



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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Race 1:

3 SHARM EL SHEIKH is debuting locally, and dropping into this \$12,500 dated claimer, after showing speed, and winning 2 of 4 turf races vs tougher out of town. Trainer Murat Sancal has Edgard Zayas handling the local debut.

8 KEEP QUIET (FR) moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and drops to this level, after returning from the Fair Grounds to finish 4th vs \$16,000 open claimers going 9 furlongs. The barn, 39% with new claims, has Samy Camacho in the saddle. **6 TIPSY KITTEN**, now in the Bobby Dibona barn, the gelding drops, and removes the blinkers, after facing better before the layoff with some success; Paco Lopez rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-6

RACE 2:

5 MURRAY'S BAR (IRE) debuts for trainer Wesley Ward with a series of rapid gate works showing on the Palm Meadows turf course. Mario Pino is named on the son of Prince of Lir (Ire). **2 ESPIA** is debuting on the turf after taking money and finishing a needed 3rd in his 5-furlong sprint debut moved to the turf from the dirt. Trainer Antonio Sano has Leonel Reyes returning on the son of Creative Cause.

8 GABRIELLA SUNSHINE is stretching out to five-eighths of a mile, and debuting on the turf, after shaking off trouble at the start to finish 4th in his 4 ½ furlong debut on the main track.; Paco Lopez rides.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-8

RACE 3:

2 TRANS MISSISSIPPI is dropping to the \$6,250 level after shipping into the Monica McGoey barn and finishing a troubled 4th (clipped heels early) vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers; Paco Lopez rides.

8 LUXE DIAMOND is hoping to get a fast track after making a middle move and fading to 4th vs this caliber of competition going 6 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track.

Trainer Joe Orseno has Joseph Trejos named to ride. **4 ANOTHERSONGDANCE** is dropping to this level in the first start since following her \$12,500 maiden score with a clunker vs \$12,500 open-claimers during February.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-4

RACE 4:

5 SMELL OF ROSES is dropping to the \$12,500 level after showing speed and getting caught late in a string of turf routes vs better. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Paco Lopez rationing the gelding's speed. **9 HARD COUNT**, now in the Robert Falcone Jr barn, the gelding drops to this level after following his open-length \$20,000 maiden victory with a troubled starting 9th vs \$25,000 '2-lifetime' claimers during February. The barn, 21% with new additions to the shedrow, has the gelding firing bullets for the return. **6 BAHAMIAN PARK**, now in the Joe Orseno barn, the sophomore returns to the turf after finishing 2nd in back-to-back races moved from the turf to a 1-turn miles on the dirt; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

SELECTIONS: 4-9-6

RACE 5:

2 TEN MILES HIGH is dropping a notch on the maiden scale after shipping down from Tampa to make a 4-wide bid for the lead before fading to finish 4th vs \$25,000 maidens at the distance. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Edgard Zayas in the saddle again. **1 IRISH PAUL** is dropping to the \$20,000 level, and adding blinkers, after showing some early interest before tiring and finishing a distant 6th vs \$50,000 maidens going 6 furlongs in the slop. Trainer Louie Roussel has Emisael Jaramillo handling the 2nd consecutive start from the rail.

4 SILVER MAKER, listed as a gelding, the \$800,000 son of Empire Maker makes his first start since he was claimed by Ed Plesa Jr out of a \$12,500 maiden race going a mile during April. The new connections have Cristian Torres named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-4

RACE 6:

6 AWESOME ACTION is candidate for a rebound performance at this level after following his front running victory vs \$6,250 '2-lifetime' foes with a chase-the-winner and fade 5th vs this level of competition going 6 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. **3 LUCKYTOBEINAMERICA** is an obvious choice to be a major part of the ticket after knocking on the door in consecutive races at this level and distance, which includes the recent 2nd place finish in front of Awesome Action last out. Trainer Marcial Navarro has Angel Rodriguez atop strictly the one to beat. **8 KINGSVILLE** is freefalling to the \$8,000 level after getting beat double-digit lengths vs considerably tougher in 3 consecutive races. Trainer Liz Dobles has Hector Berrios handling the class relief.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-8**RACE 7:**

4 PROBABLY GRACE is stepping up to face open competition, and will face straight 3-year-olds, after drawing clear to notch her 2 and 3-lifetime conditions vs older horses. Trainer Larry Rivelli has Victor Lebron going for the hat trick. **6 NAPA RULES** is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after rallying to defeat \$16,000 '3-lifetime' claimers going 5 furlongs in a race moved from turf to a sealed sloppy main track. **8 TIPSY AGAIN** moved to the Bob Hess Jr barn via the claim, after following her open-length \$16,000 victory at Tampa with a set-the-pace 2nd – beaten a nose by Napa Rules - going 5 panels in the slop last out.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-8**RACE 8:**

8 ALMASHRIG is returning to the turf after responding in the first race since moving to the Todd Pletcher barn with a 2nd place finish vs \$62,500 optional claimers in a race moved from the turf to 7 furlongs on a fast track. Edgard Zayas will guide the \$1,200,000 son of War Front. **3 GRAND JOURNEY** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after returning from the layoff to finish a late-closing 4th vs \$50,000 starter allowance runners going a mile on the turf. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo atop the son of Giant's Causeway, who is stakes-placed at the distance.

5 HIGH NOON RIDER is stepping up the competition for trainer Saffie Joseph Jr after posting his 2nd consecutive turf victory when defeating \$20,000 starter optional claimers going a mile, and getting a lofty 96 Beyer figure for his effort.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-5**RACE 9:**

5 RICKI TICKI TAFFI is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after returning from the freshening to finish a stalk-and-fade 6th in the 6 ½-furlong \$75,000 Roar Stakes last out. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Edgard Zayas handling the return to the claiming ranks. **1 FAST LOADED** is hoping to get back on track after following a quartet of solid sprint performances with a track-and-fade outing last out. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo named to spark a wake-up call. **8 MEYER**, 1 of 2 in the field for Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse, listed as a gelding, makes his first ever start on a dirt surface after facing Ontario-bred stakes competition on the Woodbine Tapeta surface; Hector Berrios rides.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-8**RACE 10**

12 FUDDLED moves to the demanding outside post after the sharp career debut at this level and distance, in which she rallied to finish 2nd – beaten a neck. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Emisael Jaramillo handling the outside draw.

7 SHE'S JUST QUALITY moved to the Diane Morici barn via the claim, and steps up to special weight conditions, with blinkers added, after finishing 2nd in her \$50,000 career turf debut at this 5-furlong distance. **5 MEADOW BEAUTY** is making her first start since tracking the pace and finishing 4th at this level and distance during April. Trainer Mark Casse has Hector Berrios named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 12-7-5**BEST BET: RACE 7 – 4 PROBABLY GRACE****LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 8 MEYER**