



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

4 TRACY FLICK is a beautifully bred daughter of War Front debuting for trainer Shug McGaughey with a series of sharp Payson Park workouts showing, on both turf and dirt, in preparation for her first start: Jose Ortiz rides. **9 A THING OF BEAUTY** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, and getting Lasix, after closing to finish 4th in her 7 ½ furlong debut. Trainer Todd Pletcher has the daughter of Bernardini firing bullets at Palm Beach Downs in preparation for this assignment. **5 PICCADILLY LINE**, another from Todd Pletcher, the daughter of Air Force Blue (War Front) debuts with Lasix, and leading jockey Irad Ortiz Jr named to ride. The tote action should tell us more.

SELECTIONS: 4-9-5

RACE 2:

5 EMUNAH is dropping to the \$50,000 level after showing speed and weakening late going 6 furlongs vs maiden special weight competition last out. Trainer Fernando Abreu tabs Tyler Gaffalione to ride.

6 PARTY SWAGGER is a daughter of Exaggerator debuting for trainer Brian Lynch with Lasix, and Paco Lopez named to ride. **1 AIR CALVARY** will depart from the rail after showing good early speed before fading late when hitting the board in 2 of 3 recent sprints at this level and distance. Trainer Matt O'Connor has Jose Ortiz atop the daughter of Air Force Blue.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-1

RACE 3:

7 MONTE NE is going back to the turf after highlighting his versatility with a driving score vs \$35,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going 5 furlongs on the main track. Trainer Kelly Breen, who claimed him 2 starts back, has Paco handling the gelded son of Bayern.

3 WEEKEND DREAMER, who used his speed to defeat Monte Ne a few starts back, will try to do it again after using his speed again to defeat \$20,000 '3-lifetime' claimers last out. The consistent gelding will have Emisael Jaramillo at the controls.

1 HARDREDCANDY will try sprinting on the grass after vying for the lead and flattening out vs \$35,000 '2-lifetime' foes going 8 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Jane Cibelli has Luis Saez atop this intriguing possibility.

2 KHOZY MY BOY goes back to the turf after finishing 2nd to Monte Ne on the dirt: Irad Ortiz Jr rides.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-1-2

RACE 4:

6 BABY LION looks solid in this spot after responding to both the dropdown, and the addition of Lasix, with a 2nd-place finish at this level and distance. Trainer Tammy Levy has Victor Lebron up.

3 BRODY'S HONOR, 2nd at this level and distance 2 starts back, drops, stretches out, and removes the blinkers, after stepping up off the claim by Jose D'Angelo and coming up empty vs \$25,000 maidens going 6 furlongs. **7 KERIK** is going back to the main track after stepping up off the claim by Fernando Abreu to show speed and fade when competing with \$16,000 maidens going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Tyler Gaffalione will handle the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-7

RACE 5:

3 AHEAD OF PLAN, who was sharp winning 2 of 3 turf sprints up north, will debut locally, for trainer Chad Brown, after ending his 2020 campaign with a poor showing on the Aqueduct main track. The barn, 20% with the dirt to turf angle, spots the gelding perfectly vs state-bred optional claimers. **4 LONTANO**, now in the Brendan Walsh barn, the \$535,000 son of Street Boss makes his first start since finishing 2nd in the King Corrie Stakes when going 5 furlongs on the Woodbine turf: Irad Ortiz Jr rides. **1 MACHO BLUE** moves to the Carlos Perez barn via the claim after returning from the 10-month layoff to finish a rallying 2nd at this level and distance: Marcos Meneses rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-1

RACE 6:

2 GHOSTLORE is debuting locally for trainer Ian Wilkes, and making the first start since finishing 3rd in front of a quartet of next-out winners in a monster key-race going a mile at Churchill: Julien Lejaroux rides.

3 BOLD AGENDA should be primed and ready to fire a winning effort after the solid career debut at this level and distance. Trainer Todd Pletcher, 24% with maidens making their 2nd start, has Irad penciled for the return riding assignment. **6 BAY STREET MONEY**, 1 of 2 in the field for Chad Brown, this gelded son of Street Boss will try the main track hitting the board in 3 of 6 route races on the turf. The barn, 30% with the turf to dirt angle, has Tyler handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-6

RACE 7:

3 I KICKN moves to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim, and immediately drops to the \$6,20 level, after finishing 3rd vs \$12,500 claimers going 6 furlongs for the previous connections. He's a tepid call on the suspicious drop. **8 DEO FORTE** moves to the Carlos David barn via the claim, and stretches out to three-quarters of a mile, after stalking the pace and fading to finish 4th vs similar going 5 ½ furlongs. The barn, a whopping 46% with new claims, will have Angel Arroyo in the irons. **2 ENANO ASTRAY** is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear to wallop a field of \$12,500 maidens by 5-plus lengths. Trainer Joe Orseno has Victor Lebron going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-2

RACE 8:

4 COME STORMING is cutting back to a mile after living up to her name when she came storming late to finish 2nd vs similar going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Mike Maker has Irad returning on the daughter of – you guessed it – Get Stormy. **10 SYLVANELLA**, who was impressive using her speed to break her maiden here last March, returns after failing to fire in her comeback performance vs allowance competition at Tampa. Trainer Christophe Clement has Tyler Gaffalione handling the dropdown. **9 ROSA STAR** will try 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' competition after rallying up the rail to finish 4th – beaten a length – vs \$16,000 starter allowance runners. Trainer Javier Negrete has Jose Ortiz in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 4-10-9

RACE 9:

5 KATZ A DREAM is dropping, and turning back to 6 furlongs, after disputing the early pace before fading in the stretch vs \$25,000 optional claimers going a mile. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo handling the classic turnback move. **1 TWIRLING FAITH** is debuting locally, and breaking from the rail, after showing speed and getting caught late when facing \$40,000 optional claimers on the Tapeta surface at Woodbine. Trainer Josie Carroll has Paco Lopez handling this inside speed threat.

3 SUPER CAT LADY is debuting locally for trainer Mike Tomlinson after ending her campaign at Churchill with a couple of solid sprints in the slop. The daughter of Super Saver broke her maiden at the \$30,000 level, and was a duel-for-the-lead 6th vs \$50,000 '2-lifetime' foes in her last.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-3

RACE 10:

9 ELLA BRILLA is turning back to a mile and a sixteenth after surrendering a late lead when finishing 5th behind next-out Zagora Stakes winner Lucky Money in a 9-furlong allowance at Keeneland. Trainer Brian Lynch has Corey Lanerie atop the daughter of Kitten's Joy. **1 LINNY KATE** is making her 4-year-old debut after the brief 2-race sophomore campaign in which she broke her maiden here on the grass at first asking, and was 3rd – when returning from a 4-month layoff – vs entry-level allowance runners going a mile and a sixteenth at Belmont last June. Trainer Chad Brown, 26% with the 180 days-plus layoffs, has Irad atop the daughter of Tonalist. **11 MIMINA'S TEAM**, now in the Jose D'Angelo barn, the daughter of Uncle Mo was solid when returning from the layoff to finish 2nd at this level and distance here during December: Paco Lopez rides.

SELECTIONS: 9-1-11

RACE 11:

5 CADENCIA is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, and getting Lasix, after rallying strongly to finish 2nd – beaten a neck – going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Irad atop the daughter of Mshawish. **1 ALWAYS LATE** is making her 3-year-old debut with Lasix the first start since finishing 3rd in a 1-mile maiden special weight affair on the a 'good' Churchill turf. Trainer Bill Mott has Jose Ortiz atop the daughter of Animal Kingdom. **8 NOT SHY** is making her North American debut, for trainer Graham Motion, with Lasix added after finishing 3rd – on a soft turf – going a mile & three-sixteenths in France. Check the tote for more clues about her chances in the nightcap.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-8

BEST BET: RACE 11 – 5 CADENCIA

LONGSHOT: RACE 6 – 2 GHOSTLORE

