



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

5 URGENCY will try state-bred special weight competition after rallying late to finish third vs \$50,000 maiden optional claimers going a mile on the local turf. His biggest challenge will come from uncoupled stablemate **1 SOUPER DEBONAIR**. The latter debuts locally with blinkers added after finishing second vs maiden special weight competition going a mile on the Woodbine turf. Trainer Mark Casse has Edwin Gonzalez atop the former, while Martin Chaun will guide the latter. **7 TIZ TROUBLE** is a gelded son of Tiz the Law, out of the Put It Back mare Warmhearted Windy, debuting for trainer Lisa Lewis with solid turf breeding on both sides of the family tree. The 3-year-old gets Lasix and has Samy Camacho in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-7

RACE 2:

5 BAD GAL PARTY will try to make it three in a row after highlighting her versatility when she followed a front running victory two starts back with a stalk the pace score last out. David Fawkes has go-to jockey Edwin Gonzalez atop the daughter of World of Trouble.

1 BOOT'S ON THE MOON, a winner at this distance from the rail two starts back vs conditioned claimers, stretches out after getting beat a head vs this caliber of competition going five furlongs on the all-weather Tapeta last out. Ron Spatz lightens the impost with Yolber Torres in the saddle.

2 THE DOVE RULES, who does her best running from off the pace, is looking to sit in the catbird seat behind the solid pace expected. Saffie has Micha Husbands named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-2

RACE 3:

4 TRILL may have found the spot to make amends after rallying to finish second – as the favorite – at this level and distance last out. Paco Lopez rides for Heather Smullen.

3 MORE THAN A SHADOW is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after making a middle move to get the lead before weakening to finish third behind the top choice last out. Javier Gonzalez has returning jockey Leonel Reyes named to ride. **2 SODA**, two for four in the money on the dirt, drops after hitting in two of three outings vs \$17,500 maidens going around two turns on the Tapeta. She wheels back in only seven days to garner some interest on the ticket.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-2

RACE 4:

3 BEAUTIFUL CRAZY - you would have to be a little nuts not to use this one on the ticket. The daughter of Oscar Performance moves to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim after setting the pace and finishing second at this level and distance. The barn, 34% with new claims, has apprentice Yolber Torres named to ride. **5 SPEIGHTFULELECTION** moves to the Devon Dougherty barn after the claim and makes her first start since finishing third at this level and distance during January. The sparse morning work tab is concern, but the fact that Paco hops aboard is a plus.

6 ELLAGIO is cutting back to five furlongs looking to grab a share of the trifecta or superfecta. Fred Labo has Jonathan Ocasio named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-6

RACE 5:

5 TASH SPICE is as daughter of Caravaggio debuting for Riley Mott with the turf breeding needed to pique your interest. She gets Lasix and has Jorge Ruiz in the saddle.

1 R P BYRNE (IRE) should be primed and ready to score after returning from the six-month layoff to set the pace and weakening to finish fifth vs a solid group of maiden special weight runners going five furlongs on the turf. Wesely Ward, drops her in for a \$50,000 tag, gives her second-time Lasix, and tabs Paco to ride. **7 SENTA SAYS** is hoping to save more after setting swift early fractions of 21 & 1 and 43 & 4 before weakening to finish fourth going five panels on the grass last out. Saffie has Micha Husbands named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-5

RACE 6:

8 BODACIOUS QUEEN is debuting on the Tapeta after returning from the layoff to duel throughout and finish third vs \$50,000 maiden optional claimers going five furlongs on the turf. Trainer Tareq Moubarak, who has two in the field, is 18% with the turf to Tapeta angle.

2 ROOKIE MOVE is hoping to make a winning move when she debuts for Mike Maker with Lasix and Jose Gomez named to ride. Note that the barn is 18% with first-time starters.

5 MISO SPEEDY is a daughter of Mendelssohn debuting for Riley Mott with Lasix and Jorge Ruiz named to ride. Tab the tote action for more clues about her winning at first asking.

SELECTIONS: 8-2-5

RACE 7:

7 RULEROFTHEUNIVERSE is dropping to the \$25,000 level in the first start since finishing a distant third going a mile at Saratoga during August. The voided claim at the Spa, trained by Saffie Joseph Jr, is working steadily for his return. **1 BRICK CITY** is stepping up to face winners at seven furlongs after getting up in the final strides to defeat \$30,000 maidens going three-quarters of a mile. Ron Spartz has Yolber Torres going for two in a row.

3 TOP MAVERICK is stretching out hoping the added distance help produced the elusive second career victory (17-1-6-1). Mike Lerman has Paco Lopez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-3

RACE 8:

3 RAMSES THE GREAT has been knocking on the door in consecutive turf races at this level, which includes the third-place finish – as the favorite – behind next-out winner Empire Glory – last out. He merits another chance for Nolan Ramsey, who reaches out for Paco Lopez to ride. **5 MADAGASCAR** should have the screws tightened after debuting locally for trainer Miguel Clement and finishing a hard held fourth behind the top choice. The barn, 23% with the second start after a 45-180-days layoff, has Jorge Ruiz managing the rematch. **7 FORZA AZZURRI** is hoping for clear sailing after bumping early and finishing seventh behind the top two. Brian Lynch has Samy Camacho overseeing the key outside closing trip.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-7

BEST BET: RACE 4 – 3 BEAUTIFUL CRAZY

LONGSHOT: RACE 5 – 5 TASH SPICE