



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

3 VEER is dropping to the \$10,500 level after making a middle move before fading to finish 5th vs \$16,000 maidens. Trainer Brian Lynch has Angel Arroyo in the saddle. **7 WONDER BLONDY** is another dropping to this level after finishing 3rd – beaten a length – vs \$16,000 maidens at the distance. **10 COUPLE OF NIKKIS** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after rallying to finish 2nd – as the favorite – vs similar going a mile. Trainer Joe Orseno has Emisael Jaramillo handling the outside draw.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-10

RACE 2:

2 SWAGGER is trying \$8,000 dated claimers after running into a buzz saw named Combination in consecutive races, which includes the stalk-and-fade outing in a \$10,500 open-claimer last out.

7 STAR JUANCHO is dropping to this level after moving to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim and showing speed and fading vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers. He's spotted perfectly vs this level of competition.

5 TOWN POLICY is dropping to the \$8,000 level on the main track after returning from the extended layoff to finish an uninspired 8th vs \$30,000 conditioned claimers going 5 furlongs on the turf.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-5

RACE 3:

8 JUSTINTHENICKOTIME is dropping to this level after just getting nipped at the wire when finishing 2nd – beaten a neck – vs \$75,000 optional claimers. Trainer Mike Maker has Samy Camacho named to ride.

9 GIVEMETWENTY is turning back to a mile after breaking from the outside (Post 10), stalking the pace, and finishing 2nd vs this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo handling the 1-mile distance.

1 UNCORK THE BOTTLE, 1 of 2 in the field for Saffie Joseph Jr, goes back to the turf (3-1-2-0) after the stalk-and-fade performance on the dirt; Edgard Zayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 8-9-1

RACE 4:

5 CRYSTALINA, beaten a nose at this level going 7 furlongs 2 starts back, drops a notch after finishing 3rd when facing \$12,500 maidens at this 1-mile distance. Trainer Amador Sanchez lightens the load with 7-pound apprentice Mario Fuentes in the saddle.

2 LET'S GO LUNA is stretching out to this 1-turn mile after rallying to finish 3rd in her local return going 7 furlongs; Leonel Reyes rides. **9 BUST OUT LADY** is dropping to the \$10,000 level after facing tougher – at the distance – before the layoff. Trainer Mike Lerman has leading jock Edgard Zayas at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-9

RACE 5:

9 LADY LARKO is dropping to this level after setting the pace, and yielding late, when finishing 4th – beaten 1 ½ lengths – vs \$16,000 maidens. Trainer Gerard Ochoa has Emisael Jaramillo handling the outside post.

8 SWANEE BEACH is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and debuting on the turf, after vying for the lead and finishing 4th in a \$25,000 maiden race moved from the grass to a 1-turn mile on the dirt. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Rajiv Maragh up. **6 CACTUS KITTEN** is a daughter of productive turf sire Kitten's Joy debuting for trainer Mike Maker, and that should be more than enough to pique your interest.

SELECTIONS: 9-8-6

RACE 6:

5 LOOKINLIKEAQUEEN, a reclaim by Rohan Crichton, is departing from an improved post after breaking slowly from Post 11 before rallying to get beat a couple of lengths when finishing 6th at this level and distance; Luca Panici rides. **6 DYNATOWN** is sitting on a winning performance after returning from the layoff to finish a rallying 2nd behind repeat winner Key Biscayne last out. Trainer Mark Casse has Hector Berrios in the saddle. **9 YOLANDA'S PRIDE** is hoping to rebound after following a well-meant 2nd vs similar quality 2 starts back with a stalk and fade outing behind Dynatown last out. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Emisael Jaramillo handling the outside draw.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-9

RACE 7:

8 MASCABRONI is a son of Hard Spun debuting for trainer Fausto Gutierrez with Lasix, and a strong morning work tab showing at Palm Meadows. Impressive apprentice Joseph Trejos will handle the outside post.

1 PERLMAN, a \$300,000 son of Distorted Humor, now in the Wesley Ward barn, the 4-year-old makes his first start since finishing 2nd here at this level and distance during January. The new connections remove the blinkers for this assignment. **6 SIR KAHN** is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after the rough return from the layoff, in which stumbled at the start, hit the rail at the 3/16th pole, and still finished 3rd going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Dan Pita has him working well at GP West.

SELECTIONS: 8-1-6

RACE 8:

2 PICASSO MOON, now in the Elizabeth Dobles barn, the mare drops to the \$12,500 level in the first start since showing tactical speed vs \$25,000 types before the barn change; Victor Lebron rides. **10 LA INCONDICIONAL** is cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs after returning from the freshening to finish a prompt-the-pace 3rd vs similar going a mile. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Edgar Prado handling the 2nd consecutive start from Post 10. **5 ADAMANT** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after returning from the layoff to finish a track-and-fade 9th vs \$30,000 conditioned claimers. Trainer Emmet Jolley spots her perfectly vs this level of competition.

SELECTIONS: 2-10-5

RACE 9: THE AZALEA

5 DON'T GET KHOZY is making her stakes debut for the red-hot Antonio Sano barn after impressive back-to-back victories, including the open-length score vs \$75,000 optional claimers at this niche 7-furlong distance; Joseph Trejos rides without the apprentice allowance.

6 BOERNE is debuting at the distance after her 3-race win streak ended when she finished 2nd to classy Up in Smoke in the 6 ½-furlong \$75,000 Game Face. The daughter of Fed Biz, who is strictly the one to beat, has Edgard Zayas in the saddle again. **3 ADDILYN**, another from Antonio Sano, stretches out to seven-eighths of a mile (2-1-1-0) after rallying late to finish 3rd in the 6 ½-furlong Game Face last out.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-3

RACE 10:

7 SIR SEAMUS is cutting back to a mile after leading every step of the way to defeat \$12,500 '3-lifetime' claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on a good course. Trainer Carlos David has Samy Camacho named to ride.

9 TWENTY FOUR SEVEN is dropping to this level after making a 5-wide charge to come within three-quarters of a length of defeating \$16,000 claimers when 3rd at the distance. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard named to ride. **11 HOT AND HEAVY** will try to make it 2 in a row after tracking the pace and getting up to by a nose at this level and distance; Luis Reyes rides again.

SELECTIONS: 7-9-11

RACE 11: THE CARRY BACK

2 CAJUN BROTHER is turning back to a sprint distance after his 2-race win streak ended when he set the pace and faded in a 1-mile \$75,000 allowance optional claimer last out. Trainer Mike Yates has Miguel Vazquez handling the turnback. **5 DOUBLE CROWN** is stretching out an additional half-furlong after rallying to win the 6 ½-furlong \$75,000 Roar Stakes last out. Trainer Kathy Ritvo, who has 2 in the field (Ournationonparade), has Cristian Torres going for 2 in a row. **6 WITH VERVE**, who was 3rd behind Double Crown in the Roar, turns back after finishing 5th behind classy Sole Volante in a \$100,000 optional claimer going a mile.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-6

RACE 12:

2 DR. SAMADI is stretching out to a mile after the promising 6-furlong debut in which he rallied to finish 2nd in front of a trio of next-out winners. Trainer Jorge Abreu has Harry Hernandez handling the added distance.

3 CURLINGO is dropping to the \$25,000 level after failing to show much in his maiden special weight debut. The \$900,000 son of Curlin, trained by Todd Pletcher, has Edgard Zayas trying to spark a wakeup call.

9 CHILL HAZE moved to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim, and stretches out to 8 furlongs, after finishing 4th vs \$16,000 maidens going 6 furlongs in the slop; Emisael Jaramillo rides. **1 LIGHT FURY** will depart from the rail after finishing an okay 3rd in a race moved from the turf to a mile on a fast track. Trainer Larry Pilotti has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle again.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-9-1

BEST BET: RACE 9 – 5 DON'T GET KHOZY

LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 8 MASCABRONI