



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

3 GLORIOUSLY, a solid 2nd sprinting on the grass, vs maiden special weight competition, 2 starts back, returns to the turf, drops to the \$50,000 level, and stretches out to a mile, to get the call in the opener. Trainer Jimmy Jerkens has Luis Saez in the saddle.

6 PHILLY SPECIAL, who was beaten less than a length at this level and distance 2 starts back, moves to the Mary Eppler barn via the claim, and steps back up, after finishing a troubled 5th (checked) vs \$25,000 maidens last out. The daughter of Blame will have Joe Bravo at the controls. **1 UNFORESEEN** is a late-striding type who should be along the grab a share of the tri or super. Trainer Ian Wilkes has Emisael Jaramillo up.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-1

RACE 2:

4 AMANZI YIMPILO (IRE) is a \$300,000 daughter of No Nay Never debuting for the trainer Wesley Ward with the breeding needed to excel on the turf; Irad Ortiz Jr gets the call to face the boys. **12 GOLDEN PAL**, another from Wesley Ward, will debut on the turf, and depart from the outside, after the promising career debut on the main track, in which he finished a game 2nd. Edgar Prado rides the son of Uncle Mo.

7 KODIAK MAMBA (IRE) is a son of Kodiak debuting for the trainer Mark Casse with a solid morning workout pattern showing, which includes the speed enhancing 3-furlong drill on the turf; Luis Saez rides.

SELECTIONS: 4-12-7

RACE 3:

5 PAYNTER FEST is stepping up to the next level after returning from the 2-month layoff to crush a field of \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimers by 7 widening lengths. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr is 32% winning consecutive races. **1 GOT THE GIST** is dropping to this level on the main track after debuting locally for trainer Georgina Baxter to track the pace and weaken to 6th going a 2-turn mile on the turf. The barn, 35% with the grass to dirt angle, has Irad Ortiz Jr handling the surface switch.

2 BIMINI drops, and stretches out to a mile, after making a 5-wide bid and finishing 4th – as the 4-to-5 favorite – vs \$16,000 '3-lifetime' claimers going 7 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Emisael Jaramillo atop strictly the one to beat on the drop.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-2

RACE 4:

11 TWENTY FOUR SEVEN is dropping a notch on the claiming scale after returning from the layoff to finish 3rd vs \$16,000 claimers going a mile. The gelding stretches out to 8 ½ furlongs (13-3-0-4) with Luis Saez in the saddle. **12 MORNING STRIDE** will break from the outside after responding in the first race after the claim by Mike Maker with a 2nd place finish – as the odds-on choice – going a mile and a sixteenth in a race moved from the turf to a mile and a sixteenth on a sealed sloppy track; Irad Ortiz Jr handles the surface switch. **4 COWBOY CULTURE**, now in the Todd Pletcher barn, the 6-year-old drops to the \$12,500 level after facing tougher on the grass, before the layoff, with some success; Edgard Zayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 11-12-4

RACE 5:

3 HANDSOME PRINCE was solid in defeat when he vied for the lead throughout and finished 2nd – beaten a half-length – at this level and distance. Trainer Antonio Cioffi keeps it light with 5-pound apprentice Joseph Trejos in the irons. **5 TEN MILES HIGH** is debuting locally at three-quarters of a mile after the pair of 2nd place finishes going 6 ½ furlongs on the Tampa main track. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Edgard Zayas handling the South Florida debut.

9 DR. SAMADI is a son of Commissioner debuting for trainer Jorge Abreu with Lasix, and jockey Emisael Jaramillo handling the outside post. Note the barn is a strong 28% with first-time starters.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-9

RACE 6:

6 JAXON'S GOLDIE is debuting locally for trainer Bob Hess Jr, and making his first start since finishing 3rd - in front of a pair of next-out winners – in a \$50,000 maiden sprint going 5 ½ furlongs on the Santa Anita turf. The West Coast invader will have Luis Saez at the controls. **2 MR NAPPY** is dropping a notch on the maiden scale after dueling through glib early fractions and finishing 4th – beaten a length – vs \$50,000 maidens. **4 EXTREMELYEXCLUSIVE** moved to the Steve Klesaris barn via the claim, and returns to the turf, after showing some early interest in a \$25,000 maiden test moved from the turf to 7 furlongs on a fast track; Irad Ortiz Jr rides.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-4

RACE 7:

6 LIFE ON THE EDGE is turning back to 7 furlongs on the main track after returning from the layoff to duel for the lead and weaken vs \$25,000 starter optional claimers going a 2-turn mile on the turf. Trainer Kelly Breen, 34% with the grass-to-dirt angle, has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. **4 PICK UP THE FONE**, now in the Todd Pletcher barn, the daughter of Overanalyze makes her first start since setting the pace and finishing 2nd – at the distance -during February. The barn, 24% with new additions to the shedrow, has Luis Saez in the saddle. **2 DON'T GET KHOZY** is stepping up to the \$20,000 level after reeling off consecutive sprint victories at the \$12,500 level. The 'now horse' has Cristian Torres in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-2

RACE 8:

5 SUGAR BOLT is dropping to the \$16,000 level in the first race since dueling through swift early fractions and fading to finish 7th vs tougher in a \$25,000 optional claimer during December. Trainer David Fawkes has Emisael Jaramillo atop the 5-furlong turf specialist (7-2-2-2). **7 PALACE TWO STEP** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the layoff to press the pace and finish 5th at this level and distance. Trainer Joe Orseno has Cristian Torres in the saddle. **6 MS HEADLEY**, who has run well at this distance in the past (2-1-1-0), drops, and turns back to 5 furlongs, after the clunker going a mile vs \$20,000 state-bred optional claimers. Trainer Mary Eppler has Edgard Zayas on this price play.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-6

RACE 9:

3 ROMAN EMPIRE is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after stalking the pace and fading to finish 4th vs this familiar competition going a 1-turn mile last out. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Irad atop the son of Empire Maker, who should appreciate the longer distance.

1 WILD MEDAGLIAD'ORO is stretching out to 8 ½ furlongs after returning from the 11-month layoff to finish 2nd vs \$20,000 state-bred optional claimers going a mile on a sealed sloppy track. Trainer Mark Casse has Luis Saez atop the one to fear.

2 NO GETTING OVER ME, now in the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, the gelding debuts locally after facing stakes competition at Tampa, which includes a 3rd in the 7-furlong Paco, a 2nd in the 6-furlong Inaugural, and a troubled starting 5th (reared) in the Grade 3 Sam Davis going 8 ½ furlongs last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-2

RACE 10:

2 DILLION ROCKS is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and turning back to a mile, after tracking the pace and finishing 3rd in a \$20,000 '2-lifetime' claimer going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Jane Cibelli has Irad named to ride. **4 BACANO** moved to the Antonio Sano barn via the claim, and returns to the turf, after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 2nd place finish vs this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth on a good main track; Luis Saez rides.

10 STAR OF STARS is a son of Creative Cause debuting on the turf at a mile after drawing clear to win his career debut by 7 lengths, in a race that was moved from the turf to 7 furlongs on a sloppy track, last June. Trainer Mike Maker, 21% with the longer than 180 days layoff, has Edgard Zayas riding.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-10

BEST BET: RACE 10 – 2 DILLON ROCKS

LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 6 LIFE ON THE EDGE

