



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

6 CACTUS KITTEN is a daughter of Kitten's Joy making her career debut for trainer Mike Maker in an ideal spot for a first-time starter to succeed. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Irad Ortiz Jr in the saddle. **5 VEER** is stretching out to a mile and an eighth, and dropping on the bottom on turf, after facing better going a mile and a sixteenth with a modicum of success. Trainer Brian Lynch has Emisael Jaramillo up. **11 SUBTLE JOY** is stretching out to 9 furlongs after responding to the dropdown to this level with a 2nd place finish – beaten a half-length going a mile. Trainer Kathy Mongeon has Leonel Reyes in the irons.

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RACE 2:

3 SAY CHEESE is a daughter of Adios Charlie debuting for trainer Larry Rivelli, who has a 30%-win average with this 2-year-old runners; Irad Ortiz Jr rides. **8 SPECIAL INCLUSION** is the logical choice to score after the solid debut at this level and distance in which she rallied to finish 2nd. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa has Emisael Jaramillo returning on the daughter of Social Inclusion. **7 DARLA** is another eligible to take a positive step forward after finishing a troubled starting 4th (broke inward) behind Special Inclusion. Trainer Juan Alvarado is 2 for 10 with this freshman runners.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-7

RACE 3:

7 STURGEON is freefalling to the \$12,500 level after facing considerably tougher throughout his 5-furlong turf campaign. Trainer Kendall Condie has Edgard Zayas atop this 5-time local turf winner.

12 BLACK JET will take off from the outside when both dropping to the \$12,500 level, and making his first start since showing speed and retreating vs a notch tougher before the layoff.

Trainer Georgina Baxter, 31% with the 61-180 days layoff, has Emisael Jaramillo atop the 8-time winner at the distance. **8 BUSHROD** is making his first start since a solid campaign sprinting vs \$25,000 optional claimers before the lengthy layoff. Trainer Kathy Mongeon has Leonel Reyes named to ride.

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RACE 4:

3 JADES GELLY is stretching out around 2-turns after returning from the layoff just 6 days ago and finishing a late-closing 5th going 5 furlongs. Trainer Wesley Ward, who reclaimed this daughter of Lea in January, has Paco Lopez handling this interesting short turnaround. **2 HURRICANE BREEZE** moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim, and steps up to face winners, in the first start since defeating a pair of next-out winners in a fruitful \$50,000 maiden test here during January; Irad Ortiz Jr rides.

7 FANCIFIED is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth again after following her \$30,000 maiden score at the distance with a \$50,000 claiming victory going a mile last out. Trainer Ken McPeck has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-7

RACE 5:

6 GO JO JO GO is wheeling back after the troubled career debut – as the favorite – when she broke outward at the start, and was making a move in the stretch, before she was cut off by a rival causing her to clip heels and dump the rider. Trainer Mike Yates has Leonel Reyes in the saddle again.

1 DEEMED ESSENTIAL is a daughter of Upstart debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with a string of half-mile workouts showing at Palm Beach Downs. Irad Ortiz Jr will handle the pitfalls associated with the always-eventful inside post.

9 JILL'S A HOT MESS is a daughter of Laoban (Uncle Mo) debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks, and owner Eric Guillot, with a trio of workouts showing over the track. The tote action should tell us more about her chances to win at first-asking.

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RACE 6:

6 VINCITORE is debuting locally for trainer Louie Roussel after ending his turf campaign at the Fair Grounds with a set-the-pace 4th – beaten a half-length – vs \$30,000 conditioned claimers. Note the gelding is working well locally since arriving from the farm. **5 LOOKIN AT ROSES** is stretching out to a mile after rallying along the inside to finish 3rd – beaten a length – vs \$20,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Guadalupe Preciado has Irad handling the jump up to the \$30,000 level.

7 VINTAGE KITTEN drops into this 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' affair after facing tougher before the layoff, which includes a 4th place finish in the \$60,000 Sage of Monticello. Trainer Monica McGoey has Nik Juarez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-7

RACE 7:

1 GOOD BYE GREG, who was 4 for 5 'in the money' sprinting on the turf vs \$50,000 optional claimers at Arlington during 2018-19, debuts locally for trainer Larry Rivelli who bats over 60% with the longer than 180 days layoff. The 9-year-old has Nik Juarez in the saddle. **8 R BOY EVENS** claimed by trainer Mike Maker 2 starts back, was sent to the sidelines after dueling for the lead and weakening vs \$16,000 state-bred runners going 5 panels in early March; Irad Ortiz Jr rides. **3 KYLE**, who has shown the ability to sit 'off the pace' at the distance, and run well, can end up in the catbird set behind what is sure to be a mad scramble for the lead. Trainer Carlos David has Leonel Reyes in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 1-8-3

RACE 8:

7 FLORA FANTASY moved to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim after posting her 3rd consecutive victory when defeating this level of competition last out. The new connections enter the mare for the \$16,000 tag in this optional claimer, and have Irad Ortiz Jr going for his 4th consecutive victory on the 6-

year-old. **3 SAYONARA BABY** almost made Flora Fantasy say goodbye to her win streak when she set the pace and finished 2nd to her last out; Edgard Zayas returns for trainer Ramon Minguet.

1 HOW SWEEP IT IS, beaten a length by the top choice on March 18, renews the rivalry after finishing 4th behind repeat winner Cory's Gal at this level last out. Trainer Jane Cibelli has Paco Lopez handling the inside post.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-1

RACE 9:

6 TWEET AWAY ROBIN moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim, and debuts on the turf, after drawing clear to defeat \$25,000 maidens on the dirt by 18-plus lengths. The daughter of Khozan will have Paco Lopez at the controls.

2 POSEIDON'S PASSION will try to make it 4 victories in a row after following her \$75,000 optional claiming score at Tampa by holding on to defeat \$50,000 starter optional claimers here by a nose. Note that she's a perfect 2 for 2 sprinting on the grass. **11 SWIRLING CANDY** moved to the Jose D'Angelo barn via the claim, and dons' blinkers, after dueling throughout and holding sway to defeat \$20,000 2-lifetime claimers last out. She'll be tested for class with Irad at the helm.

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RACE 10:

7 SUPERHIGHWAY is dropping to the \$25,000 level, and moving to the main track, after failing to earn a check vs special weight company on both turf and dirt. Trainer Chad Brown, 47% with similar class drops, has Irad at the controls. **5 NIMBLE BEAST** is stretching out to a mile after responding to both a dropdown, and surface switch, with a set-the-pace 2nd going 7 furlongs in a race moved from turf to dirt. **6 WIND RIDGE** is dropping into the selling ranks after getting beat double-digit lengths vs maiden special weight competition. Trainer Christophe Clement has Samy Camacho in the saddle.

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BEST BET: RACE 7 – 1 GOOD BYE GREG

LONGSHOT: RACE 4 – 3 JADES GELLY