



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

10 FLORADO drops, and returns to the turf, after showing some early interest and fading when facing \$25,000 maidens in a race moved from the turf to the main track. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas atop the daughter of Commissioner. **7 MADAME MOON**, beaten only three-quarters of a length on the turf at this level and distance during March, hopes to return to the grass after dodging raindrops in a pair of \$25,000 maiden race moved to the main track.

11 FIELD BET will depart from the outside in the first race since facing better on the Santa Anita turf during the summer of 2019. Trainer Jeff Engler has Victor Lebron atop this unknow quantity.

SELECTIONS: 10-7-11

RACE 2:

7 FIRST NAVY ADMIRAL should be primed and ready to score after returning from the 2-month layoff to finish a set-the-pace 2nd – as the favorite – at this level and distance.

3 CONGRATS AGAIN, 3rd at this level in his debut, drops after hitting the board in 1 of 2 sprints under maiden special weight conditions, including the 4th place finish behind undefeated Papetu last out. Trainer Mike Yates has Miguel Vazquez up.

2 MISTER LEONARDO has his claiming tag cut in half, and wears blinkers, after proving no match for stablemate Casalsa at the \$50,000 level.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-2

RACE 3:

3 INTEREST, 3 for 4 on the local turf, which includes the \$16,000 score on May 31, drops to the \$12,500 level after finishing a wide 4th vs \$25,000 claimers in a race moved to a mile on a sloppy track. Trainer Dan Hurtak has Miguel Vazquez named to ride.

7 MIDNIGHT GEM is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after rallying to finish 2nd – beaten a length - vs this level of competition going a mile. The added distance can be the ‘key’ to her success. **5 MILLEFIORI** is stepping up to face winners, for Todd Pletcher, after responding to the addition of blinkers with a \$12,500 maiden victory going a mile on the grass.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-5

RACE 4:

8 LA RUSIA is returning to the turf with the great equalizer on her side – Speed! The daughter of Hampton Court has Edgard Zayas rationing her ability to set or stalk the pace. **7 MRS. MAISEL** is stretching out around 2-turns, and dropping to the \$35,000 level, after returning from the layoff to finish a so-so 6th vs \$50,000 optional claimers going 5 furlongs. She should be closer to the pace at a mile. **1 R CALLI KIM** is the wildcard in the race when she debuts on the turf after drawing clear to wallop a field of \$16,000 maidens going 7 furlongs on the Tampa main track. Note the barn is a solid 24% with the dirt-to-turf angle.

SELECTIONS: 8-7-1

RACE 5:

9 COMMANDING LADY is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after responding to the dropdown with a 2nd place finish vs this level of competition going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has Cristian Torres in the saddle.

7 DONA CAMILE is dropping to the \$10,000 level, and turning back to a sprint distance, after chasing the pace and fading vs \$20,000 maidens going a mile in a race moved from the turf to a mile on the dirt.

6 SWANEE BEACH is returning to the main track after chasing the pace and fading vs \$12,500 maidens going a mile on the turf just 6 days ago. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Rajiv Maragh handling the quick turnaround.

SELECTIONS: 9-7-6

RACE 6:

3 SWIRLING CANDY continues her ascent up the class ladder after following a pair of victories at the distance with a hard-fought 2nd vs \$50,000 optional claimers last out. Trainer Jose D'Angelo has Emisael Jaramillo atop the 5-furlong turf specialist. **8 MERSEYSIDE**, who has run well on the turf - at the distance - in the past, goes back to the grass after setting a pressured pace and settling for 2nd when facing \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers going 6 furlongs on the main track. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgar handling the surface switch.

4 MEADOW BEAUTY is stepping up to face winners after returning from the freshening, getting loose in the past parade, and still managing to defeat special weight runners at this 5-furlong distance. Trainer Mark Casse has Hector Berrios going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-4

RACE 7:

9 NOWITNA RIVER is dropping to this level, and turning back to one of her better distances (14-4-3-4), after finishing a distant 3rd vs \$8,000 claimers going a mile last out. Trainer Bobby Dibona, who claimed her 2 starts back, has Edgar Prado in the saddle. **7 BABY ICE** moves to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim, and drops to this level, after finishing a rallying 2nd vs \$8,000 claimers in her last. The new connections have apprentice Joseph Trejos named to ride. **2 SHALL RETURN**, another from Victor Barboza Jr, makes her first start since finishing 3rd behind Nowitna River when they hooked up at this distance during early May.

SELECTIONS: 9-7-2

RACE 8:

7 ENZOEXPRESS is going back to the turf after getting mugged at the half-mile pole when finishing 4th vs similar quality going 5 furlongs in race moved from the lawn to a fast-main track. The gelding has speed, and strong front running jock Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

10 DOCTOR DUB, now in the Rasharn Creque barn, the gelding makes his first start since finishing 4th vs \$16,000 '3-lifetime' claimers here during February. The new connections have Angel Arroyo handling the outside draw.

3 JOYFUL HEART has his claiming tag sliced in half, and cuts back to 5 furlongs, after returning from the layoff and coming up empty vs \$25,000 '3-lifetime' claimers going a mile and a sixteenth.

SELECTIONS: 7-10-3

RACE 9:

4 KOBE FIFTY TWO is making his first start since drawing clear to defeat \$12,500 maidens in his career debut going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa has Emisael Jaramillo returning on the son of Sky Mesa.

12 SOUPER SHENANIGAN is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and departing from the outside, after returning from the layoff to finish 2nd vs \$16,000 2-lifetime' claimers at the distance. Trainer Mark Casse has Cristian Torres handling the demanding outside post.

8 THENEXTBESTTHING is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear to defeat \$10,500 maidens going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Louie Roussel has Angel Rodriguez going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 4-12-8

BEST BET: RACE 4 – 8 LA RUSIA

LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 9 NOWITNA RIVER