



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

9 COOKIE COVE is going back to the turf after vying for the lead between horses and finishing 2nd vs similar going 5 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Joe Orseno has Paco Lopez handling the surface switch. **8 LADY NOY** is going back to her best surface (6-0-1-3), and removing the blinkers, after dueling for the lead and weakening to finish 3rd behind Cookie Cove when they hooked up in the slop last out. **5 BELLA GIANNA** is debuting on the turf, and cutting back to 5 furlongs, showing speed and fading late when going longer on the Tampa main track; Edgard Zayas rides for Laura Cazares.

SELECTIONS: 9-8-5

RACE 2:

6 FREEZER BURN is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after making a 3-wide bid to finish 2nd – beaten a length – vs this level of competition going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer David Fawkes has Tyler Gaffalione atop the daughter of Kantharos.

7 MS. MALEVOLENCE is making the usually fruitful 3rd start back from a layoff, and facing state-bred special weight runners, after stalking the pace and finishing 3rd vs open special weight foes last out; Irad Ortiz Jr rides. **10 DON'T EAT THE APPLE** is making her 3-year-old debut the first start since setting the pace and finishing 2nd in her freshman debut here last August. Trainer Ralph Nicks is 18% with the 61-180 days layoff.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-10

RACE 3:

2 BAHAMIAN PARK is stretching out to a mile on the turf after the series of sprint races on the Tapeta surface at Woodbine. Trainer Mark Casse has Tyler Gaffalione quarterbacking the combo surface switch/stretchout.

5 HE'S SUPER LUCKY, a \$375,000 gelded son of Super Saver, will try to make it 2 in a row after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 'come from behind' \$25,000 maiden victory at the distance. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has Luis Saez going for 2 in a row. **4 CASTAGNO** moved to the Juan Carlos Perez barn, and returns to the turf, after rallying 4-wide to defeat \$12,500 maidens going a mile on the dirt; Paco Lopez rides.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-4

RACE 4:

2 TRAPPED INSIDE is dropping into the maiden claiming ranks with blinkers added after breaking from a tough post (12) and getting parked wide throughout in his special weight debut. Trainer Mark Casse has Tyler Gaffalione handling the improved starting position. **5 LE COSTE**, who ran well vs maiden claimers on the Aqueduct turf, drops to the \$75,000 level after making a move for the lead and flattening out when facing special weight company in his local debut at a mile. Trainer Robert Falcone Jr has Luis Saez named to ride.

3 CLEVELAND SIMPSON is a son of Hard Spun, out of the Unbridled's Song mare Kimallosa, debuting for Trainer Eddie Kenneally with strong turf breeding on both sides of the family tree. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Paco Lopez at the controls. **6 MAKE A STAND** is dropping into this high-priced maiden claimer after breaking from the rail and never getting untracked in his special weight debut here going a mile. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Javier Castellano named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-3-6

RACE 5:

5 AWESOME EVIL is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after responding to the dropdown with a 2nd place finish vs this level of competition going 6 ½ furlongs.

8 TWO CENTS WORTH is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after setting a pressured early pace and fading to finish 5th at this level and distance last out. Trainer Ralph Nicks keeps it light with apprentice Cristian Torres in the irons.

7 AALIYAH MARIE is going back to the dirt after following a duel for the lead 3rd going 7 furlongs on the GP West main track with a clunker vs \$20,000 maidens going a 2-turn mile on the GP West turf.

SELECTIONS: 5-8-7

RACE 6:

5 TIGER BLOOD should be primed and ready to offer more after his undefeated streak sprinting on the turf here ended when he finished 4th behind Grade 1 stakes-placed speedster Shekky Shebaz in the Claiming Crown Canterbury. The lightning-fast 7-year-old should prove tough to catch.

4 NEVER HAVE I EVER (IRE), in for the \$25,000 tag in this starter optional claimer, drops after breaking through the gate prior to finishing 7th and last in a \$62,500 optional claimer at the distance. Trainer Jorge Navarro has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle again. **7 JUST THE FACTS** was solid in defeat when he rallied between horses and finished 3rd here vs entry-level allowance competition.

SELECTIONS: 5-4-7

RACE 7:

7 BLUE BLUE ICE, 4 for 5 'in the money' on this surface, stretches out to 6 ½ furlongs after tracking the pace and finishing 2nd when facing similar quality going 6 furlongs on the GP West main track. Trainer Barry Croft has Irad handling the local return.

3 STORMY BOSS is dropping to the \$12,500 level after following her 'much-the-best' \$20,000 maiden victory with a slow starting 6th place finish vs \$16,000 conditioned claimers going 7 furlongs at GP West.

5 GOLDEN SPLENDOR is making her first start since using her speed to defeat \$20,000 maidens here, at the distance, during September. Trainer Nagib Aboughaida has Cristian Torres named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-5

RACE 8:

3 BLUE MAGIC will face \$35,000 claimers after rallying to finish 3rd behind hard-knocking Thinkin Cowntown in the Claiming Crown Distaff Dash.

Trainer Luis Ramirez has Irad Ortiz Jr handling the late-running 5-year-old mare. **2 CAPE TRIOS** is debuting on the turf for trainer Mike Trombetta after showing speed going longer on the synthetic surfaces at Woodbine and Presque Isle. Trainer Trombetta, 31% with synthetic to turf angle, has Hall of Fame jock Javier Castellano named to ride.

4 SUGAR BOLT, 6 for 7 'in the money' at the distance, should have the screws tightened after returning from the layoff, tracking swift early fractions, and fading from her earlier exploits to finish 7th vs \$25,000 optional claimers.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-4

RACE 9:

4 BLEWITT (Hmm the name sounds familiar) is making his 6-year-old debut the first start since finishing 2nd – as the favorite – in 'key' 1-mile allowance at Aqueduct that produced a quartet of next-out winners from 8 starters. Trainer Todd Pletcher has John Velazquez in the irons.

3 KID BOURBON is stepping up to face winners after the impressive maiden score at Aqueduct in which he drew clear to win by 3 ½ lengths, and got an 89 Beyer figure for his effort. Trainer Mark Hennig has Luis Saez aboard the son of Lemon Drop Kid.

8 FULLNESS OF TIME is debuting locally for trainer Cherie DeVaux after returning from a layoff at Churchill and finishing a stamina-tweaking 5th going a mile vs allowance competition.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-8

RACE 10:

6 RICHIE'S SISTER is returning to her favorite racing venue (7-3-1-1) after winning 1 of 3 turf sprints up north vs similar quality. Trainer Jason Servis has Irad Ortiz Jr atop this horse-for-course play.

8 SWEET YARE N DARE moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim after dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd here at this level and distance. The new connections have Luis Saez handling the mares 2nd journey over the course. **9 MISS AURAMET** is returning from the 11-month layoff with the great equalizer on her side – Speed! Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Paco Lopez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 6-8-9

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 3 BLUE MAGIC

LONGSHOT: RACE 4 – 2 TRAPPED INSIDE