



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

7 WITCHA WISH, who has run well vs better at a mile in the past, drops after failing to fire when facing \$25,000 maidens going around two turns on the turf. Luus Ramirez has Irad overseeing the surface switch. **9 OTHER LEVEL** drops to the \$12,500 level with Lasix added after facing state-bred special weight competition on the main track with inconsistent results. The stretchout to a mile can be the key for the stalker.

5 TYBEE ECHO has his claiming tag cut in half and tries the main track after facing tougher going long on the grass at the \$25,000 level. Ron Spatz is a solid 19% with the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 7-9-5

RACE 2:

6 MISTER ABARRIO 13 for 18 in the money over the local turf, drops in the hope that the class relief helps rekindle the winning form he displayed both here and at Colonial Downs last summer. Saffie knows where to spot his horses.

5 BAKER STREET is wheeling back after tracking the pace and finishing third at this level and distance. Antonio Sano has Irad named to ride. **1 SING SING** is going back to his best surface thus far after getting locked up vs tougher on the Turfway Tapeta. Mark Casse has Edgard Zayas managing the combo dropdown/surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-1

RACE 3:

7 WASAMATTAFOYOU, a previous winner at the distance leaves little doubt about what his running tactics will be. He'll be running and gunning as soon as they pop the gate latch, especially with aggressive rider Jose Ferrer at the controls.

5 FRIOLENTO is stepping up to the next level after parlaying a stalking trip into an \$8,000 two lifetime score at the distance. He'll be there to reap the spoils if top choice fails to negotiate the distance again. **4 PRINCE DAVID** returns after almost pulling off the 20-1 shocker when he finished second in front of top choice when going six furlongs last out.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-4

RACE 4:

5 NINA'S LAST GIFT is turning back to 7 ½ furlongs after setting the pace and just getting caught when beaten a head at a mile last out. She's the one to catch, especially with the rail set at 31 feet. **6 VICTORIOUSLY** is hoping to find more firepower for the stretch run after rallying to finish third behind the top choice last out. Trainer Kevin Rice reunites daughter of Win Win Win with Hall of Fame Jockey John Velazquez.

3 I LOVE VENEZUELA is going to give the grass another go after showing speed going long on the Tapeta. The cut back to 7 ½ furlongs is a plus for the hard-knocking mare.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-3

RACE 5:

1 MAKE MY DAY, a half-brother to \$3million earner Imagination, debuts locally for Todd Pletcher after the stamina tweaking mile and 40-yard debut over the Tampa main track. The son of Gun Runner is working well at Palm Beach Downs. **3 STOMPIN GRAPES**, the only older horse in the field, the lightly raced 5-year-old stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth after finishing fourth going a mile here last out. Trainer Ian Wilkes, who has two in the field, tabs Edgard Zayas to ride the seasoned pro.

7 THE PULSE returns to action for Saffie Joseph Jr with both Lasix and blinkers added after finishing third going a mile at the end of his freshman season in December. Tyler Gaffalione rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-7

RACE 6:

6 WINPLACEANDSHOW turns back to six furlongs and moves away from the rail after breaking slowly from the inside prior to making a middle move before tiring from her earlier travails and finishing fourth going seven-eighths of a mile. **4 JESTINA** is hoping to find more for the stretch drive after closing to finish second behind impressive winner Sweet Ember at this level and distance. Saffie has go-to jock Micha Husbands in the irons. **3 LOVE LIKE LUCY** is facing state-bred allowance runners after the steady dose of stakes outings during her freshman year. Saffie adds Lasix and Tyler Gaffalione for her 3-year-old debut.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-3

RACE 7:

8 STELLA BIONDA is stretching out slightly after returning from the layoff to come within a neck of winning when going a mile and seventy yards on Tapeta. Jose D'Angelo has Luis Saez named to ride. **6 NOCHE DE DAMAS** is dropping to this level and returning to the all-weather surface after moving to the Bill Tharrenos barn via a claim and a closing to finish third on the turf vs \$35,000 starter optional claimers. Irad is named to negotiate the surface switch.

4 SLEWTY PRINCESS should be ready to offer more after coming off the bench with Lasix added and finishing a gaining fourth behind the top choice. Ron Coy has Tyler up.

SELECTIONS: 8-6-4

RACE 8:

1 BRITTANY'S WAY will depart from the rail after setting blistering early fractions before settling for a distant second at the level and distance. She looks like the lone speed today and should be playing catch me if you can.

5 BLACKFOOT DAISY has trained forwardly at Palm Meadows in preparation for her first race since last June. The mare, who broke her maiden here in December 2024, hails from the dangerous Wesely Ward barn. Joel Rosario rides.

2 PHOEBEINWONDERLAND wheels back after rallying to finish third behind the top choice last out and it can be deva vu all over again.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-2

RACE 9:

7 COPERNIUM moves to the Carlos David barn via the claim after drawing away to defeat \$17,500 claimers by four widening lengths. The barn, 32% with new claims, has Miguel Vazquez going for two in a row on Tapeta. **4 LOSMASTIK** is dropping to this level after following his maiden victory with a respectful second-place finish vs \$35,000 starter optional claimers. Antonio Sano reunites the colt with Edgard Zayas, who was aboard for the maiden score two back.

8 WIN N JUICE is another getting needed class relief after returning from the layoff to finish fifth behind stakes quality Wootun in a state-bred allowance.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-8

RACE 10:

5 MOONLIGHT PROMISES will face two lifetime competition at a mile and a sixteenth after shipping in from Woodbine to chase swift fractions before weakening in a screw tightening outing vs better going five furlongs. Javier Castellano rides for Mark Casse.

2 DAZZLING CRUISER is stretching out after rallying to finish second vs this level of competition going a mile. The Mike DePaulo trainee is the one to beat. **1 THAMES** is stepping up to the next level after parlaying a game stretch run into a \$35,000 maiden victory going a mile on the grass.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-1

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 1 Brittany's Way

LONGSHOT: RACE 3 – 7 Wasamattafyou