalo has Miguel Vazquez up.

SELECTIONS: 8-9-2

RACE 9:

4 VOODOO ZIP is turning back slightly after just getting nipped at the wire when finishing 2nd – beaten a head – going a mile here last out. Trainer Christophe Clement has Joe Bravo handling the usually fruitful 3rd start off the bench. **8 COUNTERSTRIKE** is making his 4-year-old debut after displaying tons of promise on the turf here last year. Trainer Brendan Walsh, 22% with the longer than 180 days layoff, has the gelded son of Street Boss working well on the Palm Meadows turf.

2 JET SPEED is a son of Speightster debuting on the grass for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and 12 Palm Beach Downs workouts showing in preparation for this assignment: Edgard Zayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 4-8-2

RACE 10:

1 DON'T GET KHOZY will depart from the rail after breaking slower than usual when finishing 2nd – beaten a half-length – at this level and distance. Note the recent pattern when she follows a victory with a narrow defeat. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas in the irons. **6 OUR FANTASY** is stepping up the competition after using her patented stalk-and-bounce style to defeat \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers, and notch her 2nd open-length victory at the distance.

3 GLOBAL AMBITION is dropping to this level in the first race since finishing 3rd vs \$35,000 optional claimers here going a mile during December. Trainer Michael Matz has Edwin Gonzalez handling the return.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-3

RACE 11:

5 BURN THE BOATS moves to the Peter Walder barn via the claim, and adds blinkers, after finishing a so-so 6th at this level and distance. The 5-year-old, who has shown speed on the turf in the past, hopes the blinkers, and aggressive rider Paco Lopez, will get this one in the first flight. **6 TWENTY FOUR SEVEN** has been knocking on the door in consecutive races at this level and distance, and gets the tepid nod to notch his condition in the nightcap. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Miguel Vazquez at the controls. **9 TUSK**, a solid 3rd at this level and distance 2 starts back, drops after failing to produce a rally vs \$16,000 starter allowance runners going 8 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Mary Eppler, who claimed him 2 starts back, has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-9

BEST BET: RACE 6 – 4 KITTEN'S ROMANCE

LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – 5 BURN THE BOATS