



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

4 CROWLEY'S WAR is a beautifully bred gelded son of War Front debuting for trainer Wesley Ward with 12 workouts showing in preparation for this assignment; Mario Pino rides. **10 FULMINI** is debuting on the turf, for trainer Mike Maker, after rallying along the inside to finish 3rd in his 5-furlong debut on the main track. The son of Overdriven is bred to handle the surface switch in winning fashion. **3 LIME** is debuting on the grass, for trainer Wesley Ward, after back-to-back 2nd-place finishes on the dirt, both as the odds-on choice. The daughter of Iqbaal faces the boys with Eduardo Nunez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 4-10-3

RACE 2:

7 CHUCKY is dropping a notch after recovering from a troubled start to finish 3rd going 5 furlongs in the slop vs \$20,000 maidens last out. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

3 VENETIAN DREAM is dropping to this level after coming up empty – as the favorite – in a 'key' \$50,000 maiden sprint that produced next-out winners Caramel Chip and Casalsa. Trainer Larry Rivelli has Angel Arroyo in the saddle.

2 GEGE CONQUEST is dropping to the \$16,000 level after recovering from a slow start to finish 4th in his \$25,000 debut going 5 furlongs in the slop; Edgard rides for Sano.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-2

RACE 3:

5 FLAWLESS MOON is stretching out to a mile again after finishing 2nd and 3rd, respectively, going 6 furlongs. Trainer Sandra Matier has apprentice Joseph Trejos handling the added distance.

7 STILL SCHEMIN moved to the Kathleen O'Connell barn via the claim after chasing the pacesetter and finishing 2nd at this level and distance last out; Edgard Zayas rides.

2 JANUARY WON will be outfitted with blinkers after breaking slowly from the rail prior to finishing a distant 3rd behind Still Schemin last out.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-2

RACE 4:

1 ROCKET BLAST, a son of Curlin, is debuting on the turf at 5 furlongs after the pair of so-so performances vs maiden special weight company - on the main track - at 6 ½ and 8 ½ furlongs, respectively. Trainer Ralph Nicks is 19% with similar class drops. **6 EXTREMELYEXCLUSIVE** is dropping to the \$25,000 level after a rough outing at the \$40,000 level in which he ran into traffic problems in the stretch. Owner/trainer Steve Klesaris has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

3 CITRUS BURST is dropping to this level after debuting locally for trainer Jeff Engler and finishing 6th in that roughly run \$40,000 sprint that included Extremelyexclusive, and a trio of next-out winners.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-3

RACE 5:

2 COULD BE is facing 'non-winners of a race since January 3rd' competition with the speed needed to take advantage on a course that has been kind to front running types. Trainer Carlos David has Samy Camacho at the controls. **3 BASHA** is dropping into this \$12,500 dated claimer after facing considerably tougher throughout his 15-race turf campaign. Trainer Jena Antonucci has Edgard Zayas the 6-year-old son of Uncle Mo. **8 CASH CALL KITTEN** is wheeling back after returning from the layoff, making a move for the lead, and flattening out to finish 3rd at this level and distance. Trainer Joe Orseno has Emisael Jaramillo handling the outside draw.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-8

RACE 6:

7 R U LUCKY is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and debuting at a mile, after returning from the layoff to defeat \$35,000 claimers – as the odds-on choice - going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas atop the son of Itsmyluckyday.

3 FRENCH QUARTER, a 1-mile specialist (4-3-0-0), moved to the Fausto Gutierrez barn via the claim after drawing clear to defeat \$6,250 open-claimers by 5 widening lengths; Leonel Reyes rides the 14-time winner. **2 ASSERTIKO** is another trying a mile for the first time after back-to-back sprint victories going 6 furlongs. Trainer Ron Spatz has Joseph Trejos negotiating the added distance.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-2

RACE 7:

4 TIPSY KITTEN moved to the David Fawkes barn via the claim after waiting for racing room when finishing 2nd at this level and distance. The gelding, who has shown in the past that he can win from a stalking position, should be closer to the pace with a clean trip. **3 GRAN NENUCO** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth (8-3-2-1) after returning from the 7-month plus layoff to prompt a slow pace and finish 3rd vs \$12,500 open-claimers. Trainer Francisco D'Angelo has Leonel Reyes handling the dropdown into this dated-claimer. **2 SON OF OAHU** is eligible to take a positive step forward after returning from the layoff to finish 3rd behind Topsy Kitten last out. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Victor Lebron up.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-2

RACE 8:

8 UNCLE ANDREW is dropping to the \$12,500 level after debuting locally for trainer Mike Maker and finishing 2nd vs \$16,000 claimers at this 1-mile distance; Samy Camacho rides.

9 BLAZING DESIRE moved to the Amador Sanchez barn via the claim, and drops to this level, in the first start since dueling throughout and holding sway to defeat \$20,000 claimers – as the favorite – while in the Mike Maker barn. The new connections have Emisael Jaramillo handling the shaky dropdown move.

6 KEEPSAKEKITTEN moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and drops to this level, after failing to show much when finishing 5th behind Blazing Desire when they competed for \$20,000 during April; Edgard Zayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 8-9-6

RACE 9:

2 ALIZEE, now in the Elizabeth Dobles barn, the daughter of Mark Valeski makes her first start since surviving a stretch duel to defeat \$40,000 '2-lifetime' claimers here going a mile and a sixteenth during January. She classes up nicely in this spot.

5 LIL MISS HOT SHOT was solid in defeat when shipping in for trainer Joseph Taylor and finishing 2nd – at 17-1 – at this level and distance. Angel Rodriguez has the return riding assignment.

6 SAMMIE SUNSHINE, 2 for 2 'in the money' at the distance, stretches out after setting the pace and finishing 3rd when facing \$32,000 starter allowance competition going 7 furlongs. Leading jockey Edgard Zayas will handle the stretchout.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-6

RACE 10:

6 JOE BENJAMIN is stepping up to face special weight competition with the speed needed to dictate the pace on a course that has been kind to speed/stalker types. Trainer Murat Sancal has Emisael Jaramillo atop the son of Hard Spun.

4 MONY, now in the Wesley Ward barn, the \$385,000 son of Scat Daddy makes his first start since finishing 4th – as the tepid favorite – in his 1-mile special weight career debut here last March. The pricey 4-year-old, working sharply on the Palm Meadows turf, has Mario Pino in the saddle.

11 FAKE MUSE will depart from the tough outside post with the speed needed to try and steal the nightcap on the front end. Trainer Liz Dobles has go-to jock Victor Lebron up.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-11

BEST BET: RACE 7 – 4 TIPSY KITTEN

LONGSHOT: RACE 5 – 2 COULD BE