



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

1 MACHO REAL is dropping to the \$16,000 level on the main track after vying for the lead and weakening to finish 5th vs \$25,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Georgina Baxter, 30% with the turf to dirt angle, has Edgard Zayas in the irons. **2 UNION GAP** is wheeling back after responding to both the class relief, and the turnback in distance, with a 2nd place finish - behind repeat winner Chipshape – at this level and distance.

6 MUTAKAAMIL is another dropping, and turning back, after showing speed when going long vs \$25,000 maidens going 8 ½ on the turf.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-6

RACE 2:

2 CHAMPAGNE IVY is turning back to 7 ½ furlongs after breaking from an outside post, dueling for the lead, and finishing 3rd vs special weight company going a mile and a sixteenth. Note she was placed 2nd after the winner was disqualified. Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard at the controls. **9 ENDLESS FRONT**, a daughter of super turf sire War Front, debuts for trainer Todd Pletcher with a solid work tab showing, on both turf and dirt, at Palm Beach Downs: Emisael Jaramillo rides this regally bred sophomore.

6 KITTEN TALES, a daughter of Kitten's Joy, and a half-sister to Grade 1 stakes-placed Paige, debuts for Christophe Clement with Lasix, and a slew of solid workouts showing on the Payson Park turf. The barn, 23% with first-time starters, has Joe Bravo named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 2-9-6

RACE 3:

3 THE RIGHT STUFF (GB) is debuting locally after following his maiden victory with a press-the-pace and weaken 5th place finish in the \$75,000 Columbia on the Tampa turf. Trainer Christophe Clement has Paco Lopez atop the speedy son of Sea The Stars (Ire). **2 YES THIS TIME** is stepping up the competition after using his speed to post back-to-back victories vs \$50,000 starter optional claimers. Trainer Kelly Breen tabs Edwin Gonzalez to ride, as Paco Lopez moves to the top choice.

6 LIKEABLE, a \$350,000 son of Frosted, will give the turf a whirl after showing speed and fading on the dirt in both the Grade 3 Swale Stakes, and the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile last November. Trainer Todd Pletcher adds Lasix, and Edgard Zayas to the mix.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-6

RACE 4:

5 CHAMPAGNE SALUTE is stretching out to a mile after stalking the pace and fading behind next-out Grade 1 Ashland Stakes 2nd-place finisher Pass the Champagne, and next-out maiden winner Another Woman, going 7 furlongs. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Edgard Zayas atop the daughter of Runhappy.

3 POTION is making her 3-year-old debut after showing speed, and promise, in her 3-race freshman campaign up north. Trainer Michael Matz adds Lasix, and jockey Edwin Gonzalez for the return.

2 HITECH IS BACK is stretching out to a mile after showing speed and fading in a pair of special weight races going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Juan Avila has Leonel Reyes atop the daughter of Outwork, who is bred to love the distance.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-2

RACE 5:

7 MR. EINSTEIN is cutting back to a mile after shaking off trouble at the start (stumbled) to finish a late-closing 2nd vs similar going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas named to ride. **6 LIAMS STAR** is shortening up to 8 furlongs after encountering traffic at the ¼-pole (bumped, checked) when finishing 4th behind Mr Einstein last out. Joe Orseno has Paco atop the gelded son of Flintshire. **1 FEAR THE DEER**, a son of Declaration of War, is dropping to the \$16,000 level after tracking the pace and finishing 6th vs \$25,000 maidens going 8 ½ furlongs. Trainer Larry Bates has Edwin Gonzalez handling the inside post.

SELECTIONS: 7-6-1

RACE 6:

6 THE REIGN MAN is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after stalking the pace and finishing 2nd vs this level of competition going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa has Emisael Jaramillo handling the outside draw. **2 GEMO** moves to the Mauricio Fuentes barn via the claim, and cuts back to 6 furlongs, after shaking off a slow start to finish 3rd behind The Reign Man – as the odds-on choice – going 6 ½ furlongs. The new connections keep the status quo with Edgard Zayas at the controls.

5 CASH NOW makes it a trio cutting back to 6 panels after vying for the lead and weakening to finish 4th behind the top 2 going 6 ½ furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-5

RACE 7:

1 RED FLAG ALERT is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and adding blinkers, after stalking the pace throughout and finishing 3rd vs \$25,000 maidens. Trainer George Weaver has Edgard Zayas handling the 2nd start back from the almost 8-month layoff.

6 HE AIN'T NO SAINT is stretching out a mile hoping the latest distance switch helps improve on the trio of recent 2nd-place finishes – as the favorite – vs this level of competition. Trainer Jose Pinchin has Emisael Jaramillo trying to improve on the chalk-burning status. **9 COACH PAUL** is stretching out slightly to a mile after rallying to come within a nose of breaking his maiden going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Rich Silvestri has Angel Arroyo up.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-9

RACE 8:

9 CLASSY BEAST is stepping up, and stretching out, after drawing clear – as the 3-to-5 favorite – to wallop \$6,250 '2-lifetime' foes by 8 lengths. Trainer Francisco D'Angelo has Paco Lopez named to ride.

2 ABARRIO FOREVER is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after rallying to finish 2nd – beaten three-quarters of a length – vs this level of competition going 6 ½ furlongs. **10 LALALI** is another shortening up to three-quarters of a mile after chasing the pace and fading to finish 5th behind current nemesis Abarrio Forever. Trainer Jorge Delgado has 10-pound bug Rene Diaz handling the rematch.

SELECTIONS: 9-2-10

RACE 9:

2 GITANA is hoping to get back to her winning ways after her impressive 2-race win streak ended when she dueled for the lead and finished 2nd vs a solid group of \$25,000 optional claimers. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Emisael Jaramillo in the irons.

3 SHES ALL WOMAN wheels back after breaking from the rail, dueling throughout, and finishing 3rd vs \$35,000 conditioned claimers going this 6-furlong distance. Trainer Bob Hess Jr has Paco atop the daughter of Mucho Macho Man. **6 LUANN** moves to the Kelly Breen barn via the claim after keeping her record unblemished when she followed her \$12,500 maiden victory with a score vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers going 5 ½ furlongs. She'll be tested for class for a barn that is 22% with new claims.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-6

RACE 10:

1 COMPETTI, now in the Peter Walder barn, the daughter of Competitive Edge has been training forwardly after ending her campaign at GP West with poor showings on turf and dirt. Trainer Walder, 23% with new additions to the shedrow, has Paco handling the inside draw. **10 PIPER** has her claiming tag sliced in half after showing speed and finishing 5th and 3rd, respectively, in a pair of \$25,000 state-bred sprints. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Edgard Zayas named to ride. **5 PLAYERA** is another trying \$12,500 maidens after returning from the freshening to finish a track-and-fade 7th behind Piper last out. Trainer Rodolfo Garcia tabs Miguel Vazquez to ride, and Edgard moves to the top choice.

SELECTIONS: 1-10-5

BEST BET: RACE 5 – 7 MR. EINSTEIN

LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 1 COMPETTI

