



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

3 PAN PAN is making the usually fruitful third start of the current form cycle and receiving second-time Lasix after rallying to finish fourth behind repeat winner Lion Lake at this level and distance. Saffie Joseph Jr has Micha Husbands up. **4 CAPE SOUNION (IRE)** is a daughter of No Nay Never making her North American debut for trainer Brendan Walsh with Lasix and Dylan Davis named to ride. The barn, 27% with Euro Shippers, has the sophomore working sharply over the Palm Meadows turf. **2 ENJOYING** is poised to offer more when she makes the third career start for the productive Graham Motion barn. Pietro Moran rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-2

RACE 2:

8 WAR TO REMEMBER took a major step forward when Chris Hall claimed him, took the blinkers off, and returned him to sprinting on the all-weather surface last out. Luca Panici rides. **5 VELOCIRAPTOR** is dropping to the \$12,500 level and trying the Tapeta after facing better when sprinting on the turf at Woodbine. Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse has Hall of Fame jockey Javier Castellano managing the combo dropdown/surface switch. **2 BROKEN SOUND** drops and turns back after facing \$35,000 maidens going long on the Tapeta during November. Victor Barboza Jr is 20% with the route to sprint move.

SELECTIONS: 8-5-2

RACE 3:

7 TUT'S REVENGE moves to the Armando De La Cerda barn via the claim after digging down deeply and holding on to score at a mile in the slop during January. Jorge Ruiz gets the riding assignment. **1 BROTHER BRAD** drops and stretches out to a mile again after chasing the pace and finishing fourth vs \$12,500 claimers going seven furlongs. Ronald Coy spots him perfectly today. **5 NEVER SAY NEVER** drops and returns to a one-turn mile on the main track after failing to fire on Tapeta in the first race after the claim by Sebastian Pulgarin. Miguel Vazquez will oversee the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-5

RACE 4:

9 EXCUSES turns back slightly after setting a pressured pace and finishing third vs this level of opposition going a mile and a sixteenth on Tapeta. Steve Klesaris has Rajiv Maragh in the irons. **1 HEAVEN'S CHAMPION**, who responded to the equipment change (blinkers off) with a second-place finish in front of the top choice last out, should take the lion's share of the betting action when he breaks from the rail. Miguel Vazquez will get him interested early from the tough inside post.

2 MISTER MONOCLONAL wheels back with short rest and drops to the \$8,000 level after a classic chase and fade outing vs \$17,500 two lifetime claimers. Maybe with these?

SELECTIONS: 9-1-2

RACE 5:

1 SWEET DREAM LADY is stretching out 6 ½ furlongs after responding to the dropdown to this level with an improved third place going 5 ½ furlongs. Mike Yates has Miguel Vazquez managing the added distance.

7 SPOTTED is a must-use on the ticket because the barn is hitting at a 38%-win rate. The only knock on the red-hot Lauren Robson barn is the zero-for-five record with first-time starters. **3 MY GIRL NINA** is trying 6 ½ furlongs again hoping second-time blinkers will help improve the recent trio of third place finishes vs this caliber of competition. Dylan Davis rides for Steve Klesaris.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-3

RACE 6:

1 SEAWISE is dropping and stretching out after setting swift early fractions before paying the consequences of his early actions when fading to finish fifth vs \$50,000 maiden optional claimers going a mile on the turf. Blake Kelly has Rajiv Maragh managing the inside post.

3 WITTINGLY is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth looking to stalk the pace and reap the spoils if the top choice fails to negotiate the distance again. Miguel Vazquez rides for Dante Zanelli.

4 ASTIN STYLE is another looking to benefit from what looks like a spirited duel on the front end. Bill Tharrenos has strong finisher Edwin Gonzalez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-4

RACE 7:

1 GOSGER, the absolute class of the field, who runs well fresh, makes his four-year-old debut with Lasix and blinkers off after the stellar sophomore campaign in which he was second in the G1 Preakness and G1 Haskell Stakes. Brendan Walsh has him training sharp for the return. **2 NAVAJO WARRIOR**, a two-time winner at a mile and a sixteenth, debuts locally for Saffie Joseph Jr with the back figures need to compete with the classy top choice. Micha Husbands rides. **6 EXCITE**, stakes-placed at the distance, returns for trainer Bill Mott, and that should be enough to pique your interest. Junior Alvarado rides the speedy son of Speightstown.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-6

RACE 8:

8 BOJACA BLESSING is turning back to a mile after tracking strong early fractions before weakening to finish third going a mile and a sixteenth last out. The daughter of Cairo Prince is a major player with the rail set at 31 feet. **7 PRETTY LAVISH (IRE)**, the best closer in the field, should sit in the catbird seat behind the speed, which includes the top choice, waiting to reel them in during the stretch run. Joe Bravo rides for Kent Sweezey. **12 TURINO**, a game second at the distance last out, would be at the top of the list if she wasn't stuck with the deadly outside post. Saffie has Micha Husbands up.

SELECTIONS: 8-7-12

RACE 9:

3 PROUD AMERICAN is stretching out to seven furlongs after posting consecutive victories at three-quarters of a mile, the last at this level. Trainer Mary Eppler has Horacio Karamanos named to ride. **8 TO THE EASTSIDE** is hoping to head south during the stretch run and reel in the top choice after finishing a third to him at six panels last out. Andrea Puckett has Mario Gutierrez named to ride. **9 BIG PARADISE** has back figures strong enough to whoop this competition. He drops in for the \$20,000 tag hoping to add to the sparse win record thus far in 2025 and 2026.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-9

RACE 10: THE TEXAS GLITTER

2 MONSTER, who exits a monster key race where he defeated a trio of next-out winners going 5 ½ furlongs on Tapeta, returns to the turf to figure prominently on whatever surface Mother Nature has instore for us. The sizzling morning work tab is another plus. **7 ARBITER** is a versatile speed merchant debuting locally for Wesley Ward looking to keep his record unblemished. His biggest concern is a ruinous duel with the top choice. **9 CASSON**, who closed to finish second to G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner Cy Fair in the Algonquin Stakes at Woodbine, makes his sophomore debut looking to sit the trip behind the hot pace expected. Mark Casse has Dylan Davis up.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-9

RACE 11:

9 COMPASS RISES moves to the Bobby Dibona barn via the claim and stretches out after rallying to finish second to front running **8 LOIS LEN** going a mile and seventy yards on the Tapeta last out. Dibona is 26% with new claims, while Marty Drexler, who trains the latter, is 15% winning consecutive races. **3 AMEILA** certainly hasn't been lost finding her way to the winner's circle when cruising through her conditions and posting three consecutive victories. Kent Sweezey claimed her last out and tabs Jose Morelos to ride.

SELECTIONS: 9-8-3

RACE 12:

6 IN TIMING is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after being sent on a send mission when she opened a three-length lead before getting caught late and finishing third. Rohan Crichton has Jorge Ruiz rationing her speed. **2 BIG MAGIC** drops in for the \$50,000 tag after finishing third vs maiden special weight competition at the distance. Tony Dutrow has Javier Castellano overseeing the third start of the current form cycle. **8 SPINNING CLASS** will be outfitted with blinkers after closing with a purpose to finish third vs similar quality at the distance. Shug McGaughey is 29% with first-time blinkers.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-8

BEST BET: RACE 10 – 2 MONSTER

LONGSHOT: RACE 12 – 6 IN TIMING