



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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**RACE 1:**

**4 GAROTA** is cutting back to a 1-turn mile after drawing clear to defeat \$20,000 maidens by 7 widening lengths, while going a mile and a sixteenth. **9 IT'S A LOVELY DAY** is stretching out to a mile after showing some late interest when finishing 4<sup>th</sup> vs similar quality going 6 furlongs on a wet-fast surface. Trainer Jason Servis has apprentice Romero Maragh handling the added distance. **8 SHANGHAISWEETHEART** is stretching out to a mile after showing speed and flattening out when facing '2-lifetime' foes in a pair at the 6 and 6 ½-furlongs, respectively; Tyler Gaffalione should have this mare in the first flight at 8 panels.

**SELECTIONS: 4-9-8**

**RACE 2:**

**7 EDGE OF FIRE** is a son of Curlin debuting for trainer Jimmy Jerkens with a series of solid workouts showing at Palm Meadows. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Jose Ortiz in the saddle. **1 ELLIS ISLAND** is a son of Will Take Charge debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and John Velazquez named to handle the always-eventful inside post. **3 AJHAR** is an \$800,000 son of Tapit debuting for trainer Kieran McLaughlin with 11 Palm Meadows workouts showing in preparation for this assignment; Nik Juarez rides.

**SELECTIONS: 7-1-3**

**RACE 3:**

**1 RISING BELLA** moved to the Steve Klesaris barn via the claim, and wheels back, after unleashing a 3-wide charge to win at this level and distance last out. The new connections keep the status quo with leading jock Irad Ortiz Jr in the saddle. **5 ELUSIVE MOLLY** moved to the Bobby Dibona barn after the claim, and returns to the turf, after rocketing clear to defeat \$32,000 maidens – on a wet-fast track – by 10-plus lengths. Note the daughter of Elusive Quality is 3 for 4 'in the money' on the turf. **6 YOLANDA'S PRIDE** is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after setting the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> to stablemate Rising Bella at this level and distance. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Edgard Zayas returning on this half of his uncoupled entry.

**SELECTIONS: 1-5-6**

**RACE 4:**

**6 KID BOURBON** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after the well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish going a mile in which he was beaten a neck. Trainer Mark Hennig has Julien Leparoux named to ride. **2 GUMP**, now in the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, the hard-knocking gelding drops, and stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth, after shipping up to Tampa and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> vs state-bred competition in the 7-furlong Marion County; Manny Franco rides. **8 FEARLESS** is stepping up to face winners at a mile and a sixteenth after dueling from start-to-finish and holding sway to win his 6-furlong career debut as the odds-on choice. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Irad named to handle the stretchout.

**SELECTIONS: 6-2-8**

**RACE 5:**

**7 UNLEVERAGED** is turning back to 9 furlongs after ending his 4-year-old campaign with a stalk the pace 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish vs this level of competition going a mile and a quarter. Trainer Chad Brown has Irad Ortiz Jr atop the lightly raced son of Scat Daddy. **2 NOBLE INDY**, a previous winner at the distance on the turf, is going back to the grass after chasing the action and fading when facing \$100,000 optional claimers going a mile on a sloppy Aqueduct main track. Trainer Todd Pletcher has John Velazquez in the irons. **1 PROJECTED (GB)** is stretching out to a mile and an eighth after returning from the layoff to finish a troubled (boxed in) 2<sup>nd</sup> going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Eddie Kenneally has Tyler Gaffalione handling the added distance.

**SELECTIONS: 7-2-1**

**RACE 6: THE FORWARD GIRL (G3)**

**6 TONALIST'S SHAPE** is turning back to seven-eighths of a mile after keeping her record unblemished when she drew clear to win the 1-mile \$75,000 Hut Hut by 9 widening lengths. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Irad handling the undefeated daughter of Tonalist. **4 STREET OF DREAMS** is dreaming of bigger and better things to come when she debuts locally after using her speed to break her going a mile on a sealed sloppy Churchill main track. Trainer Ian Wilkes has Chris Landeros in the saddle.

**3 FUJAIRAH** is stretching out to 7 furlongs after following a series of outings on the turf vs stakes-caliber competition with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish going 6 furlongs on the main track. Trainer Carlos David has Paco Lopez atop the daughter of Ghostzapper.

**SELECTIONS: 6-4-3**

**RACE 7:**

**9 PALM SPRINGS** is stretching out to a mile after the promising 6-furlong debut in which he rallied to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – as the odds-on choice. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Javier Castellano returning on the million-dollar son of Uncle Mo. **2 KING KHOZAN** is debuting locally at a mile for trainer Bill Mott after tracking the pace and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in his 6-furlong debut at Aqueduct, a race that's produced a couple of next-out winners from 4 starters.

**3 BEAR ALLEY**, a half-brother to \$1.8 million earner Arklow, has been training sharply over the track after failing to fire here in his 6-furlong debut. Trainer Dale Romans has Tyler Gaffalione handling the stretchout.

**SELECTIONS: 9-2-3**

**RACE 8: THE SWEETEST CHANT (G3)**

**7 MORAL REASONING** is stretching out to a mile after following her 6-furlong maiden victory at Aqueduct with a troubled (steadied) 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish – beaten a neck by **3 SHE'S MY TYPE (FR)** in the 7 ½-furlong \$100,000 Ginger Brew last out. The latter, trained by Christophe Clement will try to keep her record unblemished after the hard-fought victory last out. **6 MICHELINE**, a stakes winner on the turf during her freshman season, debuts locally after defeating \$75,000 optional claimers going a mile on the Tampa turf. Trainer Mike Stidham has Jose Ortiz in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 7-3-6**

**RACE 9: THE SWALE (G3)**

**2 UNTITLED**, now in the Mark Casse barn, the son of Khozan faces winners after drawing clear like an international good thing to break his maiden, at first asking, by 11 head-swirling lengths; Jose Ortiz rides.

**4 GREEN LIGHT GO** is turning back to 7 furlongs after the stellar freshman campaign in which he won the 6 ½-furlong Grade 2 Saratoga Special, and followed that with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish behind Holy Bull favorite Tiz the Law in the 1-mile Grade 1 Champagne at Belmont; Javier Castellano rides for Jim Jerkens.

**1 MISCHIEVOUS ALEX** is debuting locally for John Servis, and making his first start since winning the 7-furlong Parx Juvenile by almost 10 lengths.

**SELECTIONS: 2-4-1**

**RACE 10: THE DANIA BEACH**

**1 MR. KRINGLE** is turning back to a mile after surrendering a late lead when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Homeland in the Central Park. He has speed, the rail, and a chance to wire the field at a price. **3 HOMELAND** will be treated with Lasix for his local debut after the pair of strong turf outings up north in which won his mile and a sixteenth debut, and followed that with a narrow defeat in the \$100,000 Central Park on a yielding Aqueduct turf. Trainer Bill Mott has Jose Ortiz atop the son of American Pharoah. **10 GET SMOKIN** is stretching out to a mile after setting the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a half-length – in the 7 ½-furlong Grade 3 Kittens Joy. Trainer Tom Bush has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle as Jose Ortiz moves to Homeland.

**SELECTIONS: 1-3-10**

**RACE 11: THE HOLY BULL (G3)**

**3 TIZ THE LAW**, the much-touted son of Constitution, makes his sophomore debut after stellar 2-year-old campaign in which he won the Grade 1 Champagne at Belmont, and was 3<sup>rd</sup> – on a sealed sloppy track – in the Grade 2 Kentucky Juvenile Cup. Trainer Barclay Tagg has Manny Franco in to ride. **1 TOLEDO** is making his stakes debut for trainer Chad Brown at a mile and a sixteenth after following his 7-furlong maiden victory with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish going a mile here vs \$75,000 optional claimers; Irad Ortiz Jr rides. **4 ETE INDIEN** is stretching out to 8 ½ furlongs after returning from the layoff to defeat a field of \$75,000 optional claimers going a mile, a race that included Toledo. Trainer Patrick Biancone has Luca Panici going for 2 in a row.

**SELECTIONS: 3-1-4**

**RACE 12:**

**12 GINS AND TINS**, beaten only a neck when facing this level of competition during December, drops after the rough outing vs \$12,500 starter optional claimers in which he clipped heels and finished 5<sup>th</sup> behind free-running Alien Invasion. Trainer Juan Avila has Jose Ortiz handling the outside post. **6 ROBINTAKINCHARGE** is dropping to the \$16,000 level with the speed needed to steal the finale on the front end. Jockey Emisael Jaramillo is the man you want at the controls. **1 MR STARK** is stepping up to next level after dueling throughout and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>, before being placed first when the winner was disqualified. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Edgard Zayas in the saddle again.

**SELECTIONS: 12-6-1**

**BEST BET: RACE 12 – 12 GINS AND TINS**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 1 MR. KRINGLE**