



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

3 GENESIS OMEGA is a son of Known Agenda who couldn't have found an easier spot to make its debut. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr is 20% with first-time starters. **1 MR. KHOZAN** makes the biggest drop in racing when he tumbles to the bottom after facing state-bred special weight competition with little success during his summer campaign. The connections add Lasix for this assignment.

5 RENT'S DUE drops to the \$12,500 level with blinkers added failing to show much vs better before going to the sidelines in April. Beau Chapman has Samy Camcho named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-5

RACE 2:

5 THE COROMOTO is going back to the grass after following a series of speedy respectable outings vs 35,000 maidens on turf with a chase the pace second vs this level of competition on Tapeta. She's a major player whatever Mother Nature has instore. **7 I LOVE INES** loves to run well sprinting on the grass but can't seem to close the deal after finishing second in a pair of 5 ½-furlong sprints on the Colonial turf. Trainer Angel Rodriguez has apprentice Carlos Martinez named to cure the bridesmaid status. **2 AUTHENTIC GUITAR**, who showed promise when closing in her career turf debut in the Royal Palm Juvenile, returns to the lawn after a solid comeback when second vs \$12,500 maidens going five panels on Tapeta. She'll be tested for class for trainer Dante Zanelli.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-2

RACE 3:

3 MY LADY JAMES is cutting back to 5 ½ furlongs after using her speed to take her turn of defeating this familiar competition going three-quarters of a mile last out.

6 SLEW DIVA, who showed improvement when setting the pace and finishing second – in the slop – in the first start after the claim by Carlos Narvaez, needs to stay out of a ruinous duel with the top choice to offer her best. **1 BRENNNA**, who finished second in front of the top choice two starts back and was a disappointing fifth behind her last out, hopes to bounce back and sit in the catbird seat behind the hot pace expected. Sebastian Pulgarin has strong finisher Miguel Vazquez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-1

RACE 4:

1 CHOLE'S TOY moves to the Amador Sanchez barn via the claim and races without a claiming tag, after drawing clear to win her fourth consecutive \$10,000 claimer on Tapeta. The barn, 25% with new claims, sharpened her speed with a bullet half-mile drill on the all-weather surface.

2 HAPPY RIDE, no slouch with winning sprints on Tapeta, drops and moves to the all-weather track after returning from the two-month freshening to chase and tire vs \$25,000 optional claimers on turf. Joe Orseno is a solid 22% with the surface change.

3 BAD GAL PARTY is looking to celebrate when her ability to stalk the pace will be rewarded if the top two hook up in a spirited early pace duel. Dave Fawkes has her working well for this assignment.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-3

RACE 5:

3 RHETT DREAMS, a \$260,000 daughter of Jack Christopher, is debuting locally at five furlongs after the eventful 6 ½-furlong debut at Kentucky Downs in which she was tracking the pace before getting cut off at the quarter-pole and then showing some late interest when beat 5 ½ lengths. Saffie Joseph Jr has Micha Husbands named to ride.

9 AMERICAN REIGN, who shows speed on the turf but tends to tire late, can get brave if left alone on the front end, especially with the rail at 45 feet. Carlos David has Miguel Vazquez atop the daughter of American Pharoah.

10 SEVEN OF HEARTS is a \$225,000 daughter of Good Magic debuting for Mark Casse with a solid morning workout pattern showing. The concern is the demanding outside post.

SELECTIONS: 3-9-10

RACE 6:

1 LADY CHANCE, the only three-time winner in the field, moves to the Sebastian Pulgarin barn via the claim and shortens up to six furlongs after finishing second – as the odd-on choice – going seven-eighths of a mile. The barn, 6 for 15 (40%) with new claims, has Leonel Reyes in the saddle.

2 SKY OVER KINGSTON, who moved to the Dave Fawkes barn last out and drew off to wallop a field \$17,500 two-lifetime claimers by five lengths, gets tested for class when she steps up the competition. Samy Camacho rides. **4 MITHRIL**, second behind Lady Chance last out, can reap the spoils if the top two hook up in a sprinted early duel. Beau Chapman has solid journeyman Marcos Meneses named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-4

RACE 7:

4 INTRICITY, who drifted in the stretch after dueling through swift early fractions and was disqualified and placed third in her previous turf outing, will be playing catch me if you can in her return to the green stuff. Dave Fawkes has Diego Herrera named to ride. **3 KNOWS EVERYTHING**, who had a chance to get her picture taken on the turf before she was sawed off in the stretch by Intricity, renews the rivalry after finishing fourth behind her on Tapeta last out. Dale Romans has Edgar Perez in the saddle. **6 MO TOWN SOUL** is stepping up the competition after the pair of stalk the pace outings on turf vs cheaper before going to the sidelines on August 1st. Ron Spatz, 24% with the layoff, has J.G. Torrealba atop the daughter of Mo Town.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-6

RACE 8:

2 BARAKAH is making her first start since rallying to win her mile and a sixteenth career debut on Tapeta during March. Saffie, 24% with the layoff and 19% with the route to sprint move, has Rasheed Hughes named to ride. **8 OCALA GALA**, who won her only previous race on Tapeta in impressive fashion, goes back to the all-weather surface after showing good speed vs state-bred allowance runners going both long and short on the turf. Mark Casse has the \$180,000 daughter of Code of Honor working exceptionally well for the return to action.

9 FINDING STRENGTH, who was facing the best 2-year-olds on the grounds before going to the bench 363 days ago, debuts on Tapeta with a solid work tab showing over the main track, which includes the stamina tweaking five-furlong drill on October 8. Mike Yates adds Lasix for the sophomore debut.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-9

RACE 9:

10 MAKEITLOOKEZ is dropping to the \$17,500 level after showing speed and weakening late when finishing third vs \$35,000 maidens going five furlongs on Tapeta. Safie has Micha Husbands atop the outside speed. **8 BABY PRINCESS** is sitting on a winning performance after responding to the dropdown with a late closing second at this level and distance. Ron Spatz has Nik Juarez named to ride. **1 SIENA BELLE** is dropping to this level with blinkers added after dueling through quick early fractions before calling it a day vs \$50,000 maiden optional claimers last out. She'll take them as far as she can.

SELECTIONS: 10-8-1

BEST BET: RACE 7 – 4 INTRICITY

LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 2 BARAKAH