



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

7 BIG BOSS LADY moved to the Dom Schettino barn via the claim after rallying to finish 2nd at this level going a mile and a sixteenth during February. The barn, 20% with new claims, has Emisael Jaramillo up. **8 OCALA** is dropping into the \$16,000 level after failing to hit the board in consecutive races under maiden special weight conditions. Trainer Norm Casse has Nik Juarez handling the dropdown. **5 BEE WINGS** is eligible to show more after responding in the first race after the claim by Jane Cibelli with an improved 4th place finish – from a tough post – at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-5

RACE 2:

7 MA MEATLOAF, now in the Todd Pletcher barn, the 4-year-old drops to the \$10,000 level after ‘hitting the board’ in 6 consecutive races vs \$16,000 conditioned claimers at Aqueduct; Edgard Zayas rides. **1 BLUE BLUE ICE** will depart from the rail after rallying to finish 2nd at this level and distance last out. Trainer Kent Sweezey has Samy Camacho in the saddle. **6 SIZZLING ROMA** should be ready to show more after returning from the layoff to finish a track-the-pace 3rd behind Blue Blue Ice last out.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-6

RACE 3:

9 BEBEAU is dropping to the \$12,500 level after following his \$20,000 maiden victory at the distance with a stalk-and-fade outing vs \$20,000 ‘2-lifetime’ foes going 7 ½ furlongs on a ‘good’ turf. Trainer Kelly Breen has Nik Juarez riding. **7 PREACHER MARSEE** is going back to the turf after responding in the first race after the claim by Antonio Sano with a poor showing going a mile and a sixteenth on a wet track listed as ‘good’. The 4-year-old clearly does his best running on the grass.

3 SPINNING KITTEN figures prominently on the ticket after rallying 4-wide to come within a neck of scoring at this level and distance. Trainer Kathryn Davey has Angel Rodriguez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 9-7-3

RACE 4:

5 PRAIRIE WINGS should be ready to score after returning from the layoff, in the Todd Pletcher barn, and finishing 2nd at this level and distance. The \$800,000 daughter of Tapit has Edgard Zayas at the helm.

6 GIBBERISH is going back to the main track after responding in the first start under the tutelage of Saffie Joseph Jr with a duel-and-fade outing going a 2-turn mile on the turf. The barn, 33% with the grass to dirt angle, has Emisael Jaramillo atop the daughter of Lea. **1 SNEER**, a well-meant 2nd at this level and distance 2 starts back, stretches out after making an early bid and fading when going 7 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. Watch the skies and bet accordingly.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-1

RACE 5:

2 VEGAS KITTEN, a reclaim by trainer Mark Casse, turns back to a mile after setting the pace and getting caught late when finishing 2nd vs similar quality going a mile and a sixteenth last out; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

9 C C RIDER, 2 for 2 ‘in the money’ on this course, returns after facing tougher in New York before the 8-month layoff. Note that trainer Michael Matz is 6 for 15 (40%) with the longer than 180 days layoff.

7 THE GREEN MO’STER is dropping to the \$40,000 level, and turning back to a mile, after getting parked wide and failing to mount a rally when finishing 7th vs \$62,500 optional claimers going 9 furlongs. Trainer Monica McGoey has Nik Juarez in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 2-9-7

RACE 6:

7 CHILL HAZE is making the 3rd start back from the layoff after finishing 2nd in back-to-back races at this level and distance. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Emisael Jaramillo trying to get the sophomore out of 2nd gear.

8 FAST MAGIC moved to the Joe Orseno barn via the claim after returning from the layoff to finish a late-running 3rd behind Chill Haze last out. The new connections have apprentice Cristian Torres handling the rematch.

2 MUKULWITZ is dropping to the \$50,000 level after facing maiden special weight competition with some success both here and at Tampa. Trainer Fausto Gutierrez has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-2

RACE 7:

7 MS MESHAK is dropping into this dated claimer after facing tougher high-priced optional claimers with some success. Trainer Joe Orseno has Cristian Torres atop the 5-year-old daughter of Shackleford. **8 SHE'S PRIMO** is returning to the main track in the first start since opening and surrendering an 8 ½-length lead when fading in a \$35,000 starter allowance going a 2-turn mile on the turf. Trainer Guadalupe Preciado, who has 2 in the field (Still Alive), has Joe Bravo rationing her speed going 6 panels on the dirt. **6 FOREVER MARTA** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after tracking the pace and finishing a workman-like 4th vs \$32,000 starter allowance runners going 7 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-6**RACE 8:**

4 MY POINT EXACTLY will face \$20,000 open-claimers after hitting the board in 3 consecutive turf races under allowance optional claiming conditions. The 9-time local turf winner, trained by Carlos David, is spotted perfectly. **6 TWENTY FOUR SEVEN** is stepping it up a notch after returning from the layoff to finish a late-closing 3rd – beaten three-quarters of a length – at the \$16,000 level. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Miguel Vazquez named to ride. **5 HIEROGLYPHICS** is dropping, and turning back, after failing to show much, in the first race after the claim by Mike Maker, when finishing 8th vs \$35,000 optional claimers; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-5**RACE 9:**

9 JETTIN OUT is making his first start since his promising freshman campaign that ended with poor showing in the 7-furlong \$200,000 Affirmed Division of the Fla Sire Stakes. Trainer Larry Rivelli is an amazing 20 for 36 (61%) with the longer than 180 days layoff.

3 SEPTEMBERTEN is dropping into this 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' event after following his \$40,000 maiden score with a 4th place finish vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers. **5 TRAVELIN GAMBLER**, a solid 2nd, at this level, on a fast track 2 starts back, wheels back after getting parked wide and finishing 5th going 6 furlongs in the slop last out. Expect improvement if Mother Nature cooperates.

SELECTIONS: 9-3-5**RACE 10:**

11 GINS AND TINS is hoping for clear sailing after searching for racing room when finishing 3rd behind vs this familiar competition last out. Trainer Mary Eppler has Joe Bravo in the saddle. **12 VALDOLOBO (IRE)** will try \$20,000 '3-lifetime' claimers after returning from the layoff to finish a solid 3rd vs \$32,000 starter allowance competition at the distance. Trainer Brendan Walsh has Samy Camacho handling the outside post.

4 MACHIAVELLI is sitting on a winning performance after rallying 5-wide to finish 2nd – beaten a neck – at this level and distance. Trainer Mark Casse has Edgard Zayas in the saddle again.

SELECTIONS: 11-12-4**RACE 11:**

1 ELUSIVE MOLLY is returning from the layoff after a couple head-swirling performances in which she followed her 10 ½-length maiden victory with another 10-length score vs \$35,000 optional claimers going this distance. Mike Maker, who claimed out of her maiden breaker, has Edgard Zayas atop this interesting daughter of Elusive Quality. **5 FIFTYSHAYS OFGREEN** is debuting locally for trainer John Servis, and trying \$75,000 optional claimers, after facing stakes competition before being sent to the sidelines on March 7; Emisael Jaramillo rides. **4 SPARTANKA**, another from Mike Maker, drops after following her maiden victory with an ambitious outing in the Grade 2 GP Oaks, a race that produced next-out stake's winners Swiss Skydiver and Tonalist's Shape.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-4**RACE 12:**

4 CAPE TRIOS moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim, and immediately drops to the \$12,500 level, after finishing 4th vs \$35,000 claimers here during January; Edgard Zayas guides this shaky proposition.

6 TRIXIE'S TIME is dropping a notch after dueling for the lead and fading to finish 3rd vs \$16,000 claimers. The daughter of Hat Trick should be running and gunning as soon as the they spring the gate latch. **9 TRUE HEIRESS** will try to make it 2 in a row after springing the 45-1 shocker when defeating this level of competition in driving fashion. Trainer Julio Cartagena has apprentice Joseph Trejos named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-9**BEST BET: RACE 9 – 9 JETTIN OUT****LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 11 GINS AND TINS**