



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

by Ron Nicoletti

FIRST RACE:

5 HILLBILLY RIDGE is turning back to three-quarters of a mile on main track after dueling for the lead and finishing third and second, respectively, vs. \$25,000 state-bred competition at a mile on the turf. **1 KITTY CAME HOME** is a \$42,000 daughter of Came Home who has trained consistently at Palm Meadows in preparation for her career debut. Trainer Kelly Breen has jockey Eddie Castro handling the always adventurous inside post. **3 ITSAWONDAFULSECRET** is a daughter of Three Wonders who shows 12 Calder workouts in preparation for her career debut. Trainer Harry Benson adds Lasix and Manoel Cruz for this assignment.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-3

SECOND RACE:

5 DON'TQUESTION IT moved to the Ferris Allen barn via the claim after following a set-the-pace-and-fade third place finish vs. this caliber of competition on the turf with a duel-and-yield second place finish vs. \$16,000 maidens at this distance on the main track. **6 ANJUNOTHAT** moved to the Steve DiMauro barn via the claim after stalking the pace and finishing fourth, as the favorite, vs. similar opposition at a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer DiMauro, 4 for 14 (29%) with new claims, has Eddie Castro handling the surface switch. **2 CARL'S COURT** has his maiden tag sliced in half after proving no match for the competition in a 'key' \$50,000 maiden test that produced next-out winners Successful Love and Holiday Justice. Trainer Ian Wilkes adds second-time Lasix and blinkers. **9 NADER** fits the Bill with this caliber of competition after breaking a step slow and finishing fifth at three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Ralph Ziadie has Cornelio Velasquez handling the stretchout.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-2-9

THIRD RACE:

9 HEAVENLY ANSWER is dropping to the \$25,000 level after steadying on the far turn and still managing to finishing third in front of next-out winners Bay Ridge Tiger and What A Pal in a 'key' \$32,000 maiden test at a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Dave Kassen has Eibar Coa returning on the daughter of Mongoose. **7 DUTIFUL** has her maiden tag sliced in half after rallying to finish fourth - beaten 3 1/2 lengths - in her local debut at the \$50,000 level. Trainer Vicky Oliver has Rene Douglas in the saddle again. **8 CHESTY** is turning

back to a mile after surrendering a late lead to finish second vs. \$30,000 maidens at a mile and a sixteenth on a 'good' turf. **10 TZINTZICHA** is stretching out around 2 turns after a rough outing vs. similar at five-eighths of a mile in which she encountered trouble early and late. Trainer Kirk Ziadie, 20% with horses stretching out in distance, removes the blinkers and tabs apprentice Jose Ortiz to ride.

SELECTIONS: 9-7-8-10

FOURTH RACE:

5 POOVEY moved to the David Fawkes barn via the claim after notching her second consecutive victory at the distance when she defeated \$20,000 claimers on Feb. 2. The only 3-time winner in the field in reunited with jockey Eibar Coa (11-3-1-2). **2 SUNRISE CRUISE** is dropping into this \$12,500 starter allowance after bumping at the start, chasing the pace, and finishing fourth vs. \$20,000 types at three-quarters of a mile. **4 DISCOVERY LAUNCH** will return to the main track after keyed up outing vs. \$40,000 'two-life-time' types on the turf in which she was rank early and forced to steady on the first turn. Trainer Steve DiMauro, 24% with the grass-to-dirt angle, has Manoel Cruz in the saddle again.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-4

FIFTH RACE:

10 IT'S NEVER TO LATE will make his career turf debut with blinkers added after dueling for the lead and tiring when finishing fourth vs. maiden special weight state-bred competition at 7 furlongs on the main track. Trainer Wayne Catalano readied him for the surface switch with a blistering 5-furlong bullet in :57 & 4. **4 WARDYAN** is turning back to five-eighths of a mile after setting the pace and fading late when facing \$25,000 maidens at a mile and a sixteenth on a 'good' turf. **11 STORMY BALLARD** is shortening up to this abbreviated 5-furlong distance after dueling throughout and finishing second at a mile vs. maiden special weight runners on the Tampa turf. **7 JIM JACK N JOHNNIE** is a son of Forestry who has trained sharply at Calder in preparation for his career debut. Trainer Marty Wolfson has Eddie Castro in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 10-4-11-7

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SIXTH RACE:

5 GRAND INTENTIONS is stretching out to 7 furlongs after rallying to finish second in front of next-out winners Swans Nest, who broke her maiden in her next start by 4 1/2 lengths, and Spectacular Tale, who broke her maiden by 6 1/4 lengths at Aqueduct on Wednesday. **3 DESIRED**, a \$2.2-million-dollar daughter of Storm Cat, and a half sister to Grade 1 stakes-placed A P Warrior, shows 12 Palm Meadows workouts in preparation for her much anticipated career debut. Trainer Michael Matz adds Lasix and jockey Jose Lezcano for this assignment. **9 HAMSA** will be outfitted with blinkers in the first start since she raced greenly and finished sixth in her 6-furlong career debut at Belmont last September. Trainer Barclay Tagg has Cornelio Velasquez named on the daughter of Fusaichi Pegasus. **10 DELTA WEEKEND** is stretching out an additional furlong after a ground saving trip produced a fourth place finish vs. similar at three-quarters of a mile.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-9-10

SEVENTH RACE:

7 TUPI was steadied in tight quarters on the first turn, was stuck behind horses on the far turn, bumped with a rival at the top of the stretch, and still finished third in his local return at this level and distance. Trainer Ron Spatz has Cornelio Velasquez returning on the unlucky son of Hazaam. **12 ANGELOUIE** is another hoping for a clean trip after bumping and taking up on the first turn when finishing fourth, as the favorite, behind Tupi last out. Trainer Phil Serpe has Edgar Prado penciled in for the return assignment. **1 HYRACOTHERIUM** moved to the Cam Gambolati barn via the claim after rallying strongly to defeat \$30,000 'three-lifetime' claimers at a mile and sixteenth. **3 FOR MICHAEL'S DAD** will face winners after holding on gamely to break his maiden at the distance. Trainer Dale Romans has Manoel Cruz named on the gelded son of Montbrook.

SELECTIONS: 7-12-1-3

EIGHTH RACE:

1 BARRELING HOME and **1A HARLEM ROCKER** are a strong pair from Stronach Stables. The former, a son of Awesome Again, trained by Brian Lynch, faces winners after responding to the addition of Lasix with a impressive maiden victory at seven-eighths of a mile. The latter, conditioned by Todd Pletcher, is stretching out to a mile after recovering from a poor start to win his 7-furlong career debut at first asking. Eibar Coa returns on the son of Macho Uno. **2 BORDEAUX BANDIT**, a half brother to Florida Derby runnerup Noble Causeway, turns back to a mile after making a bid and tiring to finish fourth when skipping a condition and facing 'two-other-than' allowance competition at 9 furlongs. **3 SAMBA ROOSTER** shows a couple of sharp half-mile workouts at

Calder in preparation for the first start since he set the pace and faded to finish third vs. similar quality at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 1-1A-2-3

NINTH RACE:

7 HERBORISTE is stretching out to her most accomplished distance (3-2-0-0) after rallying 4-wide to come within a neck of catching Mauralakana in the 9-furlong Very One Handicap (G3). Trainer Michael Matz has Jose Lezcano guiding the 12-furlong specialist. **1 MAURALAKANA**, beaten a neck in the 11-furlong Glens Falls Handicap (G3) at Saratoga in September, stretches out to a mile and a half for the first time after getting up in the final jump to win The Very One Handicap last out. The 120-pound highweight is reunited with jockey Rene Douglas. **4 HOSTESS**, who won her only previous race at this marathon distance here last March, stretches out after making a middle move and finishing seventh- beaten only 2 3/4 lengths - in The Very One last out. John Velazquez returns on the proven commodity at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-4

TENTH RACE:

3 MARTINS POINT is returning to the main track after threatening to notch this 'three-lifetime' condition in consecutive races on the turf. Trainer Wayne Catalano, 36% with the grass-to-dirt move, spots the gelding perfectly in the nightcap. **11 KNIGHT STRIKE** is stepping up to the next level after drawing clear to wallop \$10,000 'two-lifetime' claimers at the distance by 5 1/2 lengths. **6 SHEPHERD STREET** must be respected for his ability to set the pace and steal this race on the front end. Trainer Dan Hurtak lightens the load with 7-pound apprentice Jose Ortiz. **7 UNCONTESTED**, 3 for 5 in the money on the Gulfstream main track, returns after encountering trouble on the turn and finishing fourth vs. similar quality at 5 furlongs on the turf.

SELECTIONS: 3-11-6-7

BEST BET: RACE 9 - HERBORISTE

LONG SHOT: RACE 3 - TZINTZICHA