



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

4 HARA is stretching out to 5 ½ furlongs after the promising 5-furlong debut in which she dueled for the lead and finished 2nd. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas returning on the daughter of Hard Spun. **3 ACTING LUCKY** is stretching out an additional furlong after stumbling at the start, racing greenly, and still managing to finish 2nd in her 4 ½-furlong career debut. **1 FOUZIA** is a daughter of Sky Mesa debuting for trainer Saffie Joseph Jr with 6 local workouts showing in preparation for the debut; Paco Lopez handles the inside draw.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-1

RACE 2:

11 CONGRATS THAT is dropping a notch after following his hard-fought fronting running victory vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers with a set-the-pace 2nd vs \$16,000 '3-lifetime' foes last out. Trainer Mike Yates has Miguel Vazquez handling the outside speed. **6 R BOY EVENS** is dropping to this level after returning from the layoff for trainer Mike Maker and failing to fire – as the favorite – vs \$30,000 conditioned claimers; Edgard Zayas rides. **5 DARK AGES**, a 2-time winner at this 5-furlong distance, turns back after 'hitting the board' vs similar in 1 of 2 races going a mile. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Paco handling the turnback.

SELECTIONS: 11-6-5

RACE 3:

1 MONDAY'S WITH MIKE is a gelded son of win-early sire Khozan debuting for trainer Kathleen O'Connell with a consistent morning work tab showing at GP West. Edgard Zayas will handle the always-interesting inside post.

4 FIRST NAVY ADMIRAL is dropping to the \$25,000 level after bumping at the start, and racing wide, in his maiden special weight debut for trainer Ralph Nicks. Samy Camacho handles the dropdown. **6 MIDNIGHT TRAVELER**, the most seasoned freshman in the field, stretches out to five-eighths of a mile after recovering from a troubled start to finish 4th in his 2nd lifetime start.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-6

RACE 4:

8 R NINJA J K is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after chasing the pace and finishing 2nd – as the favorite - in his 5-furlong debut, a race that was moved from the turf to the main track. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Edgard Zayas named to ride. **3 U S S COLTON** is dropping a notch, and stretching out an additional half-furlong, after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 2nd-place finish vs \$16,000 maidens going three-quarters of a mile. **2 BRIDOLOGIST** moved to the Carlos Perez barn via the claim after returning from the layoff, for trainer Terri Pompay, and finishing 2nd vs \$16,000 maidens going 6 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. The new connections keep the status quo with Miguel Vazquez at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-2

RACE 5:

4 LOOKIN AT ROSES is dropping a level, and stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, after stalking throughout and finishing 2nd – beaten a head – vs \$30,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going mile on a 'good' turf. Trainer Guadalupe Preciado has Paco Lopez handling the added distance.

7 VINCITORE, 3 for 4 'in the money' at the distance (4-1-1-1), stretches out after rallying to finish 3rd behind Lookin At Roses in their recent clash at a mile. Trainer Louie Roussel has Angel Rodriguez handling the rematch.

8 EXTRA EXTRA, now in the Elizabeth Dobles barn, the gelding, who does his best running on the turf, goes back to the grass after vying for the lead and fading when facing \$40,000 '3-lifetime' competition going a 1-turn mile on a sealed sloppy track; Fanny Olsson rides.

SELECTIONS: 4-7-8

RACE 6:

1 MY POINT EXACTLY, a 9-time local turf winner, is back on the grass after setting the pace and finishing 3rd – beaten a half-length – vs similar in a race moved to a 1-turn mile on a sealed sloppy surface. Trainer Carlos David has Paco handling the surface switch. **10 VALIANT VIRTUE** is debuting locally after the competitive turf campaign at Tampa in which he used his tactical speed to finish 3rd and 2nd, respectively, vs \$32,000 starter optional claimers going a mile. Trainer Juan Arriagada has Samy Camacho named to ride. **9 SUBLIME APPEAL**, who does his best running from a stalk/close position, should get the pace needed to compliment his running style. The 8-year-old is worth a flyer at a price.

SELECTIONS: 1-10-9

RACE 7:

4 GIROLAMO'S ATTACK is wheeling back after the solid debut in which he vied for the lead and finished 2nd going 6 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. Trainer Larry Pilotti has Marcos Meneses penciled in for the return riding assignment.

7 DOUBLE ADVANTAGE is a \$180,000 son of Tapiture debuting for Repole Stable, and trainer Todd Pletcher, and that should be more than enough to pique your interest. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Edgard Zayas at the controls.

5 R UNCLE ERIC is dropping to the \$50,000 level, and stretching out to three-quarters of a mile, after dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd in his special weight debut moved from the turf to 5 furlongs on the main track.

SELECTIONS: 4-7-5

RACE 8:

7 SWIRLING CANDY is stepping up the competition after responding in the first race after the claim by Jose D'Angelo with driving victory vs \$25,000 starter optional claimers. The consistent \$140,000 daughter of Twirling Candy is 5-3-0-2 sprinting on the grass this year. **4 FUJAIRAH**, who was 3rd vs \$75,000 optional claimers when sprinting on the grass during December, is going back to the lawn for trainer Carlos David after facing considerably tougher, on both dirt and turf, going longer; Santiago Gonzalez rides.

9 POSEIDON'S PASSION is hoping to get back to her winning ways after her 3-race win streak, which included back-to-back sprint victories, ended when she broke thru the gate prior to running 5th behind the top choice last out.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-9

RACE 9:

2 GOOD BYE GREG is dropping to the \$20,000 level after debuting locally for trainer Larry Rivelli to set the pace and finish 3rd – beaten a length – vs \$30,000 conditioned claimers going 5 furlongs on a 'good' turf. **10 KYLE** is stepping up to this level after responding in his career turf debut at the distance with a 2nd place finish vs \$14,000 claimers. Trainer Carlos David has Santiago Gonzalez atop the hard-knocking 7-year-old, who had 35 races on the dirt before trying the grass last out. **11 APACHE BRAVE** drops, and takes the blinkers off, after encountering early trouble when finishing 7th behind the top choice in the one race with the shades added.

SELECTIONS: 2-10-11

BEST BET: RACE 9 – 2 GOOD BYE GREG

LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 4 FUJAIRAH

