



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

7 VEKOMA VELOCITY is dropping and stretching out after following a solid second behind repeat winner Other Level at this level and distance two starts back with a poor showing vs better at seven furlongs. The gelding finds an ideal spot to get back on track.

6 I WALK THE NIGHT is returning to the main track after failing to show much when sprinting on Tapeta last out. The son of Adios Charlie clearly does his best running on the dirt. **5 DOMINICAN PIRATE** is stretching out to a mile after the rallying to finish third vs similar quality at seven-eighths of a mile.

SELECTIONS: 7-6-5

RACE 2:

6 STELLA BIONDA is dropping to the \$17,500 level after the consistent campaign vs this familiar competition and tougher competition. Jose D'Angelo has Leonel Reyes named to ride.

1 SLEWY PRINCESS, second behind the top choice two starts back, renews the rivalry after holding on gamely to defeat \$17,500 starter optional claimers at the distance. Apprentice Yolber Torres rides for Ronald Coy. **3 QUEEN KONG** drops and stretches out after following the debut sprint victory with a wide trip vs \$25,000 starter optional claimers going five furlongs on the all-weather surface. Mike Yates is 1 for 3 (33%) with two sprints to a route.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-3

RACE 3:

7 HILLBILLY BOB is dropping to the \$8,000 level on Tapeta with the speed and the class needed to lead this group on a merry chase. Kent Sweezey has Jose Morelos doling out the speed of the gelded son of Florida Derby winner Always Dreaming.

2 OPERATION TORCH is another dropping to this level after showing stalk speed and weakening late vs better on the turf. Trainer Jimmy Toner has Samy Camacho managing the gelding's first-ever trip over the all-weather surface.

1 LOMAX will depart from the rail after closing well to finish second vs this level of competition going a mile and a seventy yards. The stretchout to 8 ½ furlongs looks like a positive move.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-1

RACE 4:

2 JUNCTION ROAD is returning to his best surface and dropping after finishing a late-closing third vs state-bred stake's competition on turf. Joe Bravo rides for the red-hot Rohan Crichton barn. **4 SING SING**, second behind the top choice on Tapeta two starts back, returns to the all-weather track after finishing a well-meant second vs \$35,000 open claimers going a mile on the turf. **5 ACT A FOOL** makes it a trio returning to Tapeta after running well vs this familiar competition going a mile on the grass. Laura Cazares has Yolber Torres in the saddle,

SELECTIONS: 2-4-5

RACE 5:

7 AWEGOD is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after returning from an extended layoff to finish second – as the favorite – going seven furlongs. Saffie Joseph Jr, 32% with the second start after a 180-days-plus layoff, has impressive jockey Rasheed Hughes named to ride. **8 ACTION DELIGHT** is another turning back after following a sharp second at 6 ½ furlongs with a stalk and fade fourth behind the top choice last out. **5 MORE THAN CUTE** is dropping to the \$12,500 level and turning back after the third-place finish vs \$16,000 maidens going seven panels. Monica McGoey spots the gelding perfectly with these.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-5

RACE 6:

8 WORLD TRAVELER is turning back to a mile and seventy yards after finishing second in the first start after the claim by Carlos David, who's winning race at a 29% clip. Samy Camacho rides. **5 ONE OF ONE** moves to the Amador Sanchez barn via the claim after following a victory at this level and distance two starts back with a poor showing behind the top choice last out. The new connections have Rajiv Maragh trying to spark a wakeup call. **2 Z FIRST** is hoping to live up to his name and finish first after finishing third behind the top choice last out and third behind the second choice two starts ago.

SELECTIONS: 8-5-2**RACE 7:**

2 NOBLE J, who was impressive breaking his maiden at the distance in December, returns from the layoff without blinkers after failing to fire going seven furlongs in late January. David Fawkes, 24% with the layoff and 20% with the blinkers off move, has Edwin Gonzalez in the saddle. **6 LANGVAD** will get first-time Lasix after returning from the layoff after finishing a troubled starting fifth vs state-bred foes in the \$100,000 Sophomore Sprint. Saffie has Micha Husbands atop the son of Awesome Slew. **1 BRICK CITY** is turning back to six furlongs after closing to finish a distant third vs this level going a mile. Rasheed Hughes rides for Ron Spatz.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-1**RACE 8:**

6 BORDER WAR is dropping a level after coming within a neck of defeating \$25,000 claimers going this distance on Tapeta. Jimmy Toner has Samy Camacho in the saddle again. **2 SALVATORE PRINCE** is stretching out after taking the overland route and closing five-wide to come within a nose of scoring going a mile and seventy yards last out. Trainer Luis Duco has Joe Bravo up. **1 ACCELERATE ME** is another stretching out after rallying late to finish third behind Salvatore Prince last out. Jose Morelos rides for Ronald Coy.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-1**RACE 9:**

7 WISTUCKY, one of two in the field for Bobby Dibona, is back locally after finishing second going 6 ½ furlongs vs starter allowance runners at Churchill. The son of Nyquist, 4 for 4 in the money at 6 ½ furlongs, looks like the speed of the speed at the distance.

5 GUNS LOADED, a local stakes winner, returns after following a \$125,000 optional claiming victory at Churchill and a fifth-place finish in a \$300,000 stakes at Mahoning Valley. Jose D'Angelo spots the \$800,000 son of Gun Runner perfectly for the return. **4 FLYING LIAM** is cutting back to a sprint distance looking to recapture the form he displayed posting 85-90 Beyer figures in a series of sprint races during the Championship Meet. Nolan Ramsey has Samy Camacho up.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-4**RACE 10: THE GAME FACE**

2 LENNILU, who won the Desert Vixen Stakes on the dirt, is going back to the main track after a stellar campaign on the turf in which she is a multiple stakes winner. Patrick Biancone reunites the daughter of Leinster with jockey Jonathan Ocasio, who rode her to stake's victories on both dirt and turf. **7 LATE NIGHT TEXT**, one of four entered in the field by Saffie Joseph Jr, is stepping up to face winners after driving clear to break her maiden in impressive fashion. Micha Husbands rides. **6 LOVE LIKE LUCY**, another from the Saffie Joseph Jr juggernaut, who is a full sister to Grade 1 Hopeful winner Basin, cuts back to six furlongs after a set the pace and fade third vs \$75,000 optional claimers going seven furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-6**RACE 11:**

7 SILLY RISK is plunging to the \$12,500 level after facing special weight runners on the Woodbine Tapeta. She's a shaky call on the drop. **10 WHISKEY WHIM**, one of eight shippers from Tampa, debuts on Tapeta after rallying to finish second vs \$16,000 maidens going a mile on the turf. The daughter of Hard Spun is now trained by Carlos Perez, who is 30% with new additions to his barn. **9 MELODY FACTOR** is another trying the all-weather surface after rallying to finish third behind Whiskey Whim on the Tampa turf.

SELECTIONS: 7-10-9**BEST BET: RACE 7 – 2 NOBLE J****LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 7 WISTUCKY**