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### **FORT LAUDERDALE STAKES:**

10<sup>th</sup> GP 1 1/16m (Turf) Grade II 4yo and up, Purse: \$150,000.

#	Horse	ML	Comments
8	Big Blue Kitten	6/1	Son of 16% grass sire Kitten's Joy comes off a narrow victory over subsequent winner Za Approval here last month when making his first start since June and has now won five of his nine starts on grass. Five-year-old is trained by Chad Brown who wins with 29% of his runners second off a layoff and with 31% that won their last start and bay can be running from just off the pace with Javier Castellano remaining in the saddle.
1	Vertiformer	12/1	Six-year-old has not been seen since finishing third in the McKnight Handicap at Calder in November when steadied slightly late but his works since then include a five furlong move on this turf course in 59 2/5. Son of Dynaformer is trained by Wayne Catalano who wins with 19% of his runners that have not raced for 46-90 days and who has won with 21% of his starters this meet. Bay can be closing late with Alan Garcia in the saddle.
4	Dominus	3/1	Dark bay won a Grade Two at Saratoga in one of his two previous starts on turf and earned top ranking on BRIS Speed Last Race when fifth after setting the pace in the Ack Ack Handicap on the main track at Churchill in early November. Trainer Todd Pletcher wins with 25% of his runners that have not raced for 46-90 days and with 20% in graded stakes and five-year-old can be on or near the lead early but does face other front running types here.
2	Nikki's Sandcastle	5/1	BRIS Prime Power selection comes off a win in the El Prado Stakes over a mile here last month when overcoming a wide draw and has now won three of his seven starts on this course. Trainer David Kassen wins with 21% of his runners that won their last start and with 13% overall on grass and son of Castledale can be running late with Corey Lanerie retaining the mount.

### **SAN GABRIEL STAKES**

8<sup>th</sup> SA 1 1/8m (Turf) Grade II 4yo and up, Purse: \$150,000.

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4	Slim Shadey		Classy son of Val Royal was second at today's distance in the Turf Classic (G1) and should be fit after setting the pace and holding on for a decent fourth in the Hollywood Turf Cup (G2) most recently. Simon Callaghan trainee is a multiple Grade 2 winner on this lawn while sporing a 6-3-1-0 mark locally, and while this may not be his best distance, we think him reverting back to stalk and pounce tactics today could move him forward today while getting back with Garrett Gomez. With the chance of a fairly quickly tempo, we envision the gelding getting a nice set up on his favored oval. Gets the slight nod today.
7	Jeranimo		Multiple graded winning turf performer by Congaree was a nice second in this race a year ago and could be ready for his best third time off the shelf. Seven-year-old from the barn of Michael Pender has done well on this course with a pair of wins and another trio of placings, and he faces easier than he encountered most recently in the Citation (G2). Florida-bred has a nice turn of foot and enough tactical foot that could see him in touch early on from this post, and the recent drills indicate that he should be ready for a top performance in this spot with Rafael Bejarano accepting the assignment for the initial time. Pender 26% in graded stakes spots.
2	Tale of a Champion		Sneaky longshot takes the blinkers off for this race and could be a live exotics contender at a number in here under Gary Stevens. Bay five-year-old by Tale of the Cat was in fine form in the Sunshine State before coming out West, and while he has yet to give a great account of himself to this point, he has some sneaky good form and we always thought he could be better going long as opposed to sprinting on the turf. The top three player will likely be forwardly placed, tucked in behind the early speed. Could be a big number.
6	Chosen Miracle		Speedy son of Ghostzapper proved he could handle the stretch out to two turns most recently with a game allowance score at Hollywood, and now the Jerry Hollendorfer trainee will hope to get another furlong in this spot. Five-year-old is surely in lifetime form if tossing his run with tough ones two prior, and his 102 Speed figure earned last time was a career best. This barn is a solid 25% with a winner last race, and if Joe Talamo could set some sensible splits while clearing the field, we wouldn't be surprised to see the Florida-bred stay on late.