



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

4 THE LAST PAGE drops and stretches out around two turns after getting some needed experience when finishing sixth in his \$75,000 debut going six furlongs on the Aqueduct turf. Trainer George Weaver is 18% with the stretchout move. **2 SCIENCE ROCKETS** is dropping a level after finishing a wide fourth in his 7 ½-furlong turf debut during August. Patrick Biancone has Albin Jimenez named to ride. **9 DOUBLE MILES** is going back to the turf after responding to the dropdown in competition with a second-place finish going a mile and seventy yards on the Tapeta. Jose D'Angelo has Marcos Meneses in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-9

RACE 2:

3 HOLDING THE LINE (IRE) is stepping up to the next level after showing a fondness for the local Tapeta when he drew clear to defeat \$8,000 two lifetime claimers going five furlongs. Trainer Wesley Ward has Albin Jimenez at the controls.

4 OCONEE LIFE is cutting back to five furlongs in the first outing since he set a pressured pace and was beaten a neck vs this level of competition going a mile and seventy yards. Rohan Crichton has Luca Panici handling the classic turnback move.

9 MIGHTY MURPHY is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after dueling for the lead and fading late to finish fourth behind repeat winner Hollywood Mayhem at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-9

RACE 3:

5 VALIANT WINTER is dropping to the \$12,500 level looking to make amends after finishing third – as the favorite – vs \$17,500 maidens. Joe Orseno has Edgard Zayas named to ride. **4 LODATO** is dropping to the bottom on the Tapeta after facing New York-state bred competition on the turf and dirt up north. Jose D'Angelo has Katie Davis in the saddle again.

6 MULLY'S MOON is returning to the Tapeta and removing the blinkers after setting the pace and fading to finish sixth going 5 ½ furlongs on the dirt.

SELECTIONS: 5-4-6

RACE 4:

4 LA CYBER moves to the Jose Castro barn via the claim and makes her first start since finishing second at this level and distance. The new connections tab Javier Castellano to ride. **7 MUSCLE MAIDEN** is wheeling back after taking a step in the right direction when she rallied to finish second best at this level last out. Jose D'Angelo has apprentice Yolber Torres at the controls. **8 LIL' BIG MUNNY** is stretching out to a mile and seventy yards after finishing a wide third in her six-furlong debut over the Presque Isle Tapeta. Miguel Clement has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 4-7-8

RACE 5:

8 ALPYLAND is stepping up to face winners and stretching out to a mile after the strong maiden score at Keeneland in which he broke from the tough outside post and edged away in the stretch to win like a good thing. The \$185,000 son of Vekoma is bred to love the distance. **3 SKIPPING STARS** was game in defeat when he was just nailed at the wire in the \$75,000 Armed Forces. Jose D'Angelo has Samy Camacho atop the one to beat. **5 TELEPORT (IRE)** is expected to show more with second-time blinkers after making a middle move to get the lead before yielding and finishing a close fifth in the one-mile Armed Forces. Todd Pletcher has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-5

RACE 6:

4 LOMAX, a half-brother to \$2.1 million earner Catholic Boy, listed as a gelding, gets a complete makeover when he tries six furlongs on the dirt. Todd Pletcher, 23% with the long layoff and 26% with the route to sprint angle, has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride. **6 NOBLE J** moves to the David Fawkes barn and gets Lasix in the first start since finishing a promising third in his two-year-old debut in July 2024. The barn, 24% with new additions to the shedrow, has the gelded son of Noble Bird working well for the return. **7 NOBLE SKY** cuts back to six furlong after setting the pace and finishing second going a mile last out. Trainer Ron Spatz has Javier Castellano atop this gelded son of Noble Bird.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-7**RACE 7:**

1 TURKISH PISTACHIO drops to the \$35,000 level and turns back to three-quarters of a mile after setting the pace and finishing third vs maiden special weight runners going seven furlongs. Carlos David has Samy Camacho in the irons. **6 R TUN WHO** is a daughter of Tunwoo debuting for the win early connections of Averill Racing and Saffie Joseph Jr. The tote action will tell us more about her chances to win at first asking.

3 BETTER WITH VINO is another dropping and cutting back to six panels after encountering traffic and finishing fourth behind the top choice. Anthony Margotta has Junior Alvarado named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-3**RACE 8:**

7 BLUE SLIDE PARK will depart from the outside after recovering a slow start from the inside (Post 2) to finish second at this level and distance. Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

4 MR SCATTER moves to the Beau Chapman barn via the claim after closing to finish second – as the favorite – at this level and distance. The barn, 27% with new claims, has Micha Husbands named to ride.

2 VLADISLAV, another from Victor Barboza Jr, drops and cuts back to a mile on the dirt after showing speed and fading vs \$10,000 claimers going around two turns on the Tapeta. Jose Morelos rides.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-2**RACE 9:**

3 BAY OF BENGAL is making his local return for trainer Graham Motion on a high note. The gelding has used his speed to post consecutive races, including the recent \$50,000 starter optional claimer going a mile on the Aqueduct turf. **6 LACHAISE** is debuting locally for Saffie Joseph Jr looking to sit in the catbird seat behind the oodles of speed signed on in this race, which includes the top choice. Tyler Gaffalione rides. **1 IRONSIDES** will try to make it two in a row after tipping out and drawing clear to defeat \$35,000 claimers at the distance. The Fausto Gutierrez trainee should get more than enough pace to compliment his ability to stalk or close.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-1**RACE 10:**

4 SKELLIG MICHAEL is stepping up to face winners after turning on the afterburners to break his maiden at the distance by five widening lengths. Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael Jaramillo going for two in a row. **7 ADIOS NOW** is stretching out to seven furlongs again after dueling through swift fractions and finishing second at three-quarters of a mile. Luis Ramirez has ten-pound apprentice Carlos Martinez atop this major piece of the pace puzzle.

3 AWESOME BEAST hasn't been seen since running a game second – as the odds-on choice – going 6 ½ furlongs during April. Trainer Kathryn Davey has the gelding training well for the return.

SELECTIONS: 4-7-3**RACE 11:**

8 SPICY PRINCESS is back with maidens after finishing fourth vs winners in the \$75,000 Our Dear Peggy. Patrick Biancone has David Egan atop the daughter of Tapit. **2 TEMERAIRE** is debuting locally and cutting back to a mile after shaking off traffic problems to finish second going nine furlongs on the Keeneland turf. Trainer Riley Mott has Junior Alvarado atop the \$200,000 daughter of Nyquist.

9 LOVE AND GRACE should be primed and ready to offer more after making a middle move before yielding to finish sixth in what looking like a learning effort on the Keeneland turf.

SELECTIONS: 8-2-9**BEST BET: RACE 9 – 3 BAY OF BENGAL****LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – 8 SPICY PRINCESS**