



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

8 PLATINUMCENTS, 2 for 2 'in the money' at this distance on the turf, is going back the grass after stalking the pace and finishing a distant 3rd vs similar going 6 furlongs on the dirt. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has leading jock Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch. **5 AUNT IRENE** is another who has been knocking on the door in both recent turf sprints at this level and distance. The 4-year-old just needs a little help from Lady Luck. **4 MIRANDA SOFIA** is hoping to get away trouble free after getting mugged at the start before rallying to finish 4th at this level and distance. Leonel Reyes rides for J C Avila.

SELECTIONS: 8-5-4

RACE 2:

2 FIRST NAVY ADMIRAL is dropping to the \$16,000 level after setting the pace and weakening late to finish 3rd and 2nd, respectively, at the \$25,000 level. Trainer Ralph Nicks has go-to jock Misael Jaramillo in the saddle. **8 MONDAY'S WITH MIKE** is dropping to this level after rallying to finish an improved 4th behind the top choice last out. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Edgard Zayas handling the rematch. **6 GREY DOM** is debuting for trainer Oscar Gonzalez with a solid morning work tab showing at Palm Meadows; Miguel Vazquez rides.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-6

RACE 3:

7 KAYSERI is turning back to a mile after a sharp outing going a mile and a sixteenth in which she led every step of the way. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Samy Camacho going for 2 in a row.

1 MIDNIGHT GEM is another turning back to 8 furlongs after stalking the pace and tiring to finish 4th behind Kayseri going a mile and a sixteenth last out. Trainer Jose D'Angelo has Leonel Reyes handling the inside draw.

8 QUEEN FIELD is dropping to the \$12,500 level again after setting the pace and fading to finish 7th vs \$16,000 claimers last out. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas handling the dropdown.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-8

RACE 4:

5 CON LIMA is stretching out to seven-eighths of a mile after the promising debut in which she rallied wide to finish 2nd going 6 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. Trainer Carlos David has Samy Camacho up. **7 HAPPY CONSTITUTION** is stretching out after rallying 4-wide to finish 4th behind Con Lima in their respective 6-furlong debuts. Trainer Antonio Sano, who has 8 freshman winners at the meeting, tabs Cristian Torres to ride. **6 WEST SIDE GIRL** can be the story when she turns back to 7 furlongs on the main track after finishing a distant 2nd in her 1-mile career debut on the turf. Trainer Ken McPeck has Emisael Jaramillo in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-6

RACE 5:

9 MAVERICK KITTEN is dropping to the \$32,000 level, and stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, after returning from the 2-month layoff to finish a much-needed 2nd vs \$40,000 maidens going a mile on a good turf. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **5 FAKE MUSE** is returning to the maiden claiming ranks after showing some early interest and fading when facing special weight company in back-to-back turf outings. Note the last time the gelding faced claimers he finished 3rd at the \$65,000 level. **6 TRACEABILITY** is dropping to this level after following a well-meant 2nd vs \$40,000 types 2 starts back with 5 place finish behind the top choice last out.

SELECTIONS: 9-5-6

RACE 6:

6 COMBINATION, a reclaim by Saffie Joseph Jr, drops to this level after posting his 4th consecutive victory when defeating \$25,000 optional claimers at the distance; Edgard Zayas rides.

2 TAKE CHARGE DUDE moved to the Peter Walder barn via the claim after dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers on a wet track listed as good. Trainer Walder, who has 2 in the field, is 22% with new claims.

5 KRSTO SKYE is returning to the main track after a couple sharp outings on the turf, which includes a 3rd place finish behind hard-knocking Pay Any Price in a 5-furlong turf sprint last out. Trainer Carlos David has Samy Camacho handling the previous winner on the dirt (11-2-3-2).

SELECTIONS: 6-2-5

RACE 7:

4 DIENDA is going back to the turf after returning from the layoff to set the pace and finish 3rd when facing this caliber of competition going a 1-turn mile on sealed sloppy track. Trainer Mark Casse has Cristian Torres in the saddle. **9 LA RUSIA** is dropping a notch after tracking the pace and finishing 2nd – as the favorite - vs \$35,000 claimers going a mile on the turf. Trainer Amador Sanchez has Edgard Zayas trying to get her out of 2nd gear this year (8-0-5-1). **5 CAT'S J N J** is making her first start since the strong \$16,000 maiden victory during March in which she broke from a demanding outside post before drawing clear to win by almost 3 lengths. New trainer Mark Passley has Angel Arroyo up.

SELECTIONS: 4-9-5

RACE 8:

6 KUNAL is turning back to a mile after the sharp local debut going a mile and a sixteenth in which he tracked the pace and finished 2nd. Trainer Louie Roussel has Angel Rodriguez handling the 2nd start in the Sunshine State. **1 LET'S PLAY HARDBALL**, who was solid defeating \$75,000 maidens during March, returns from his latest layoff, and drops to the \$40,000 level, after failing to fire vs \$50,000 optional claimers going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas handling the inside post.

4 CAPTAIN D is dropping to this level in the first start since finishing 5th in a \$50,000 starter optional claimer on Independence Day. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Hector Berrios up.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-4

RACE 9:

2 VIOLENT TRICK will try to make it 2 in a row after moving to the Todd Pletcher barn and responding with a front running score – as the favorite – vs \$25,000 optional claimers at the distance. **4 ALIZEE** is wheeling back after returning from the layoff, moving to the Elizabeth Dobles barn, and posting her 2nd consecutive victory when rallying to defeat \$25,000 optional claimers at the distance; Victor Lebron rides. **3 I'LL TAKE THE CAKE** is making her first start since responding in the first race after the claim by Saffie Joseph Jr with a victory in the 7-furlong \$50,000 Lady Bird during February. The barn is 26% with this type of layoff.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-3

RACE 10:

6 R BOY EVENS is going back to the turf for trainer Mike Maker after stalking the pace and tiring when facing this level of competition going 5 furlongs in race moved to the main track; Edgard Zayas rides. **9 FORT KING** is returning to the turf with the great equalizer on his side – speed! Trainer Georgina Baxter has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle. **12 YOUNG RAYMOND** moved to the Antonio Sano barn via the claim, and returns to the turf, after rallying to defeat \$12,500 claimers going 5 furlongs on the main track. The obvious concern is the demanding outside draw.

SELECTIONS: 6-9-12

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 6 KUNAL

LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 4 DIENDA