



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**4 RUTHYLA** should be primed and ready to score after responding to both the dropdown, and the addition of blinkers, with an improved 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at this level and distance. Trainer Mike Maker has Jose Ortiz in the saddle. **7 BEE WINGS** has her claiming tag carved in half after following a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish vs \$35,000 maidens on the GP West turf with troubled (early traffic) 8<sup>th</sup> vs \$32,000 types locally. Trainer Brendan Walsh has apprentice Romero Maragh named to ride. **5 BETTER BEGIN** is dropping to this level after chasing the pace and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> behind repeat winner Wicked Solution in a \$25,000 maidens test going 7 ½ furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 4-7-5**

## RACE 2:

**5 HONEST GAL** is dropping a notch, and stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs, after vying for the lead and getting beat a nose vs \$32,000 maidens going three-quarters of a mile. **4 MILKAH** moved to the Jorge Navarro barn via the claim, and steps up the competition, after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – as the odds-on choice – vs \$12,500 maidens. The beaten favorite in 3 consecutive races, has Chris Landeros trying to repair the chalk-burning status.

**7 STRONG PERFORMANCE** will depart from the outside, and stretchout an additional half-furlong, after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind the top choice going 6 furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 5-4-7**

## RACE 3:

**6 PRETTY AND FAST** is a daughter of Tiznow, and a half-sister to multiple Grade 3 winner Global Access, and to March to the Arch, who won the Sunshine Million Turf last Sunday, will debut on the turf for trainer Mike Trombetta after showing promise sprinting in the mud at Laurel.

**11 JIMMYSSMOKEDCARROT** is a daughter of Turbo Compressor debuting for trainer Chad Brown with a string of solid workouts showing on the Palm Meadows turf. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Javier Castellano in the saddle. **12 FULL STRIDE** moves to the Bill Mott barn, and will break from the outside, after rallying to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in her turf debut going a mile on the Fair Grounds turf; Julien Lejaroux handles the outside draw.

**SELECTIONS: 6-11-12**

## RACE 4:

**5 GRAN DIAMOND** is shifting her focus to the main track after 'hitting the board' in 5 of 9 turf sprints vs better going 5 furlongs. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr, 33% with the turf to dirt move, has Luis Saez handling the surface change. **1 BLUE CHICORY** is a logical choice to be on the ticket after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, respectively, in a pair at this level and distance. Trainer Kent Swezey has Paco Lopez quarterbacking the inside post.

**6 SOUTHERN TODDY** is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after returning from a 13-month layoff to press the pace and tire vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers going 6 ½ furlongs. The screws should be tightened in the 2<sup>nd</sup> race off the bench for the team of De La Cerda and Jaramillo.

**SELECTIONS: 5-1-6**

## RACE 5:

**10 CARIBBEAN GOLD** is a daughter of Treasure Beach debuting for trainer Ben Perkins Jr with a string of sizzling workouts showing on the Palm Meadows turf, which includes the recent 5-furlong bullet drill in 58 & 4; Luis Saez rides.

**5 SOUPER WATSON** is a beautifully bred son of Ghostzapper debuting on the turf after facing maiden special weight competition on the Tapeta surface at Woodbine. Trainer Mark Casse has Jose Ortiz handling the surface switch.

**4 R MAN JOE** is a gelded son of Kantharos debuting for trainer Georgina Baxter with Lasix, and some solid workouts showing in preparation for the debut. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Nik Juarez at the controls.

**SELECTIONS: 10-5-4**

**RACE 6:**

**3 REMASTER (IRE)** is making his first journey around 2-turns after following his debut 5-furlong victory here last May with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish – as the 4-to-5 favorite – vs \$75,000 optional claimers going 5 panels here on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Trainer Wesley Ward has Jose Ortiz handling the stretchout.

**6 MONFORTE** is stepping up to the next level after returning from the layoff to post his 2<sup>nd</sup> open-length victory when defeating \$35,000 starter optional claimers going a mile. **2 DOMINATE THEMOMENT** is stepping up to face winners after rebounding from his front running disqualification at GP West with a set-the-pace victory here vs \$50,000 maidens. The son of Street Boss will be tested for class in this spot.

**SELECTIONS: 3-6-2**

**RACE 7:**

**2 ARCELOR** moved to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim, and stretches out to seven-eighths of a mile, after finishing a hard-fought 2<sup>nd</sup> vs similar quality going 6 ½ furlongs while in the Saffie Joseph Jr barn. **3 VIVA FOREVER** is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and cutting back to 7 furlongs, after debuting locally for trainer Peter Walder and finishing a distant 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$25,000 maidens going a mile. **1 WORTH AVENUE** moved to the Jorge Delgado barn after the claim, and will be shopping for a victory at 7 furlongs, after returning from GP West to fifth behind Arcelor when they hooked up at three-quarters of a mile during December.

**SELECTIONS: 2-3-1**

**RACE 8:**

**5 NORMA'S LOVE** is dropping to the \$50,000 level after following her maiden special weight victory on the GP West turf with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish here vs \$75,000 optional claimers. Trainer Jorge Navarro has go-to jock Emisael Jaramillo atop the daughter of Street Boss. **6 MISS LUCY (IRE)** is another trying \$50,000 allowance optional claimers locally after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$75,000 types going 5 furlongs on the

GP West turf. Trainer Wesley Ward has John Velazquez named to ride. **1 MRS. MAISEL** is stepping up the competition after tracking swift fractions and rallying to defeat \$35,000 optional claimers with a perfectly timed ride by Luis Saez. She should see a similar pace scenario in this spot.

**SELECTIONS: 5-6-1**

**RACE 9:**

**3 J S BACH** is stretching out to a mile (11-4-0-7), and facing \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers, after returning locally to finish a late-running 5<sup>th</sup> vs \$62,500 optional claimers going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Jason Servis has apprentice Romero Maragh handling the added real estate.

**7 JACK B WINKLE** is stretching out to 8 furlongs after shipping from Tampa into the Ron Spatz barn and getting beat a nose vs \$35,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going 6 ½ furlongs. The lightly raced Fort Larned gelding will be tested for class vs these hard-knocking multiple winners. **6 STARSHIP ARAMIS** moved to the Jorge Navarro barn via the claim, and steps up the competition, after drawing clear to defeat \$12,500 '3-lifetime' claimers at the distance; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

**SELECTIONS: 3-7-6**

**RACE 10:**

**2 MUSIC OF LIFE**, now in the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, the daughter of Bodemeister drops into this 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' claimer after facing allowance company up north with inconsistent results. The barn, 32% with new additions to the shedrow, have Luis Saez named to ride. **8 STRELLA'S WAR** is debuting locally for trainer Rodolphe Brisset after facing a steady string of allowance competition since breaking her maiden during September. The daughter of Declaration of War will have Jose Ortiz at the controls. **1 ALIZEE** is turning back to a mile and a sixteenth after responding in the first race after the claim by Jorge Navarro with a workman like 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$35,000 optional claimers going a mile and an eighth.

**SELECTIONS: 2-8-1**

**BEST BET: RACE 6 – 3 REMASTER (IRE)**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 3 – 6 PRETTY AND FAST**