



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

10 CAMELLIA GAL is dropping to the \$50,000 level after taking the overland route when finishing 6th in her local debut vs special weight competition. Trainer Christophe Clement has Tyler Gaffalione atop the daughter of Mizzen Mast. **5 LANESBOROUGH** is a \$200,000 daughter of Shanghai Bobby debuting for trainer Wesley Ward with Lasix, and a solid morning work tab showing on the Palm Meadows turf. The barn 28% with debut maiden claimers, has Joe Bravo named to ride. **6 ANDIAMA** is dropping to the \$50,000 level after returning from a layoff to track the pace and finish 4th vs maiden special weight runners on the Tampa turf. Trainer Cherie DeVaux has John Velazquez named to ride. **2 MADAME MOON** is dropping into the maiden claiming ranks, and turning back to a mile, after failing to show much in her maiden special weight debut going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Paco Lopez trying to spark a wakeup call.

SELECTIONS: 10-5-6-2

RACE 2:

5 LADY ARCHA moved to the Kent Sweezey barn via the claim after posting her 3rd consecutive victory when she defeated \$20,000 claimers at this 7-furlong distance; Tyler Gaffalione rides.

3 PICK UP THE FONE is dropping to the \$25,000 level on the dirt, and stretching out to seven-eighths of a mile, after rallying wide to finish 4th vs \$30,000 claimers going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Jorge Navarro, who claimed her 2 starts back, readied her for the surface switch with a bullet drill on the Palm Meadows main track. **6 PROBABLE GRACE**, another claim from trainer Kent Sweezey, the daughter of Congrats stretches out to 7 furlongs after proving no match for stablemate Lady Archa when try competed at 6 furlongs on January 23.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-6

RACE 3:

1 DILLION ROCKS is debuting locally at the \$25,000 level in the first race since tracking the pace and finishing 4th – beaten a length – vs maiden special weight company going a mile on the Aqueduct turf. Trainer Herbert Miller has Rajiv Maragh handling the inside draw. **8 RAGS FOR BRITCHES** is turning back slightly to 7 ½ furlongs after returning from the layoff to finish a late-running 3rd going a mile. He'll be there to pick up the pieces if the top choice should need a race. **4 WINNING FACTOR**, 3rd at this distance 2 races ago, turns back after finishing a so-so 4th going a mile last out. Trainer Herbert Miller, who also conditions the top choice for owner Joe Bucci, has Tony Maragh atop this half of the uncoupled entry.

SELECTIONS: 1-8-4

RACE 4:

8 KEEP IT UP wheels back after a solid performance at this level and distance in which he rallied to finish 2nd – beaten three-quarters of a length. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Tyler Gaffalione in the saddle again.

3 LUCKYTOBEINAMERICA renews the rivalry with the top choice after responding in the first race after the claim by trainer Dom Schettino with a 4-wide 3rd place finish behind him last out; Jairo Rendon rides.

6 GIN AND TINS, 9-2-1-0 at this distance on the turf, is turning back after vying for the lead and fading to finish 4th vs similar quality going a mile on the main track. Trainer Mary Eppler has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-6

RACE 5:

1 ROMAN EMPIRE will try a 1-turn mile on the main track after recovering from a slow start to finish 3rd in his maiden special weight debut going a 2-turn mile on the turf. Trainer Todd Pletcher, 28% with the turf-to-dirt angle, has John Velazquez handling the surface switch.

6 FREEDOM FORCE is a \$600,000 son of American Pharoah debuting for trainer Rodolphe Brisset with Lasix, and a sharp morning work tab showing at Palm Meadows; Tyler Gaffalione rides. **2 SHAW** is stretching out to a mile after rallying to finish 4th in a race that was moved from the turf to 5 furlongs on a fast-main track. Trainer Carlo Vaccarezza has Paco handling the stretchout.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-2

RACE 6:

8 DANZING DUNHILL, favored in 4 consecutive races, and a sharp \$32,000 maiden winner at the distance 2 starts back, drops to the \$20,000 level after chasing the eventual winner when 2nd vs \$35,000 starter optional claimers last out. Trainer George Weaver tabs Tyler Gaffalione to ride. **4 HE'S SUPER LUCKY** is dropping to this level after following his \$25,000 maiden score with a 4th place finish – at the distance – vs \$30,000 claimers. Trainer Kathy Ritvo, winning races at a solid 24% rate, has Jairo Rendon named to ride.

11 BUNDI BUNDI, now in the Victor Barboza Jr barn, the gelding breaks from the outside after rallying to come within a neck of winning at this level and distance last out; Marcos Meneses rides this major player.

SELECTIONS: 8-4-11

RACE 7:

3 VERY AMUSING is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after following the neck defeat at this distance 2 starts back with a 3rd place finish going 6 ½ furlongs on a wet track listed as good. **2 BEAST MODE**, 2 for 2 'in the money' at the distance, turns back after stepping up off the claim by trainer Amador Sanchez and finishing an ambitious 6th vs \$25,000 '3-lifetime' claimers. The gelding is spotted perfectly at this level. **5 RAYO MY KING** moved to the Joe Orseno barn via the claim after returning from the layoff to show speed and fade at this level and distance. The recent 3-furlong bullet workout indicates the gelding is back on track.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-5

RACE 8:

7 GOSILENTLY is turning back to a mile after shipping down from New York and finishing a well-meant 2nd vs this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Robert Falcone Jr has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

8 AMERICAN NINJA is another who figures prominently on the ticket after splitting horses and finishing 3rd- a neck behind Gosilently last out. Trainer Jose Gallegos has Edgard Zayas handling the rematch. **11 NATIONAL HONOR** is making the 3rd start of his current form cycle after rallying from far back to finish 5th behind next-out starter-stakes winner Darlarna last out. Trainer Jane Cibelli has strong finisher Paco Lopez atop the late-striding gelding.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-11

RACE 9:

7 EVE OF WAR is stepping up to face winners after the head-swirling debut in which she drew off in hand to win by 7 ½ lengths. Trainer Todd Pletcher has John Velazquez returning on the daughter of Declaration of War. **6 FASHION BABE** is stepping up into this \$75,000 optional claimer after drawing clear to break her maiden at this 6 ½-furlong distance. Trainer Jason Servis has Javier Castellano named to ride.

1 WE MISS SUSIE will try to make it 2 in a row, and post her 3rd career victory, after rallying to defeat this level of competition going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Jane Cibelli has Paco in the saddle again.

SELECTIONS: 7-6-1

RACE 10:

9 SOUPER COURAGE is dropping to the \$16,000 level after shipping up to Tampa and 'hitting the board' in 1 of 2 turf outings at the \$25,000 level. Trainer Mike Trombetta has Julien Leparoux named to ride.

7 SIR HOSKI is hoping to find a little more for the stretch drive after returning from upstate to finish 3rd at this level and distance. Trainer Michelle Nihei has Edgard Zayas named to ride. **4 NOBLE LION**, now in the Kelly Rubley barn, the gelding makes his local return the first start since stalking the pace and finishing 4th vs \$25,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going 8 ½ furlongs on the Meadowlands turf. The lightly raced 4-year-old should be part of the pace in a finale that's light in the sped department. **11 LOOKIN FOREVER** makes the usually fruitful 3rd start back from the extended layoff, and is worth a look at double-digit odds.

SELECTIONS: 9-7-4-11

BEST BET: RACE 6 – 8 DANZING DUNHILL

LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 11 LOOKIN FOREVER