



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

11 MARKISTAN moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, and removes the blinkers, after rallying to come within a nose of exiting the maiden ranks at the \$12,500 level; Edgard Zayas handles the outside draw. **1 PLATINUMCENTS** will face \$10,000 types on the dirt after finishing 3rd in back-to-back turf sprints vs a notch tougher going 5-furlongs. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Victor Lebron handling the surface switch. **2 MUCHA SUERTE** is another trying bottom level foes on the dirt after showing speed vs \$12,500 types going 5 furlongs on the turf.

SELECTIONS: 11-1-2

RACE 2:

3 CASALSA is stretching out to five-eighths of a mile after dueling throughout and finishing a promising 3rd in his 4 ½-furlong debut at this level. **2 FULL SEND** is dropping to the \$50,000 level after showing some early interest and tiring to finish 5th in his special weight debut contested at 4 ½ furlongs. Trainer Mike Yates has Jesus Rios named to ride. **4 MISTER LEONARDO** is a son of Commissioner debuting for trainer Antonio Sano with a solid work tab showing over the track; apprentice Joseph Trejos rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-4

RACE 3:

6 NORTHERN is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after recovering from a stumbling start to finish 3rd vs similar quality going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Kent Sweezey has Samy Camacho up. **7 STARSHIP APOLLO** is dropping to the \$6,250 level after facing tougher, with limited success, in the 3 races since the claim by Murat Sancal. Edgard Zayas rides the 11-time local winner.

1 FOLLOWHISFOOTSTEPS is stepping up to face multiple winners in the first start since wiring a field of \$8,000 'non-winners of 3-lifetime' runners during April. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr is solid with the 61-180 days layoff.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-1

RACE 4:

2 KAYLA'S TUNE is returning to her most accomplished level, and surface, after rallying to finish a distant 3rd vs state-bred special weight competition going 5 furlongs on the main track. Trainer Joe Orseno has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. **8 SMART SET** is dropping to the \$25,000 level, and trying the turf, after debuting locally for Monica McGoey and finishing a troubled starting 6th (stumbled) vs \$32,000 maidens going 6 ½ furlongs on the dirt. The sophomore is bred on both sides of the family tree to like the grass. **5 CAMELLIA GAL**, now in the Kent Sweezey barn, the daughter of Mizzen Mast goes back to the turf after returning from the layoff and finishing 4th in race moved from the grass to 5 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-5

RACE 5:

4 STURGEON, now in the Liz Dobles barn, the gelding plunges to this level after facing allowance level competition throughout his 6-race sprint campaign this year (6-1-2-0). **5 BLACK JET** is making his first start since showing speed and fading vs \$16,000 types during his sprint campaign during December. Trainer Georgina Baxter, 24% with this type of layoff, has the 8-time winner at the distance working consistently for the return.

1 GRAN SAMAN moved to the Rasharn Creque barn via the claim, and makes his first start since failing to fire in a \$16,000 claimer during February. The hard-knocking 7-time local turf winner has Miguel Vazquez handling the return.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-1

RACE 6:

1 UNCAPTURED RUBY should be primed and ready to score after returning from the layoff to finish a duel-for-the-lead 2nd at this level and distance. Trainer Jorge Delgado has Santiago Gonzalez handling the inside post.

2 CHILLIN LADY should have the screws tightened after returning from the 6-month layoff to show speed and fade behind Uncaptured Ruby last out. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has leading jock Edgard Zayas the controls again. **4 TRINNI SUNSHINE** is stepping it up a notch after taking a step in the right direction when finishing 2nd vs \$12,500 types going 5 ½ furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-4

RACE 7:

5 BIG TINA is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after responding to the dropdown to this level with a stalk-the-pace 4th – beaten a length – going a mile. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Victor Lebron named to ride.

4 AUGUSTA MOON, who defeated Big Tina going a mile 2 starts back, will try to do it again after making a move for the lead and flattening out to finish 7th behind her last out. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Miguel Vazquez handling the rematch at 8 ½ furlongs. **1 SENSIBLE MYTH** is stretching out an additional 16th of a mile after responding in the local debut for trainer Leo Gabriel Jr with a late-closing 2nd vs \$25,000 optional claimers going a mile; Luca Panici rides.

SELECTIONS: 5-4-1**RACE 8:**

9 R BOY BODE is returning to the turf after vying for the lead and fading to finish 3rd in a \$12,500 claimer moved to 5 furlongs on the main track. The gelding should be primed and ready to offer more in the 3rd start back from the layoff. **3 DARK AGES** is stepping up the competition, and returning to the turf (8-2-2-1), after rallying to defeat \$12,500 '3-lifetime' claimers going 5 furlongs on the dirt. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Edgard Zayas named to ride. **2 EARTH**, who clearly does his best work when sprinting on the turf (17-3-4-2), goes back to the lawn for trainer Jean Antonucci after the pair of 'out of the money' efforts sprinting on the main track; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

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

3 LIFE IN SHAMBLES is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after following a 2nd-place finish to 'off-track' specialist Trev going 5 furlongs in the slop with a rousing score vs this level of competition going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Peter Walder has Miguel Vazquez going for 2 in a row. **4 COMBINATION**, claimed in 4 consecutive races, the popular gelding, now in the Mike Maker barn, steps up to the \$25,000 level looking for his 7th victory in his last 8 races (7-6-0-1). The new connections have Samy Camacho in the saddle. **5 CAJUN FIRECRACKER**, another from Mike Maker, is turning back to 6 furlongs, with blinkers added, after pressing the pace and finishing 3rd vs \$35,000 claimers going 6 ½ furlongs; Victor Lebron rides this half of the uncoupled entry.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-5**RACE 10:**

2 AFFICIONADO (FR) is plunging to the \$12,500 level, and returning to the turf, after following a troubled starting 6th in her North American debut here going 5 panels vs allowance company, on the grass, with a \$30,000 clunker going a mile in the slop. Trainer Patrick Biancone removes the blinkers for this assignment.

3 NOBLE INTENTIONS is making her local return after the pair of solid turf efforts at Tampa in which she defeated \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimers 2 starts back, and was 3rd vs '3-lifetime' competition going a mile last out.

10 CASSIDY'S SMILE is stepping up to the next level after rallying 3-wide to defeat \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Joe Orseno has Emisael Jaramillo up.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-10**RACE 11: THE ADDED ELEGANCE**

1 NONNA MADELINE, a Grade 2 stakes-placed daughter of Candy Ride, is turning back to a mile in the first start since finishing 2nd in a mile and a sixteenth optional claimer at Oaklawn Park. Trainer Todd Pletcher has the classy 4-year-old working well for the local return.

3 QUEEN NEKIA is hoping rekindle her horse-for-course status (5-2-2-1) after shipping to Oaklawn Park and failing to fire in the Grade 1 Apple Blossom. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Samy Camacho named to ride.

8 HEIRESSALL is stepping up, and stretching out, after drawing clear to defeat \$75,000 optional claimers going 6 furlongs. Trainer Terri Pompay has Miguel Vazquez atop this major piece of the pace puzzle.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-8**RACE 12:**

9 GUN OF GLORY should be ready to offer more after prompting the pace and weakening to finish 4th in his career turf debut at this 9-furlong distance. The sophomore can get brave if left alone on the front end with Emisael Jaramillo at the controls. **2 BUDGET BUSTER** is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and stretching out to 9 furlongs, after rallying to finish 2nd vs \$25,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard atop the gelding. **11 ESTILO PELIGROSO** is debuting locally, and stretching out to a mile and an eighth, after running out of real estate when rallying to hit the board in 3 recent races going a mile on the Tampa turf. The son of Quality Road is bred to respond favorably to the distance.

SELECTIONS: 9-2-11**BEST BET: RACE 6 – 1 UNCAPTURED RUBY****LONGSHOT: RACE 12 – 9 GUN OF GLORY**