



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

10 CROI MOR moved to the Jorge Navarro barn via the claim, and stretches out to 8 ½ furlongs, after prompting the pace and finishing 3rd – as the 3-to-5 favorite – going a mile last out; Jose Ortiz rides. **12 TAP MEMORIES** is a \$200,000 gelded son of Tapit debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and Luis Saez named to ride. The concern is the tough outside post. **5 LOVEDISK** is stretching out an additional 16th of a mile after showing some late run in a pair of local turf outings going a mile.

SELECTIONS: 10-12-5

RACE 2:

3 ANIMAL TRICK is stretching out to a mile (4-2-0-0) after responding in the first race after the claim by Rasharn Creque with a \$6,250 open-claiming victory going 7 furlongs. **2 PANGO** will try to make it 2 in a row after responding to both a surface switch, and the stretchout to a mile, with a 5-length plus score vs \$16,000 claimers. Trainer Dave Kassen has Edgar Prado named to ride. **7 ARRIVEDERLA** moved to the Pedro Sobarzo barn via the claim, steps up, and stretches out, after drawing clear to defeat \$8,000 '3-lifetime' claimers at 6 ½ furlongs; Paco Lopez rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-7

RACE 3:

3 ATTACHMENT RATE is stretching out to a mile after almost pulling off the 50-1 upset when finishing 2nd in his local debut going 7 furlongs. Trainer Dale Romans has Luis Saez named to ride. **1 MR. PHILLY DILLY** is stretching out to 8 furlongs after shipping in for trainer Ben Perkins Jr and finishing a duel-for-lead 2nd – beaten a half-length – going three-quarters of a mile. **5 SAG HARBOR** is stretching out to this distance after rallying wide to finish 3rd behind Mr. Philly Dilly going 6 panels last out. Trainer Jorge Navarro has Jose Ortiz handling the added distance.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-5

RACE 4:

2 VERDICT IS IN is dropping to the \$16,000 level after showing some early interest and fading in back-to-back turf outings vs \$30,000 types. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Paco Lopez named on the 2-time winner at the distance (5-2-1-0). **7 QUICK ENOUGH** will try to make it 2 in a row after responding to the dropdown in competition with a victory vs \$20,000 claimers at the distance. Trainer Todd Pletcher reunites the Kitten's Joy gelding with Luis Saez, who rode the horse perfectly last out. **4 MY G P S** is stepping up to face winners after parlaying a strong move in the stretch into a \$25,000 maiden score at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-4

RACE 5:

3 MONEY MOVES is a \$975,000 son of Candy Ride debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with a solid morning work tab showing a Palm Beach Downs. The regally bred sophomore gets Lasix, and has Luis Saez in the irons. **5 SKY MISCHIEF** is debuting locally with blinkers added after showing promise upstate at Tampa when finishing 2nd in a maiden special weight sprint at this distance. The son of Into Mischief will have Paco Lopez at the controls. **8 GALLANTRY**, another from trainer Todd Pletcher, the son of Liam's Map is working sharply at Palm Beach Downs. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has John Velazquez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-8

RACE 6:

1 STARSHIP APOLLO moved to the Murat Sancal barn via the claim after stalking the pace and finishing a solid 2nd at this level and distance. The hard-knocking 10-time local winner has Jose Ortiz handling the inside post. **6 RAY'SWARRIOR** moved to the Amador Sanchez barn after the claim, and wheels back, after setting the pace and fading to 3rd behind repeat winner Mr Atila at this level and distance. The gelding, 2nd behind Starship Apollo 2 starts back, has Hector Berrios trying to reverse that outcome. **5 BLACK PEPPER** moved to the Mike Tomlinson barn via the claim after racing wide and finishing 4th behind Ray'swarrior last out. The new connections tab Tyler Gaffalione to ride.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-5

RACE 7:

9 OR'EFFICE, a \$725,000 son of Medaglia d'Oro, is stretching out to 9 furlongs after the promising turf debut going a mile in which he rallied to finish 4th. The colt, bred to respond favorably to the distance, has Luis Saez in the saddle. **4 TURN OF EVENTS** is stretching out to a mile and an eighth after rallying late to finish 3rd-beaten a neck at 24-1 – going a mile last out. Trainer Mike Maker has Miguel Vazquez named on the son of Hard Spun.

7 HOOYAH is a son of Declaration of War (War Front), and half-brother to Grade 1 winner War Command, debuting for trainer Jimmy Jerkens with Lasix, and Rajiv Maragh named to ride. The tote action should tell us more about his chances to win a first-asking.

SELECTIONS: 9-4-7**RACE 8:**

1 SECRET MISS is dropping to the \$16,000 level after dueling for the lead and finishing 3rd – beaten 2 lengths – vs \$25,000 maidens. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Miguel Vazquez handling the inside speed. **5 R LOVELY JULZ**, who showed promise sprinting on the turf here last summer, is back in South Florida for trainer Gerald Bennett after drawing clear to defeat \$25,000 maidens going 5 furlongs on the Tampa main track; Jose Ortiz rides this part of the pace puzzle.

9 SUE'S MONSTER BABY moved to the Rasharn Creque barn via the claim, and debuts on the turf, with both the breeding, and running style, needed to sit in the catbird seat off what should be a hot early pace.

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

4 MOZO BELLO is going back to the main track after highlighting his versatility when finishing a rallying 3rd vs similar going a 2-turn mile on the turf. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Paco Lopez handling the surface switch. **2 SOUPER JAGUAR**, 3rd behind Mozo Bello when they competed on the dirt 2 starts back, and 2nd in front of him on the turf last out, renews the rivalry for trainer Mark Casse, and jockey Luis Saez. **3 TRANSISTOR**, now in the Juan Alvarado barn, the 5-year-old makes his first start since facing similar quality with success before the almost 10-month layoff. Jockey John Velazquez, who rode Souper Jaguar last out, shifts to this Arindel homebred.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-3**RACE 10:**

10 ISLA ROAD is back in the allowance ranks after rallying to finish a game 2nd – beaten a neck – in the \$75,000 Tropical Park Oaks. The consistent daughter of Quality Road has Tyler Gaffalione trying to get her out of 2nd gear.

7 ALL QUALITY, another daughter of Quality Road, debuts locally after flashing ability in a series of turf allowance races up north. Trainer Mark Casse has the 4-year-old training sharply on the Palm Meadows turf, and has John Velazquez named to ride. **4 CODRINGTON** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after responding in the first race after the claim by Elizabeth Dobles with a \$35,000 starter allowance score going a mile. More importantly, the mare should sit the 'trip' behind the abundance of speedy types in the field.

SELECTIONS: 10-7-4**RACE 11: THE ROYAL DELTA (G3)**

5 GOLDEN AWARD is turning back to a mile and a sixteenth after ending her 2019 campaign with a hard-fought victory in the 9-furlong Grade 3 Turnback the Alarm at Aqueduct. Trainer Bill Mott, who has the mare firing bullets at Payson Park, has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride. **6 COOKIE DOUGH**, now in the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, the speedy daughter of Brethren makes her first start since setting the pace and finishing 2nd to repeat stakes winner Pink Sands in the 1-mile Grade 3 Rampart during December. **4 RESTLESS RIDER**, who is Grade 1 stakes-placed every time she returns from a layoff, is making her first start since coming up empty in the Grade 1 Kentucky Oaks last May. Trainer Ken McPeck has Jose Ortiz atop the classy daughter of Distorted Humor.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-4**RACE 12:**

2 ASTOUNDMENT, a daughter of Kitten's Joy, is debuting locally for trainer Jimmy Toner after following a couple of solid turf outings here last winter with a stalk-and-fade 7th in a 'key' 8 ½ furlong maiden-allowance at Keeneland last April that produced a trio of next-out winners; John Velazquez guides the longshot special. **7 OCEAN FIRE** is looking to make amends after breaking from the rail, tracking the pace, and finishing 3rd – as the favorite – vs 4 rivals at this level and distance. Her biggest challenge will surely come from **12 SMACK**. The latter, smacked with a tough outside post, renews the rivalry with Ocean Fire after setting the pace and just getting caught late when beaten a neck last out. Trainer Christophe Clement has Tyler Gaffalione atop the speedy daughter of Super Saver.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-12**BEST BET: RACE 7 – 9 OR'EFFICE****LONGSHOT: RACE 12 – 2 ASTOUNDMENT**