



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

10 BASTIEN LE BROWN is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after rallying to finish 2nd in back-to-back races vs similar going 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael Jaramillo handling the outside stalking trip.

4 WORLDS ON HIGH is a son of Shanghai Bobby debuting for leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr with a consistent morning work tab showing over the track: Alberto Burgos rides.

3 SILVER DOLLAR CITY is certainly eligible to show more after encountering trouble at the start, stalking the pace, and finishing a distant 5th behind the top choice. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Edgard Zayas penciled in for the return riding assignment.

SELECTIONS: 10-4-3

RACE 2:

11 AWESOME VIEW is stretching out around 2 turns after returning from the layoff to finish a well-meant 2nd in her career turf debut contested at 5 furlongs. Trainer Ralph Nicks has go-to jock Emisael Jaramillo handling the stretchout.

6 GOLD COUNTRY will try to stretch her speed to the wire after setting the pace and weakening to finish 3rd at this level and distance on the turf. The 2nd trip at a mile can be a winning affair.

2 TANTALIZING GAL, bred to handle the distance, the daughter of Midshipman stretches out to 8 furlongs after chasing the pace and fading to finish a distant 4th going 5 panels on the grass. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has leading jock Edgard Zayas handling the added distance.

SELECTIONS: 11-6-2

RACE 3:

8 ST JOE VIPER is dropping to the \$8,000 level on the main track after setting the pace and tiring when facing \$12,500 claimers going a 2-turn mile on the turf. Note that the last time the gelding made a similar surface switch he was 3rd behind hard-knocking Rebelde in a \$20,000 claimer going a mile: Cristian Torres will handle the class relief.

2 AEQUOR is dropping into this 'non-winners of 3-lifetime' affair after facing considerably tougher before the layoff with inconsistent results. Trainer Amador Sanchez has Edgard Zayas handling the dropdown. **4 QUASAR MOON** will try conditioned claimers again after rallying to finish 2nd when going a mile vs \$6,250 open claimers last out. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Luis Reyes named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-4

RACE 4:

6 DEXTER ROAD come off a solid 2nd place finish at this level and distance to get the tepid nod in an otherwise wide-open affair. Trainer Tammy Levy has Angel Arroyo in the saddle.

7 FIRST AND THREE is hoping to turn the tables on the top choice after setting the pace and getting collared late by eventual winner J S Bach, and 2nd place finisher Dexter Road.

8 STARSHIP ARAMIS is turning back to a mile after showing early interest and fading when facing open \$8,000 claimers going a mile and a sixteenth last out. Trainer Juan Arias, who claimed him 2 starts back, tabs Victor Lebron to ride.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-8

RACE 5:

6 MIJET is dropping to the \$30,000 level after setting the pace and yielding late when facing \$45,000 claimers going a mile on the grass last out. The speedy daughter of Bernardini will have Edgard Zayas rationing her speed in what should be an easier time - on or near the front end - this time around. **2 GALILEOS BALLERINA** is expected to take a positive step forward after returning from a 5-month plus layoff, and breaking a step slow, when finishing 5th behind speedy Mijet last out. Trainer David Fawkes has Miguel Vazquez handling the 2nd start off the bench.

5 AFFICIONADO (FR) is a consistent sophomore who has rallied to finish 2nd or 3rd vs similar in 4 consecutive turf outings at the distance. It can be déjà vu all over again.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-5**RACE 6:**

5 SPEEDING is stretching out to three-quarters on a mile on the main track after an eventful debut going 5 furlongs on the turf in which she was shuffled back on the far turn, shied in the stretch, and re-rallied to finish a game 3rd. Trainer Mark Casse has her firing bullets on the dirt in preparation for this assignment. **10 GLADYS**, a full-sister to superstar \$3.5 million earner Rachel Alexandra, debuts for trainer Kelsey Danner with a string of consistent workouts showing over the Palm Meadows training track. The tote action should tell us more. **8 MASTERING BELA** is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after chasing the pace and finishing 2nd in her maiden special weight debut going 5 ½ furlongs. The daughter of Cairo Prince will have Samy Camacho in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 5-10-8**RACE 7:**

5 GO GONE GONE almost lived up to his name, but was nailed late after setting blistering fractions of 21 flat & 42 & 4 when beaten a neck at this level and distance. Trainer Georgina Baxter will have Emisael Jaramillo turn on the afterburners as soon as the spring the gate latch.

1 GETTHE MUNY BERNIE, who does his best running from a stalking position, can end up sitting the trip behind what is sure to be a mad scramble for the lead. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has strong finisher Miguel Vazquez atop the lightly raced son of Munnings. **7 SUBLIME APPEAL** is another late-striding type who will try to make it 2 in a row after a perfectly timed ride by Hall of Fame jock Edgar Prado produced a 14-1 upset over \$30,000 conditioned claimers.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-7**RACE 8:**

2 STAR JUANCHO is going back to the main track after following the sharp \$8,000 dated claiming victory on the dirt with troubled starting (tossed head) last vs \$12,5000 types going 2-turns on the turf. **3 STARSHIP APOLLO** moved to the Gary Jackson barn via the claim, and stretches out to 6 ½ furlongs, after following a victory at this distance with a late-running 3rd going three-quarters of a mile last out: Edgard Zayas rides. **5 JAMAICAN** is stretching out an additional half-furlong after responding in the 2nd race after the claim by Victor Barboza Jr with a well-meant 2nd place finish going 6 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-5**RACE 9:**

3 Yafa is dropping to the \$40,000 level after returning from the layoff to finish 2nd – beaten a neck – vs maiden special weight competition going a mile on the turf. Trainer Michelle Nihei has Ronnie Allen Jr atop the daughter of Handsome Mike. **6 SILVER SKY SMOOTH** is a daughter of Temple City debuting for trainer Carlos David with a series of stamina enhancing workout showing, on both turf and dirt, at Palm Meadows: Emisael Jaramillo rides. **11 MS. MELANIA** is a daughter of Air Force Blue (War Front) debuting for trainer Mark Casse with the breeding needed to respond favorably to the grass. Miguel Vazquez rides this intriguing possibility.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-11**BEST BET: RACE 7 – 5 GO GONE GONE****LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 2 STAR JUANCHO**