



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

6 FLORADO is dropping to the \$25,000 level, and stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, after setting the pace along the inside prior to weakening late and finishing 4th vs \$40,000 maidens going a mile. Trainer Mike Maker has Paco Lopez rationing her speed. **7 CHEROKEE SOUND** is making her first start since rallying to come within a nose of exiting the maiden ranks at this level and distance. The Wesley Ward trainee should sit in the catbird seat behind the speed. **5 LAKE PARIMA** is back locally after shipping up to Tampa and finishing 2nd – as the favorite – going a mile on the turf vs this level of opposition. Trainer Christophe Clement has Luca Panici named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-5

RACE 2:

5 SILVER PACKAGE is a daughter of He's Had Enough debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks with 8 local workouts showing in preparation for a barn that has a 26% win-average with their 2-year-old runners; Emisael Jaramillo rides. **2 R LOVE ON THE RUN** is a daughter of Uncaptured debuting for trainer Georgina Baxter, who is 1 for 4 with her 2-year-old runner; Samy Camacho rides. **3 BEAUTY QUEEN** is a daughter of Air Force Blue (War Front) debuting for trainer Carlos David with a string of stamina enhancing workouts showing on both the turf and dirt at Palm Meadows. Note that the barn sports a \$5.23 return of investment with their freshman runners.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-3

RACE 3:

4 COMBINATION moved to the Bobby Dibona barn via the claim after drawing clear to win his 2nd consecutive race vs \$12,500 claimers, this time going 5 furlongs in a race moved from turf to a fast track. The winner of 5 of 6 races this year has Paco Lopez in the saddle.

1 WHYRUAWESOME is dropping to the \$12,500 level hoping the class relief helps spark a wakeup call. The turnback from 7 to 6 furlongs should see this hard-knocking 9-year-old prominently placed throughout. **3 STARSHIP APOLLO** is turning back to 6 furlongs (20-4-5-3) after breaking from an outside post, dueling for the lead, and weakening from his earlier efforts to finish 6th vs \$10,000 starter optional claimers going a mile.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-3

RACE 4:

12 AUGUSTA MOON will try 'dated non-winners of 3-lifetime' competition after shaking off a series of narrow defeats with a \$40,000 starter allowance score at the distance. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Paco Lopez atop the consistent daughter of Malibu Moon. **10 BELIEVE INDEED**, an 8-time turf winner, looking for her first victory since Jan 2019, is going back to the turf after getting beat double-digit lengths in consecutive optional claimers on the dirt. The 7-year-old is spotted perfectly in this dated claiming event. **8 CHAMPAGNE HORIZON**, who fits the conditions of this race perfectly, goes for her 1st victory since Jan 2nd after coming up empty in a pair of \$40,000 starter allowance races, including the 7th place finish behind Augusta Moon on May 7th.

SELECTIONS: 12-10-8

RACE 5:

3 SHEZ STUCK UP is dropping a notch, and stretching out to 5 ½ furlongs, after returning from the 10-month layoff to finish 2nd vs \$12,500 maidens going five-eighths of a mile. Trainer Larry Rivelli has Victor Lebron in the saddle. **8 NENITA**, beaten a nose at this level 2 starts back, drops after surrendering a late lead when finishing 3rd vs \$12,500 maidens at the distance.

9 HONEST GAL will depart from the outside again after setting the pace and finishing 2nd vs \$12,500 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-9

RACE 6: THE SOLDIER'S DANCER

5 MUGGSAMATIC, now in the Mike Maker barn, the consistent gelding was freshened after the narrow defeats in both the Old Man Eloquence and the Sunshine Millions Turf. Red-hot jock Edgard Zayas will guide the 6-year-old. **6 KROY**, 2nd on the turf to next-out stakes' winner Halladay 2 starts back, is going back to the grass after drawing clear to defeat \$62,500 optional claimers going 7 furlongs in a race moved from the turf to the dirt. Trainer Danny Gargan has the Grade 2 stakes-placed 6-year-old back on track. **2 CLASS AND CASH** is stretching out to one of his best distances (13-5-2-2) after finishing 4th behind Halladay and Kroy in a 1-mile \$100,000 optional claimer on April 4th.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-2

RACE 7:

2 FORTUNE COOKIE has his claiming tag sliced in half despite the fact that he drew clear on a sealed sloppy track to defeat \$50,000 claimers going 7 furlongs. Trainer Mike Maker has Paco Lopez handling the turnback to 6 ½ furlongs. **4 RACK GIN** is making his 4-year-old debut the first start since showing tons of promise last summer, which includes the 9 ½-length maiden special weight victory going 6 ½ furlongs last July. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Sammy Camacho named to ride.

7 ALL AROUND is stretching out an additional ½-furlong after returning from the layoff to defeat \$35,000 conditioned claimers going 6 furlongs in the slop.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-7

RACE 8: THE GINGER PUNCH

3 KELSEY'S CROSS, a Grade 2 stakes-placed 4-year-old, is making her first start since failing to fire in the Grade 3 Orchid Handicap here last out. Trainer Patrick Biancone has her training forwardly, hoping her back class will get her into the picture ceremony.

6 BELLARA, a Grade 3 winner on the dirt, is making her turf debut for trainer Todd Pletcher after returning from the layoff to finish a late-closing 3rd in the 7-furlong \$100,000 Musical Romance; Edgard Zayas rides. **9 UNA LUNA** is a consistent 5-time winner on this course, who returns to stakes competition in her first start since finishing 3rd in an allowance here during January. Trainer Jose Gallegos has Sammy Camacho in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-9

RACE 9: THE GAME FACE

2 WE MISS SUSIE is making her first start since drawing clear under wraps to defeat next-out allowance winners Hopeful Growth and Reagan's Edge in a \$75,000 optional claimer going 6 furlongs here during March. Trainer Jane Cibelli has Paco atop this major player.

5 BOERNE is making her stakes debut after reeling off her 3rd consecutive open-length victory when defeating allowance runners at this 6 ½-furlong distance. Trainer Juan Avila has Edgard Zayas going for 4 in a row. **6 VAST** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the layoff to finish 2nd behind Boerne when they hooked up at this distance last out. Trainer Bill Mott is 25% with the 2nd start after a 180 days-plus layoff.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-6

RACE 10:

1 TEXTPECTATION is stepping up to face winners in the first start since defeating \$16,000 maidens at Parx by 6-plus lengths. Trainer Danny Gargan is 26% with the 61-180 days layoff.

4 TAYLORSINITIATION is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after rallying vs similar to finish 2nd going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Allen Iwinski has apprentice Joe Trejos named to ride.

7 HERO OF THE FUTURE is stepping up to the next logical level after shipping in from the Fair Grounds for Louie Roussel and drawing clear to defeat \$12,500 maidens going 5 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track last out.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-7

BEST BET: RACE 5 – 3 SHEZ STUCK UP

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 2 WE MISS SUSIE