



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**3 GLORIOUSLY**, a solid 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> (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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> – 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> - 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 4<sup>th</sup> – 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 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 7-furlong Paco, a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 6-furlong Inaugural, and a troubled starting 5<sup>th</sup> (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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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****RAINBOW  
PICK 6**