



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**1 JUMP BACK JACK**, a gelded son of Summer Front (War Front) debuts on the turf after running a respectable 5<sup>th</sup> in a \$40,000 maiden test moved from the turf to 5 furlongs on the main track. The gelding is bred to love the surface switch.

**3 YOUNG THOMAS** is debuting on the turf after breaking slowly and never getting on tracked in his special weight debut going 5 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. Leading trainer Saffie Joseph has leading jock Edgard Zayas atop the son of Dominus.

**7 C. P. A. GENIUS**, 3<sup>rd</sup> in this career debut sprinting on the grass, is going back to the lawn after returning from the layoff to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in front of Young Thomas when they hooked up in the slop. Trainer Pernel Bagwandeen has Rajiv Maragh in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 1-3-7**

## RACE 2:

**4 KIRBY** is stretching out to seven-eighths of a mile after returning from the layoff to chase the pace and finish 4<sup>th</sup> in what should prove to be a good screw tightener for the stretchout in distance.

**1 LUCI BREEZE** is another stretching out to 7 furlongs after rallying to finish a distant 3<sup>rd</sup> vs similar quality in her 5-furlong debut. Trainer Tim Hamm is 21% with his freshman runners.

**5 CHERRY ROCK BRIDGE** is making her first start since finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind next-out winner Rock with Robin in a \$16,000 maiden sprint during July.

**SELECTIONS: 4-1-5**

## RACE 3:

**6 ALL ABOUT STELLA** is dropping into this 'non-winners of 3-lifetime' claimer after finishing 4<sup>th</sup> behind repeat winner Heir Ball in a pair of \$20,000 state-bred optional claimers going 5 furlongs on the grass. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo in the irons.

**3 TWICE AS MAGICAL** is stepping up to the next level after returning from the 2-month layoff to defeat \$25,000 2-lifetime claimers in solid fashion. Trainer Emmy Gaffney has Joseph Trejos going for 2 in a row. **1 BETTERTHENYOURX** is stepping up the competition after keeping her sprint record on the GP turf unblemished when she followed her \$12,500 maiden victory with a traffic filled score vs \$12,500 2-lifetime foes.

**SELECTIONS: 6-3-1**

## RACE 4:

**8 TRAPPEZOID** is dropping to the \$8,000 level, and turning back to a sprint distance, after failing to get untracked when finishing a distant 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$16,000 starter optional claimers going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Saffie Joseph, who claimed him 2 starts back, has Edgard Zayas handling the class relief. **4 RESIDENT** moved to the Peter Walder barn via the claim, and faces dated-claimers, after breaking from a tough post (10), tracking the pace and tiring, vs a hard-knocking field of \$6,250 open claimers. The barn, 24% with new claims, tabs Miguel Vazquez to ride. **3 TACO**, 2<sup>nd</sup> when facing this level of competition 2 starts back, drops after encountering traffic and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$25,000 optional claimers going 5 furlongs on the grass.

**SELECTIONS: 8-4-3**

## RACE 5:

**1 TIMETASTIC** is dropping to the \$40,000 level, and stretching out to a mile, after the pair of 'in the money' finishes vs special weight competition going 5 furlongs. The daughter of Fury Kapcori should be part of the pace when stretching out around 2 turns.

**9 CHARDRENEE** is making her first start since dueling for the lead and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance during December. Trainer Carlos David who has the daughter of Big Drama working well on the Palm Meadows, gives Emisael Jaramillo a leg up. **4 SHE'S JUST QUALITY**, beat a neck at this distance vs special weight runners 2 starts back, drops, and turns back, after coming up empty when going a mile and a sixteenth – as the favorite - last out. Trainer Diane Morici has Carlos Lugo named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 1-9-4**

**RACE 6:**

**5 CURRENT HOPE** is stretching out slightly to 5 ½ furlongs after responding in the first race after the claim by Enrique Torres with a well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish vs \$25,000 state-bred runners going five-eighths of a mile. **1 LITTLE DUDE** is stepping up to this level after vying for the lead throughout and getting beat a nose in his \$16,000 debut contested at 5 furlongs. Trainer Jeff Engler has Luis Reyes handling the inside post for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive race. **7 DREAMING THOUSAND** is another trying 5 ½ furlongs at the \$25,000 level after dueling with Little Dude and finishing a neck behind him in 3<sup>rd</sup> – as the favorite – last out. The consistent freshman (4-0-2-1) has Joe Trejos at the controls.

**SELECTIONS: 5-1-7**

**RACE 7:**

**9 HERO OF THE HOUR** is dropping into this 'non-winners of 3-lifetime' affair after returning from the 2-month freshening to finish a track-the-pace 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$20,000 state-bred optional claimers going a mile. Trainer Louie Roussel has Emisael Jaramillo atop the son of City Zip. **7 NOTSOSUBTLE** is turning back to 8 furlongs after responding to the dropdown to this level, and the addition of blinkers, with an improved effort going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has journeyman Carlos Montalvo in the saddle again. **6 DANVILLE** moved to the Cheryl Winebaugh barn via the claim, and cuts back to a mile, after bumping at the start and never launching a rally vs this level of opposition going 8 ½ furlongs. The 2-time turf winner can rebound at a price.

**SELECTIONS: 9-7-6**

**RACE 8:**

**1 TATWEEJ**, a \$2.5 million-dollar son of Tapit, will try to make it 3 in a row after following his game maiden score - where he shook off all challengers - with a driving score vs \$25,000 optional claimers. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Edgard Zayas going for 3 in a row. **6 I'M A G SIX** moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim after tracking the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> – beaten a length – by hard-knocking Squeezadios at this level and distance last out. The new connections have Hector Berrios named on the consistent 4-year-old, who is 7 for 7 in the money this year (7-3-2-2). **4 BREWMEISTER** is trying a mile again after reeling off back-to-back victories going 6 ½ furlongs, including his last vs \$75,000 optional claimers. Trainer Lisa Lewis has Ronnie Allen Jr up.

**SELECTIONS: 1-6-4**

**RACE 9:**

**7 BENNY'S GIRLFRIEND** is wheeling back after rallying to finish a distant 2<sup>nd</sup> when trying a mile for the first time last out. Trainer David Fawkes has Hector Berrios atop the lightly raced 5-year-old mare. **8 NEW YORK COMMANDER** is eligible to offer more after responding to the surface switch from the turf to dirt with a 3<sup>rd</sup>-place finish at this level and distance. Trainer Sandra Matier lightens the impost with 7-pound apprentice Alberto Burgos in the saddle. **9 CAPTURED LIGHT**, 2<sup>nd</sup> as the favorite at this level and distance 2 starts back, is looking to break trouble free after veering in, and taking up in the chute, when sent off as the betting choice from the rail last out. Trainer Vaughan Heard has Angel Arroyo handling the outside post this time out.

**SELECTIONS: 7-8-9**

**BEST BET: RACE 7 – 9 HERO OF THE HOUR**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 1 – 1 JUMP BACK JACK**

