



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

4 DANGER RANGER should be primed and ready to offer more after rallying to finish third behind repeat winner Cajun Mandate at this level and distance. Dan Pita has Leonel Reyes in the saddle.

8 SPAN OF CONTROL is a \$250,000 gelded son of Into Mischief debuting for Angel Rodriguez with Lasix, and Marcos Meneses named to ride. The tote action should tell us more. **6 STRONG AGAIN** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after facing considerably tougher on the turf and dirt. Leon McKanas has Romero Maragh handling the surface switch to Tapeta.

SELECTIONS: 4-8-6

RACE 2:

5 ALLEGEDLY PERFECT is dropping to the \$6,250 level on the main track after dueling for the lead and finishing third in a stamina tweaking outing vs \$10,000 claimers going five furlongs on the Tapeta. Carlos David has Edwin Gonzalez handling the surface switch. **3 ASK FOR BODE** moves to the Murat Sancal barn via the claim, and cuts back to 5 ½ furlongs, after surrendering a late lead when finishing third vs similar going three-quarters of a mile. Javier Castellano rides. **1 NO COMMISSION** is stepping up to face open competition after drawing clear to defeat \$6,250 'three-lifetime' claimers by almost three lengths. Jose D'Angelo has Romero Maragh handling the inside draw.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-1

RACE 3:

1 DR. SHANE moves to the Marty Drexler barn via the claim, shifts to the turf, and steps up the competition, after finishing second vs \$10,000 claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the Tapeta. The barn, 24% with the Tapeta to turf angle, has Corey Lanerie atop the five-time turf winner. **6 BORU**, a winner at this level on the turf two starts back, drops after breaking from Post 11, setting the pace, and then fading through the lane vs \$20,000 claimers going a mile and a sixteenth. The turnback to 7 ½ furlongs should help the speedster.

8 FLY THE W is dropping to the \$16,000 level after showing speed and fading vs \$32,000 optional claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the Tampa turf. Tom Proctor has Emisael Jaramillo handling the local debut.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-8

RACE 4:

2 STARLITE WALKER is dropping to the \$25,000 level on the main track after stalking the pace and weakening to finish fifth vs \$43,000 maiden optional claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer David Fawkes, 33% with the turf to dirt angle, has Emisael Jaramillo handling the combo surface switch/turnback. **5 HEY HOMBRE**, who showed promise sprinting vs this level of competition before going to the sidelines in January, makes his first start since coming up empty in a 'key' state-bred special weight sprint that's produced a trio of next-out winners. Chantal Sutherland rides for Ramon Minguet.

6 RECKLESS PLACE is stepping up the competition after breaking from the rail, setting the pace, and finishing second in his \$16,000 debut going 6 ½ furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-6

RACE 5:

2 SKY BRIDGE is stepping up to face winners after returning from the extended layoff to defeat \$16,000 maidens going five furlongs on the Tapeta. Rohan Crichton is 25% winning consecutive races.

4 DRUM AND DRUMMER has been knocking on the door at this level in consecutive sprints, but the 1 for 18 record is an obvious concern. Mike Dini has Chantal Sutherland atop the gelded son of Congrats.

1 MAGICAL JAIME should be ready to offer more after shipping in from Laurel and finishing a late-closing fourth behind Drum and Drummer. The second time in sunny South Florida can be a winning affair.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-1

RACE 6:

1 JAZLA is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs in the first race since finishing second vs this level of competition going 5 ½ furlongs during January. Ralph Nicks, 32% with the 61-180 days layoff, has Emisael Jaramillo handling the return. **3 FROSTED FAITH** is hoping to finally get out of second gear at 6 ½ furlongs after finishing second – as the odds-on choice – going six furlongs last out. Trainer Anthony Margotta Jr has Javier Castellano handling the added distance.

6 DOUBLE PLAY KING, in for the \$40,000 tag in this optional claimer, has been knocking heads with some solid maiden special weight runners, including stakes-faced Nitrous Channel in his debut, and Unikee last out. Jose Garoffalo has Leonel Reyes in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-6

RACE 7: THE MELODY OF COLORS

6 MYSTIC EYES is making her sophomore debut after the stellar freshman campaign in which she was stakes-placed at Kentucky Downs, third in the Grade 3 Matron, and the winner of six-furlong Steward Manor at Belmont. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Javier Castellano handling the turnback to five furlongs.

5 AMERICAN STARLET is making her stakes debut after following her debut victory here with a fifth-place finish – as the favorite – vs \$75,000 optional claimers last out. It looks like the bounce/rebound angle for trainer Wesley Ward. **4 ARTOS (IRE)** is making her first start since finishing fourth vs 13 rivals in the five-furlong Grade 2 Queen Mary Stakes at Ascot last June. Trainer Rusty Arnold has the daughter of Kodiak training forwardly for the return.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-4

RACE 8:

5 BOURBON READY is back locally, and shortening up to 5 ½ furlongs, after getting fanned six-wide when finishing fourth behind next-out local winner Vive Bien going six furlongs at Tampa. Todd Pletcher adds second-time Lasix on the \$310,000 son of More Than Ready. **7 MY CRAZY NEIGHBOR** is a Lothenbach Stables homebred son of Into Mischief debuting for trainer Ian Wilkes with Lasix, and a slew of workouts showing at Palm Meadows. Corey Lanerie rides.

1 BLINDING LIGHT is a gelded son of New Year's Day debuting for George Weaver with Lasix, and Emisael Jaramillo named to handle the inside draw.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-1

RACE 9: THE TEXAS GLITTER

6 LUCCI, who was beaten only a length when fifth in the Grade 2 Norfolk Stakes at Ascot last June, makes his first start since the ultra-game \$75,000 optional claiming victory here in January. Wesley Ward is 26% with the 61-180 days layoff. **7 BIG INVASION** is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear to defeat a pair of next-out winners going five furlongs here last out. Trainer Christophe Clement has Javier Castellano handling the outside stalking trip.

5 HIGH FRONT couldn't have been more impressive when he rocketed clear to win his five-furlong turf debut by 6 ½ lengths. Trainer Jonathan Thomas has Emma-Jayne Wilson named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-5

RACE 10:

3 MACK will try to make it three in a row at the distance after following his \$16,000 maiden victory with wire-to-wire score vs \$12,500 'two-lifetime' runners during January. Kathleen O'Connell is 21% with the 61-180 days layoff. **10 VELOCE**, who does his best running from a stalk/close position, will be there to reap the spoils of Mack fails to handle the hike in competition. Marty Drexler has Javier Castellano in the saddle.

5 EXPONENTIAL is another late-striding type who can be along for a share vs this familiar competition. Peter Walder has Emisael Jaramillo at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 3-10-5

RACE 11:

9 CALLOWAY PEAK, a son of Arrogate, returns from the layoff, gets Lasix, and makes his first start since finishing fifth behind next-out Grade 2 Pilgrim Stakes winner Annapolis in his mile and a sixteenth turf debut at Saratoga. Trainer Bill Mott, 23% with this type of layoff, lightens the impost with apprentice Ailsa Morrison in the saddle. **8 CELESTIAL CITY** should be primed and ready to offer more after finishing a workman-like fourth in his career debut here at this level and distance. Shug McGaughey has Javier Castellano returning on the son of Uncle Mo.

10 TWIRLING BLUES is turning back to a mile and a sixteenth, and getting blinkers, after making a middle move and yielding late to finish fourth going nine furlongs last out. Ian Wilkes has Corey Lanerie in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 9-8-10

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 5 BOURBON READY

LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – CALLOWAY PEAK