



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

3 NO TIME TO WAIT drops to the bottom and returns the Tapeta after failing to show much vs special weight competition on dirt and turf. His previous route race on the all-weather surface would crush this field.

4 AWESOME CAMPAIGN is stretching out slightly after rallying to finish a distance second going a mile and seventy yards. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Miguel Vazquez atop this logical contender.

1 MUSCLE MAIDEN will depart from the rail hoping to show more after finishing third behind Awesome Campaign last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-1

RACE 2:

1 MIGUEL'S BELLE, a reclaim by trainer Herbie Miller, stretches out after rallying to defeat this level of competition going 5 ½ furlongs. Miguel Vazquez rides to the daughter of Big Drama. **4 JULEE'S LEGACY**, a winner of 4 of 8 races on the dirt, cuts back to three-quarters of a mile after finishing second, in front of a pair of next-out winners, in a \$20,000 starter optional claimer going 6 ½ furlongs. Note that the daughter of Buccherio, a voided claim last out, is 5-3-2-0 at the distance.

2 EVANORA, now in the Nolan Ramsey barn, the daughter of Girvin drops to the \$6,250 level after rallying to finish second vs \$12,500 claimers going 6 ½ furlongs. The new connections keep the status quo with Edwin Gonzalez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-1

RACE 3:

5 EXCUSES should have no excuse in a spot when he should be able to flaunt his tactical speed advantage when returning to the Tapeta for Amador Sanchez, who has a \$2.35 ROI when switching from the turf to the all-weather track. **2 EL MUHEET**, listed as a gelding, debuts on the Tapeta in the first start since Joe Orseno claimed him during May. The solid morning work tab indicates son of War Front is ready to roll.

3 SKI BUM moves to the Fausto Gutierrez barn via the claim and shifts to the Tapeta after the troubled trip on the turf. The barn, 30% with the surface switch, has Edwin Gonzalez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-3

RACE 4:

3 ACCELERATE ME is hoping to make amends after re-rallying to finish second – as the odds-on choice – at this level and distance. Trainer Ronald Coy has Jose Morelos in the irons again. **8 GUYS TRIP** is eligible to show more after dueling with the top choice and losing the hard-fought battle when finishing third. Mohamed Jehaludi has Heriberto Figueroa quarterbacking the rematch. **5 THEO'S THUNDER** is a late striding type who is hoping to reap the spoils if the top two hook up in another spirited duel. Edgard Zayas is the man you want at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-5

RACE 5:

5 LIKELY PERSPECTIVE (IRE) is dropping and debuting on the Tapeta looking to use her speed to steal away from this competitive field. Trainer Kent Sweezey is 23% with his Tapeta runners.

2 BACK TO GRIDLOCK is hoping for clear sailing after encountering traffic and finishing third – as the favorite – in the first start after the claim by trainer Beau Chapman. Miguel Vazquez rides.

1 CHILL BEAN will depart from the rail after racing without the blinkers and coming within a neck of springing the 34-1 upset last out. Sebastian Pulgarin names Emisael Jaramillo as Jose Morelos moves to the top choice.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-1

RACE 6:

5 SHIPMATE is debuting locally after showing promise when finishing a willing fifth – beaten a couple of lengths – in his 5 ½-furlong turf debut at Keeneland. Nolan Ramsey has the son of Mendelssohn working well locally for this assignment. **7 DEPUTY LAD**, a half to a pair of stakes winners, debuts for trainer Mark Casse with a string of solid five-furlong workouts showing in preparation for the Tapeta debut. Rajiv Maragh rides the \$70,000 son of Yaupon. **3 ROYAL RETINUE (IRE)**, now in the Jack Sistrone barn, the daughter of Wootton Bassett faces the boys after the okay debut on the Indiana Grand turf in which she rallied to finish third. The tote action will surely tell us more.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-3**RACE 7:**

8 BATTLE OF DOVER moves to a better outside stalking position after finishing a game second to logical choice Light Fury going a mile and seventy yards on the Tapeta. The gelding makes the usually fruitful third start of his current form cycle for trainer Mark Passley. **1 LIGHT FURY**, claimed in five consecutive races, moves to the Frank Regalbuto barn and breaks from the rail after the hard-fought victory over the top choice. The rematch should be fun to watch. **10 GUILDESTERN (IRE)** moves to the Javier Negrete barn via the claim and should sit in the catbird seat looking to reap the spoils if the top two hook up in another spirited duel.

SELECTIONS: 8-1-10**RACE 8:**

8 RAMAJAY, listed as a gelding, moves to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn after the game 6 ½-furlong debut at Keeneland in which he broke from Post 12, dueled throughout, and finished second. Edgard Zayas rides the son of Knicks Go. **7 CANDY ADDICTION** wheels back quickly with blinkers added and cuts back to six furlongs after the stalking the pace and weakening in a screw tightening effort at a mile. Antonio Sano is 18% with first-time blinkers. **1 THE PULSE**, another from Saffie, the son of Curlin debuts with a slew of Palm Meadows workouts showing. Tab the tote action for more clues about his chances.

SELECTIONS: 8-7-1**RACE 9: THE JUVENILE FILLES SPRINT**

2 TESSELLATE is turning back to a sprint after dueling for the lead and yielding late to finish third behind current nemesis Willow Case in the one mile \$75,000 Hallandale Beach Stakes. Saffie is 22% with the route to sprint move. **8 EPIGRAM** is getting the acid test in the first start she drew off like an international good thing to win her five-furlong debut during August by almost 10 lengths. Trainer Jose Castro has the daughter of Code of Honor working consistently for the return. **1 LA DOLCE VITA**, supplemented into the race by Saffie Joseph Jr, steps up to face winners after responding to the surface switch from turf to dirt with a speedy six-furlong maiden special weight victory. The daughter of Not This Time will be running and gunning from the rail.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-1**RACE 10:**

4 ITZA BOSS is going back to the Tapeta after consecutive victories going five furlongs on the turf. The lightly raced sophomore, who defeated older state-bred horses last out, gets second-time Lasix. **6 MR NARCISSISTIC** wheels back in eight days and runs for a \$25,000 tag Huh? This is not your typical Saffie move. The 9-time winner on the Tapeta is strictly the one to fear, despite the short turnaround. **5 MAITRE D** is stretching out to 5 ½ furlongs looking to sit a winning trip behind the swift pace expected.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-5**RACE 11:**

4 SHOW OFF, also entered to run at Churchill on Saturday, looks like an odds-on choice if trainer Fausto Guiterrez ops to run here. The daughter of Lookin At Lucky drops and returns to the Tapeta, where she finished third in the \$75,000 Ginger Punch two starts back. Joe Bravo rides. **1 OSHALA** is another getting class relief after her three-race win streak vs this caliber of competition ended when she returned from a layoff to finish fifth in the Ginger Punch. **2 I LOVE VENEZUELA** is going back to the Tapeta after her three-race win streak on the all-weather surface ended when she showed speed but proved no match for classy Zo Zucchera on the turf. She gets a class check with these.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-2**BEST BET: RACE 8 – 8 RAMAJAY****LONGSHOT: RACE 2 – 1 MIGUEL'S BELLE**