



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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**RACE 1:**

**3 ZAP MAMA** is a daughter of Mineshaft debuting for trainer Mike Maker with 11 morning workouts showing in preparation for this assignment; Edgard Zayas rides.

**1 LAZY SUMMER DAY**, a daughter of productive turf sire Summer Front, debuts for trainer Ken McPeek with a series of swift workouts showing on the farm. Leading jock Emisael Jaramillo handles the inside post.

**12 LOVE IN HER EYES** is a daughter of Not This Time (Giant's Causeway) debuting for the red-hot Carlos David barn with a steady workout pattern showing at Palm Meadows. The freshman has Samy Camacho handling the outside draw.

**SELECTIONS: 3-1-12**

**RACE 2:**

**1 MORE THAN USUAL** moved to the Amador Sanchez barn via the claim, and breaks from the rail again, after setting the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance. The new connections tab Edgard Zayas to ride.

**6 JANUARY WON**, who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in front of the top choice on the main track 2 starts back, is going back to the dirt after failing to show much on the turf going 9 furlongs last out. Trainer Ken McPeek has Samy Camacho handling the surface switch.

**2 SUPERHIGHWAY** moved to the Marcial Navarro barn after the claim, and steps up to the \$12,500 level, after rallying to finish a stalk-the-pace 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$6,250 '2-lifetime' foes at the distance. He can close out the trifecta with his best effort.

**SELECTIONS: 1-6-2**

**RACE 3:**

**2 JUST KIDDING**, now in the Jorge Delgado barn, the gelding finds an ideal spot to improve on the spate of 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes this year; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

**5 BIG BOY BRUNO** is returning from the layoff, for trainer Peter Walder, looking to recapture the form he displayed during 2019.; Miguel Vazquez rides. **7 DEXTER ROAD** is hoping to show more during the stretch run vs these dated-claimers after rallying to finish a distant 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$8,000 open-claimers last out. Trainer Tammy Levy has apprentice Mario Fuentes handling the outside post.

**SELECTIONS: 2-5-7**

**RACE 4:**

**6 R MAN JOE** is returning from the layoff looking to improve on the quartet of 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes sprinting on the turf, which includes the neck defeat vs winners in the \$75,000 Texas Glitter. Trainer Georgina Baxter is 32% with the 61-180 days layoff. **4 WEEKEND DREAMER** is stepping up to tussle with special weight competition in the first race since finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in a 'key' \$25,000 maiden sprint that has produced 4 next-out winners from 8 starters. Trainer Emmet Jolley has Luca Panici in the saddle. **8 DON V.** is moving the turf after debuting locally, for trainer Efren Loza Jr and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> – beaten less than a length – in a \$32,000 maiden sprint moved to 5 furlongs on the main track.

**SELECTIONS: 6-4-8**

**RACE 5:**

**2 DIAMOND MINT** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after returning from the layoff to finish a duel-for-the-lead 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$16,000 claimers. Trainer Monica McGoey has Samy Camacho at the controls. **11 BLACK JET** moves to an outside post (11), and will try to make it in a row, after returning from the 6-month layoff to defeat \$16,000 claimers at this 5-furlong distance. Trainer Georgina Baxter is 25% winning back-to-back races.

**6 PURE LUCK** is eligible to take a positive step forward after shipping down from Tampa and finishing a late-closing 2<sup>nd</sup> in front of Diamond Mint last out.

**SELECTIONS: 2-11-6**

**RACE 6:**

**3 HIGHLAND MOON** is a daughter of Bodemeister debuting for trainer Gilberto Zerpa with a string of swift workouts showing over the stamina-tweaking GP West main track; Emisael Jaramillo rides. **2 DAUNTLESS GAL** is a daughter of Will Take Charge debuting for trainer John Servis with a consistent workout pattern showing at Palm Meadows. The barn, 20% with their freshman runners, has Luca Panici in the saddle. **1 LOVIN LIVIN** is a daughter of Race Day debuting for trainer Ken McPeek with Edgard Zayas named to handle the inside draw. The tote action should tell us more.

**SELECTIONS: 3-2-1**

**RACE 7:**

**1 TIL THE END** is turning back to a mile again after following the victory at the distance 2 starts back, with a late-running 3<sup>rd</sup> going a mile and a sixteenth last out. The hard-knocking 8-year-old should sit in the catbird seat behind what looks like a hot early pace scenario.

**9 SIR SEAMUS** is stepping up the competition after using his speed to win consecutive turf races at the \$12,500 level. Trainer Carlos David has Samy Camacho named on the one to catch. **5 RHYTHMIA**, another from Saffie Joseph Jr, who also trains Til The End, should be along for a share if the expected pace duel gets hot and heavy.

**SELECTIONS: 1-9-5****RACE 8:**

**3 CHILL HAZE** is turning back to 7 furlongs, and dropping to the \$20,000 level, after setting the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> behind repeat winner Avant Garde in a \$25,000 maiden test going a mile. **7 SEMPER FI** is stretching out to seven-eighths of a mile after recovering from a slow start to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$16,000 maidens going 6 furlongs.

**8 EXCALIBUR** is making his first start since dueling for the lead and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a half-length as the favorite – going a mile here during January. Trainer Juan Alvarado is 29% with a limited sampling of horses returning from a longer than 180 days layoff.

**SELECTIONS: 3-7-8****RACE 9: THE MARTHA WASHINGTON**

**7 TOURNESOL** is turning back to a mile after returning from the freshening to notch her 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive victory when she won the 8 ½-furlong \$60,000 Portofino Bay last out. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas in the irons. **3 YESTERDAYONCEMORE (IRE)** is cutting back to this distance after surrendering a late lead when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – a neck behind Tournesol – in the Portofino Bay. Trainer Patrick Biancone has Luca Panici handling the rematch. **10 FUJAIRAH** is stretching out to a mile, and returning to South Florida, after shipping up to Monmouth to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in the rained out 5 ½ furlong Blue Sparkler Stakes. Trainer Carlos David has Santiago Gonzalez riding the previous winner at the distance.

**SELECTIONS: 7-3-10****RACE 10:**

**6 MARKISTAN** is stepping up to face winners after returning from the layoff, breaking from a tough outside post (11), and proceeding to crush a field of \$10,000 maidens by almost 8 lengths. **3 MYSTIC COMIN HOME** is hoping to save more firepower for the stretch run after showing speed and weakening late in a trio of sprints at this level. Trainer Dan Pita has Emisael Jaramillo rationing her speed.

**8 GIOIELLI** has her claiming tag sliced in half in the first race since finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers during May. Trainer Jose D'Angelo is 21% with this type of layoff.

**SELECTIONS: 6-3-8****RACE 11: THE NOT SURPRISING**

**2 GRACEFUL KITTEN**, who was impressive winning 3 consecutive races, including victories in the Armed Forces and Proud Man Stakes to start his career, and bad in both the Pulpit Stakes and the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf before the layoff, returns for Amador Sanchez with a string of sharp workouts over the track.

**9 GIVEMETWENTY** is making his stakes debut for trainer Ralph Nicks after series of sharp turf outings vs \$50,000 starter optional claimers. The son of Declaration of War has Emisael Jaramillo in the irons. **3 KOKOKOMO** is making his stakes debut for trainer Todd Pletcher, and that should be more than enough to pique your interest. The son of Uncle Mo was solid defeating \$75,000 optional claimers on a 'good' turf.

**SELECTIONS: 2-9-3****RACE 12:**

**9 HERO UP** is wheeling back looking to use his speed to steal the nightcap from on or just off the pace. Trainer Laura Cazares has Samy Camacho atop the 3-year-old son of Hero of Order. **7 BAHAMIAN PARK**, who does his best running in the latter stages of the race, will be there to pick up the pieces if the top choice fails to stretch his speed to the wire. Trainer Joe Orseno has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle. **2 VINCITORE** is making the usually fruitful 3<sup>rd</sup> start back from the layoff after rallying to finish 5<sup>th</sup> – as the tepid favorite – at this level and distance last out. Trainer Louie Roussel has Edgar Prado in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 9-7-2****BEST BET: RACE 11 – 2 GRACEFUL KITTEN****LONGSHOT: RACE 12 – 9 HERO UP**