



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

7 VEER is dropping to the bottom, and turning back to a mile, after making a middle move and fading when 5th vs \$16,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Brian Lynch has Emisael Jaramillo handling the turnback. **3 FIELD BET** is debuting locally at the \$12,500 level after facing tougher at Santa Anita last June with some success. Trainer Jeff Engler has Victor Lebron atop this intriguing California shipper. **5 CACTUS KITTEN** is a daughter of Kitten's Joy, out of the Hard Spun dam Arana, debuting for trainer Mike Maker with the breeding need to take to the turf like a lawnmower run amok.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-5

RACE 2:

1 CONGRATS THAT is stretching out to 5 ½ furlongs after the rough outing going five-eighths of a mile in which he bumped at the start, checked at the 3/8th-pole, and still managed to finish 2nd. Trainer Mike Yates has Miguel Vazquez handling the inside post. **2 INTO THE SUNRISE** is a \$325,000 son of Into Mischief debuting for trainer Wesley Ward with a string of sharp works showing at Palm Meadows, which includes the recent half-mile bullet on the turf. **5 COBB** is stretching out an additional furlong after recovering from a tardy start to finish a 4-wide 4th in his 4 ½-furlong debut.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-5

RACE 3:

2 WITCH HUNTER is stepping up to face '2-lifetime' runners after drawing clear to defeat a pair of next-out winners in a \$10,000 maiden race contested at a mile. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr is 31% winning consecutive races. **3 ETANA** is dropping to the \$6,250 level after making a 5-wide bid to finish a distant 3rd vs \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile in an 'off the turf' event. **4 PAOLA'S TEAM** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after returning from the layoff to finish 2nd in a race moved from 7 ½ furlongs on the turf to 7 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-4

RACE 4:

5 FLORADO is dropping to the \$25,000 level after setting the pace and weakening to finish 4th – beaten 2 lengths – in a 'key' \$40,000 maiden race that's produced 3 next-out winners from 6 starters. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas up. **8 GARNER STATE PARK** moved to the Rohan Crichton barn via the claim, and adds blinkers, after rallying to finish 2nd – beaten a neck – in a \$16,000 maiden race going 8 ½ furlongs; Miguel Vazquez rides. **11 OUR FANTASY** has her claiming tag sliced in half in the first start since facing better with some success before the layoff. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Mario Pino named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 5-8-11

RACE 5:

11 VICTORY CRUSADE is turning back to three-quarters of a mile, with blinkers added, after responding to both the claim by Mike Maker, and the drop from the \$25,000 level, with a 2nd place finish going 6 ½ furlongs. **3 COMMANDING LADY** is dropping to the \$10,000 level after dueling for the lead and weakening to finish 3rd vs \$16,000 maidens. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has Cristian Torres in the saddle. **8 MAMMEE BAY** is a daughter of Tapizar debuting for trainer Rohan Crichton in a perfect spot for a first-time starter to grab a share of the exotic wagers.

SELECTIONS: 11-3-8

RACE 6:

2 DESCENTE is dropping to the \$8,000 level after returning from the layoff to post her 3rd consecutive victory when she defeated \$12,500 claimers by almost 12 lengths. Trainer Rohan Crichton, who claimed her 2 starts back, has Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **7 BIMINI** is stepping up to face open-claimers after drawing clear to defeat \$6,250 '3-lifetime' claimers by 5 widening lengths. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Emisael Jaramillo going for 2 in a row. **5 GRACE'S DRAMA** was solid in defeat when she closed from last to finish 2nd at this level and distance. The mare should seed a similar pace scenario today.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-5

RACE 7:

8 TRIBUTE FLAG is a \$245,000 son of Carpe Diem debuting for trainer Louie Roussel in a good spot for a first-time starter to succeed. The obvious concern is that this pricey colt can be haltered for only \$12,500.

9 SUNDOWN KID has his claiming tag cut in half, and adds blinkers, after returning from the layoff and finishing a disappointing 9th in a \$25,000 maiden sprint on the dirt. The colt goes back to the grass with Rajiv Maragh riding for trainer Allen Maragh. **10 NOBODYKNOWSNOTHIN**, back in the Dave Kassen barn, the gelding plummets to the \$12,500 level after facing special weight competition at Tampa with little success. The dropdown, and the fact that Miguel Vazquez hops aboard, are positive signs.

SELECTIONS: 8-9-10

RACE 8:

7 SWEET MIA is stretching out to 7 furlongs after making a middle move and settling for 3rd behind classy Boerne in an allowance sprint contested at 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Edgard Zayas named on the previous winner at the distance. **1 RUN DEVIL** is turning back to seven-eighths of a mile after following her 1-mile maiden victory with a set-the-pace 2nd in a \$16,000 state-bred optional claimer moved from turf to 8 furlongs on a 'good' track. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has go-to jock Emisael Jaramillo handling the tough inside post.

5 MONEY NEVER SLEEPS is looking to get back to the winner's circle after following her \$50,000 score at the distance, 2 starts back, with a 3rd place finish at this level and distance last out. Trainer Terri Pompay has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-5

RACE 9:

5 MYSTIC LANCELOT moved to the Happy Alter barn via the claim, and turns back to a mile, after rallying to finish 2nd – beaten a length – in a \$75,000 optional claimer going 9 furlongs. The new connections tab Emisael Jaramillo to ride. **6 RIGGINS** moved to the Elizabeth Dobles barn via the claim, and faces winners, after rallying 4-wide to defeat \$65,000 maidens at the distance. Trainer Dobles, 31% with new claims, has Victor Lebron named to ride.

8 JUSTINTHENICKOTIME faces allowance optional claimers after following the \$50,000 claim by Mike Maker with a stalk-the-pace 5th behind classy Gufo in the \$75,000 English Channel; Paco Lopez rides.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-8

RACE 10:

7 CPT. RHETT BUTLER is stepping up to face winners after debuting locally for trainer Kelsey Danner and drawing clear to crush a field of \$50,000 maidens going 6 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track.

3 SILVERLY ENOUGH is back in South Florida after shipping up to Tampa and posting his 2nd consecutive victory when he defeated \$75,000 optional claimers with a late-closing move. Trainer Bob Hess Jr has Cristian Torres named to ride. **8 JOE DI BAGGIO** moved to the Carlos David barn via the claim, and steps up the competition, after responding to a dropdown with an \$8,000 claiming victory. The barn, 40% with new claims, has Paco named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-8

RACE 11:

9 ON A SPREE is making his local return for trainer Juan Arriagada after the consistent campaign on the Tampa turf, which includes the recent back-to-back victories. Samy Camacho rides the son of Speightstown.

5 FLOWMOTION is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after his 2-race win streak ended when he encountered traffic and finished 4th going a mile last out. Trainer Jane Cibelli reunites the gelding with Paco Lopez, who was aboard for both recent victories. **4 NEW YEAR**, who was having a stellar year winning 3 consecutive turf races, is going back to the grass after finishing 3rd in a \$25,000 optional claimer moved from the grass to a mile on a 'good' track.

SELECTIONS: 9-5-4

RACE 12:

6 WIN WITH PRIDE is stretching out to 7 furlongs after shipping down from New York and finishing 2nd vs \$35,000 open-claimers going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Todd Pletcher spots this 7-time winner perfectly vs date-restricted claimers. **2 FRONT LOADED** has been knocking on the door in consecutive races vs this caliber of competition, which includes the 2nd-place finish – as the favorite – at this 7-furlong distance last out.

1 R MERCEDES BOY is debuting at this longer distance after 'hitting the board' in 3 straight state-bred optional claimers going shorter. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Paco handling the added real estate.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-1

BEST BET: RACE 12 – 6 WIN WITH PRIDE

LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – 9 ON A SPREE