



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**6 TRACEABILITY** is dropping a notch on the maiden scale after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$25,000 maidens at the distance. Trainer Bill Mott has Joel Rosario named to ride. **3 BEBEAU** is dropping to this level after tracking the action 4-wide and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in a \$32,000 maiden test at the distance. Trainer Kelly Breen has Dylan Davis atop the \$400,000 gelded son of Bernardini.

**1 JOE BENJAMIN** will depart from the rail, and race with the blinkers off, after tracking the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs 4 rivals in a \$25,000 maiden race contested at a mile and a sixteenth.

**SELECTIONS: 6-3-1**

## RACE 2:

**4 SILVER MAKER**, an \$800,000 son of Empire Maker, is freefalling to the \$12,500 level after failing to show much in a pair of races under maiden special weight conditions. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Luis Saez named on this shaky proposition.

**9 HAIL MICHIGAN** is dropping to this level on the main track after showing some tactical speed and fading vs better in back-to-back route races on the turf. Trainer Barclay Tagg, 3 for 10 (30%) with the grass to dirt angle, has Paco Lopez named to ride. **3 DARDANELLOS** is making the usually fruitful 3<sup>rd</sup> start back from the layoff after finishing an improved 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Luis Duco has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 4-9-3**

## RACE 3:

**2 DONDER 'N BLITZEN** will try to make it 2 in a row after holding on gamely to defeat this familiar competition by a diminishing neck. Trainer Antonio Sano has Luis Saez rationing her speed.

**4 BEASAICHI** moved to the Barry Croft barn via the claim, and returns at this same level and distance, after encountering late trouble (steadied) when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> – beaten a length last out.

**5 LADY NOGUEZ** is a late-striding type who merits respect after closing to come within a neck of winning at this level and distance last out.

**SELECTIONS: 2-4-5**

## RACE 4:

**5 BIRD MAP** is dropping to the \$50,000 level, and turning back to three-quarters of a mile, in the first start since rallying to finish 4<sup>th</sup> behind repeat winner Fashion Babe in a special weight sprint contested at 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Norm Casse has Luis Saez atop the daughter of Liam's Map.

**3 CAROLYN'S SMILE** is dropping into the maiden claiming ranks after returning from the almost 8-month layoff to finish a duel-for-the-lead-and-weaken 4<sup>th</sup> vs state-bred special weight runners. Trainer Ralph Nicks removes the blinkers for the 2<sup>nd</sup> race off the bench. **1 MISS ADVENTURE** is turning back to a sprint distance on the dirt after tracking the pace and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in a \$50,000 maiden race going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Mark Casse has Edgard Zayas handling the combo surface switch/turnback.

**SELECTIONS: 5-3-1**

## RACE 5:

**6 FEATURE CREATURE** is dropping to the \$16,000 level after encountering double-trouble (steadied, brushed) when finishing a track the pace 5<sup>th</sup> – beaten only a length – vs \$25,000 '3-lifetime' claimers. Trainer Sandra Matier has Luis Saez in the saddle. **1 ALGODONAL** is another dropping to this level after vying for the lead and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in front of Feature Creature when beaten a head in a 3-horse blanket finish last out. Trainer Mary Eppler has Rajiv Maragh handling the inside draw.

**2 LA INCONDICIONAL** is turning back to a mile after following her 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' victory with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish vs this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth last out.

**SELECTIONS: 6-1-2**

**RACE 6:**

**1 TAKE CHARGE DUDE** is returning to his most accomplished surface and distance after breaking slowly and never getting untracked when facing \$16,000 optional claimers going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr is 32% with the grass to dirt angle. **6 KILLA DEE** will try to make it 3 in a row after proving he could handle this level of opposition when following his \$8,000 '3-lifetime' score with a much-the-best victory vs \$12,500 starter optional claimers going 6 furlongs last out.

**4 PHISH FAN** is back in South Florida, and moving into the David Fawkes barn, after winning 2 of 7 races vs similar quality at Parx; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

**SELECTIONS: 1-6-4**

**RACE 7:**

**11 GIOIELLI**, a set-the-pace 3<sup>rd</sup> vs better on the turf 2 starts back, is returning to the grass after calling it a day when breaking slowly in a state-bred optional claimer going 6 panels on the dirt. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Luis Saez handling the surface switch.

**6 MAGIC RIVER** is dropping a notch after shaking off some trouble at the start to finish a late-closing 4<sup>th</sup> in a \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimer at the distance. Trainer Dave Fawkes has Paco in the saddle again.

**2 GET REWARDED**, who proved she could defeat winners before getting disqualified 2 starts back, drops to this level after breaking poorly and failing to fire in a \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimer at the distance.

**SELECTIONS: 11-6-2**

**RACE 8:**

**8 FOUR GRACES**, a half-sister to Grade 1 stakes-placed McCracken, is stretching out to a 1-turn mile after the impressive debut victory going 7 furlongs. Trainer Ian Wilkes has Chris Landeros atop the daughter of Majesticperfection.

**5 FINDING FAME**, a \$425,000 daughter of Empire Maker, is stretching out to a mile after holding on gamely to win her 6 ½-furlong debut for trainer Shug McGaughey. The sophomore continues to work well at Payson Park.

**4 FOUR GRANDS** is stretching out after rewarding her backers when she drew clear – as the favorite – to win her 6-furlong debut by 6-widening lengths. Trainer Dale Romans has Luis Saez returning on the daughter of Honor Code, who is bred to love this distance.

**SELECTIONS: 8-5-4**

**RACE 9:**

**3 POSITIVE PHIL** is dropping a notch on the claiming scale after getting carried out on the turn and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in a \$25,000 '2-lifetime' claimer at the distance. Trainer Mike Maker has Joel Rosario named to ride. **7 SMELL OF ROSES** is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after opening and surrendering an early 3-length lead when finishing a drifting 4<sup>th</sup> behind Positive Phil last out. Trainer Liz Dobles has Miguel Vazquez named to ride.

**8 DILLION ROCKS** is stepping up to face winners after using his speed to dispatch a field of \$25,000 maidens by almost 3 lengths. Trainer Jane Cibelli has Paco going for 2 in a row.

**SELECTIONS: 3-7-8**

**RACE 10:**

**7 ALLEGEDLY PERFECT**, a half-brother to multiple stakes winning superstar Starship Jubilee, and speedy turf sprinter Fallen Leaf, is debuting on the grass after moving to the David Fawkes barn and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in a 5-furlong sprint moved from the lawn to a fast-main track. He's worth a flyer at a price.

**11 R MAN JOE** is back with maidens, and clearly merits the moniker of the 'one to beat', after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the \$75,000 Texas Glitter last out. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Emisael Jaramillo trying to get the gelding out of 2<sup>nd</sup> gear. **9 SHARED LEGACY**, a half-brother to Grade 1 winner Shared Belief, was ultra-game in defeat when he returned from the layoff to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a neck – at this level and distance.

**SELECTIONS: 7-11-9**

**BEST BET: RACE 5 – 6 FEATURE CREATURE**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 7 ALLEGEDLY PERFECT**