



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

1 MAD ABOUT MADDIE is a daughter of Winslow Homer, and a half-sister to Lenzi's Lucky Lady, who was 3 for 4 as a 2-year-old, which included victories in the Desert Vixen, and Golden Isle Stakes. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Miguel Vazquez handling the inside draw.

3 LADY QUINTESSA is dropping to the \$50,000 level on the dirt after encountering trouble at the start and never getting untracked in her special weight debut going 5 furlongs on turf. Trainer Todd Pletcher is 31% with similar class drops.

4 TAP TAP BIRDIE is a daughter of Tapiture debuting for David Fawkes with 9 local workouts showing in preparation for her first start; Samy Camacho rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-4

RACE 2:

2 KAHIKO is wheeling back after rallying between horses to finish 3rd – beaten a neck – at this level and distance. Trainer Todd Pletcher has leading jock Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **5 CAT LADY** moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim after breaking slowly, from a demanding outside post, before rallying to finish 5th – as the even-money favorite – behind the top choice last out.

4 MOONLIT FANTASY is dropping to the \$40,000 level after returning from the layoff, breaking poorly, and finishing 7th in her local turf debut vs special weight competition. Trainer Mark Casse has Cristian Torres atop the \$425,000 daughter of Malibu Moon.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-4

RACE 3:

4 TEXTPECTION, now in the Armando De La Cerda barn, the sophomore cuts back to three-quarters of a mile in the first start since finishing 3rd vs this level of competition going 6 ½ furlongs; Victor Lebron rides. **3 ROBIN'SBLINDDEAL** is dropping to the \$6,250 level, and turning back, in the first race since finishing a duel-for-the-lead 3rd vs \$16,000 conditioned claimers going 6 ½ furlongs last August. Note the gelding is working well at GP West. **8 RARE HUE** drops, and cuts back to a sprint distance, after tracking the action and finishing a distant 4th in his local debut vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile in the slop. Hector Berrios rides for Kelsey Danner.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-8

RACE 4:

5 TIPSY AGAIN moved to the Antonio Sano barn via the claim, and debuts on the turf, after series of solid efforts on the dirt where she showed a definite fondness for using her speed to set or stalk the pace; Edgard Zayas rides the daughter of Awesome of Course. **1 BEATING THE ODDS** is stepping up to the next level after making a 4-wide charge to defeat \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers at the distance. Trainer Armando De La Cerda is 21% winning consecutive races.

8 CHARLIEANNA is going back to what is clearly her preferred surface (4-2-0-2) after returning from the layoff to duel for the lead and fade when facing \$16,000 '3-lifetime' foes going 5 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-8

RACE 5:

5 HARTLING is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and turning back to 6 ½ furlongs, after dueling for the lead and fading to finish 4th behind repeat winner Don't Get Khozy in a \$25,000 claimer going a mile.

2 CUSTOMEREXPERIENCE is dropping to this level on the main track after failing to fire when facing \$30,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile on the turf. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr readied the daughter of Cairo Prince for the surface switch with a bullet half-mile bullet at Palm Meadows.

6 BLESSED BEAST is stepping to the face open competition after rallying to defeat \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers going 6 furlongs. Trainer Dan Pita has Miguel Vazquez up.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-6

RACE 6:

6 RENAISSANCE FROLIC is going back to the turf (18-5-0-2) after returning from Barbados to defeat only 2 rivals when winning a \$100,000 optional claimer, moved to a sealed sloppy track, by 16 ½ lengths. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Victor Lebron in the saddle again. **1 TIZZARUNNER** is going back to the grass after chasing the top choice and never getting close when 2nd behind him last out. Red-hot trainer Carlos David has Luca Panici handling the surface switch.

3 SAILING SOLO is debuting locally for trainer Louie Roussel after the consistent turf campaign in which he used his speed to amass a 7-3-1-3 record during 2019, and finish a solid 2nd in his Fair Grounds finale in February of this year.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-3

RACE 7:

3 TWICE AS MAGICAL is returning to the claiming ranks after following her \$30,000 maiden victory last September with a duel-for-the-lead 4th vs allowance company here during April. Trainer Emmy Gaffney has Paco Lopez named on the lightly raced mare. **4 BOSTON BEAUTIES (IRE)** moved to the Rohan Crichton barn via the claim, and makes her first start since drawing clear to defeat \$25,000 maidens, at the distance, during December. The barn is solid with both recent claims, and the 180 day-plus layoff.

12 ODRAMARK, now in the Rasharn Creque barn, the mare tries '2-lifetime' runners after facing allowance optional claiming sprinters during 2019 with some success (9-1-4-2); Samy Camacho handles the outside post.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-12

RACE 8:

6 LIZA STAR is turning back to 6 ½ furlongs, and facing \$62,500 optional claimers, after encountering trouble when breaking from the rail, then stalking the pace and tiring, behind classy Lady's Island in the 7-furlong \$100,000 Musical Romance. Trainer Peter Walder has go-to jock Miguel Vazquez in the saddle. **3 CORY GAL** is a consistent daughter of Corfu who is on a roll this year. She's used her speed to win 3 races in a row, including the allowance score last out, when she defeated a pair of next-out winners by 2-plus lengths. **1 CRUMB BUN** is stepping up the competition after the sharp victory at this 6 ½-furlong distance in which she drew clear to defeat \$25,000 optional claimer by 5 widening lengths.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-1

RACE 9:

2 LIMETINI is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and turning back to a mile after 'hitting the board' in 1 of 2 recent turf routes at the \$25,000 level. Trainer Todd Pletcher adds 2nd-time blinkers, and Edgard Zayas to the mix. **8 DRAMATIC KITTEN** is hoping to get away from the starting gate trouble free after following a well-meant 2nd place finish at this level and distance, 2 starts back, with a poor starting (veered out), late-closing 4th, at this level last out. **9 BELIEVEITORNOT** is dropping to this level, and adding Lasix, after facing tougher at Tampa with limited success. Armando De La Cerda takes over the training, and has Victor Lebron handling the local turf debut.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-9

BEST BET: RACE 7 – 3 TWICE AS MAGICAL

LONGSHOT: RACE 5 – 5 HARTLING