



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

6 JUULSTONE is stretching out to 9 furlongs after rallying to finish 2nd in front of a pair of next-out winners in his career turf debut going a mile. Trainer Shug McGaughey has Edgard Zayas named on the son of American Pharoah. **4 SEIZE THE HAY** is a son of Carpe Diem debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and a steady morning work tab showing a Palm Beach Downs; Irad Ortiz Jr rides. **5 ABRUPT** is stepping up, and stretching out, after responding to the addition of Lasix with an improved 4th place finish vs \$75,000 maidens going a mile. Trainer Bill Mott has Jairo Rendon handling the added distance.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-5

RACE 2:

4 SHANGHAI MISTRESS is stepping up to the next level after responding to the surface switch with a \$12,500 '2-lifetime' victory at the distance. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Irad Ortiz Jr going for 2 in a row.

7 CREATIVE AWARD moved to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim, and turns back to 6 furlongs, in the first start since finishing 4th vs \$12,500 'non-winners of 3-lifetime' claimers going a mile here in December. Note the last time the filly turned back from a mile to a sprint she won. **5 SHES ONE MAD MOMMA**, another from Kathleen O'Connell, is wheeling back after chasing the pace and finishing 3rd at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 4-7-5

RACE 3:

4 THREE DEEP is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after responding to the addition of blinkers with an improved 2nd place finish going 6 ½ furlongs.

2 NINETYDAYSOFWINTER is dropping to the \$32,000 level, and turning back to 6 furlongs, after getting mugged at the start when finishing 5th vs \$50,000 maidens going a 1-turn mile. **6 SPEEDY HANS** is dropping into the maiden claiming ranks after failing to show much when facing maiden special weight competition going a mile and a sixteenth on the Tampa turf. Trainer Mike Yates has Miguel Vazquez handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-6

RACE 4:

5 TAPALOOF is stretching out to 9 furlongs, and adding blinkers, in the first race since rallying to finish 4th – beaten a length – in a productive maiden special weight test going a mile and a sixteenth here during December. The son of Tapit should appreciate the added distance.

6 AMANO is a son of Temple City (Dynaformer) debuting for trainer Chad Brown with Lasix, and leading jockey Irad Ortiz Jr named to ride. Need we say more?

2 EXPRESS PHAROAH is stretching out to a mile and an eighth after recovering from a troubled start to finish a 4-wide 2nd going a mile on a 'good' turf. Trainer Alexis Delgado has Marcos Meneses handling the stretchout.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-2

RACE 5:

4 CABRE moved to the Bill Tharrenos barn via the claim, and stretches out to 6 ½ furlongs, after posting his 3rd consecutive victory when defeating similar quality going 6 furlongs; Miguel Vazquez rides. **8 SILENT TIGER** is making his first start since drawing clear to defeat \$6,250 '3-lifetime' claimers here during December. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr, who is 32% with similar layoffs, has Emisael Jaramillo in the irons. **1 COLORMEPOMPOM** moved to the Amador Sanchez barn via the claim, and stretches out to 6 ½ furlongs, after setting the pace and weakening to finish 5th going three-quarters of a mile last out. He's got speed, the rail, and a chance to notch his 7th local victory.

SELECTIONS: 4-8-1

RACE 6:

5 BOURBON STREET moved to the Anthony Pecoraro barn via the claim, and turns back to 6 furlongs, after losing all chance when he got slammed, and stumbled at the start, when going a mile vs \$50,000 maidens last out. The recent gelding has Irad at the controls.

2 BRIDOLOGIST, a half-brother to hard-knocking local runner Heirssall, debuts for trainer Terri Pompay with Lasix, and Miguel Vazquez named to ride. **6 CIGAR BOX** is dropping to the \$50,000 level, and turning back to three-quarters of a mile, after showing speed and fading when facing maiden special weight competition going a mile here last out. Trainer Dale Romans has Edgard Zayas handling the turnback.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-6

RACE 7:

2 CHARGE IT JENN was solid in defeat when she dueled throughout and was beaten a neck in a 3-horse blanket finish at this level and distance. Trainer Carlo Vaccarezza has Hall of Fame jock Edgar Prado named to ride.

4 LA INCONDICIONAL is stepping up to the next level after drawing clear to defeat \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Jeffrey Sanchez in the irons. **3 RUN BLONDIE RUN** is making her local return the first start since finishing 2nd at this level when going a mile on the Delaware turf last September. Trainer Sandra Matier has Miguel Vazquez at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-3

RACE 8:

2 GIOCARE is debuting locally for trainer Todd Pletcher after rallying to finish 3rd in his maiden special weight debut going a mile & 40 yards on the Tampa main track; Irad Ortiz Jr rides. **6 DON BOURBON** renews the rivalry with the top choice after tracking the pace throughout and finishing 2nd in front of him. Trainer Ian Wilkes has Edgard Zayas handling the rematch. **4 SILVER MAKER**, another from trainer Todd Pletcher, and a half-brother to Grade 1 Alabama winner Eskimo Kisses, stretches out after breaking slowly and never getting untracked in his 6 ½-furlong debut at Tampa. Emisael Jaramillo will ride the \$800,000 son of Empire Maker.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-4

RACE 9: THE SILKS RUN

4 SHEKKY SHEBAZ is hoping to make amends after having to steady twice when finishing 4th – as the odds-on choice – in the World of Trouble Sprint. The Grade 1 stakes-placed speedball will be in the first flight trying to flaunt his class. **2 CAROTARI** was ultra-game in defeat when he dueled throughout, reached the lead, and was nailed at the wire in the World of Trouble. Emisael Jaramillo gets the call, as Irad moves to the top choice.

6 FIELDER, who rallied to finish 3rd in the World of Trouble, which was the first start in the Peter Walder barn, should sit in the catbird seat behind the torrid pace expected.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-6

RACE 10:

7 JUST KIDDING moved to the Sandra Matier barn via the claim, and stretches out to his best distance (30-6-6-5), after setting a pressured pace and finishing 2nd vs similar quality going 6 furlongs; Miguel Vazquez rides.

5 GRAY BEAU, who finished 3rd and 2nd, respectively, behind Just Kidding at the distance last summer, renews the rivalry after finishing 3rd going a mile in the slop last out. Trainer John Vinson has Irad Ortiz Jr handling the rematch. **3 UNBRIDLED HOLIDAY** is dropping to the \$16,000 level in the first start since defeating \$35,000 claimers going a mile and a sixteenth in the slop here last June. Trainer Happy Alter has Marcos Meneses named to ride.

RACE 11: THE CAPTIVA ISLAND

9 KEOTA, who does her best running from a stalking position, should sit in the garden spot behind what should be a sizzling early pace scenario. The Jason Servis/Irad Ortiz Jr collaboration will need the absolute best to defeat winning machine **11 JEAN ELIZABETH**. The impressive mare will try to make it 8 victories in a row after notching her 7th win in the Lightning City at Tampa. You don't need me to tell you this versatile mare, who wins on all surfaces, is absolutely the one to beat.

5 GIRLS KNOW BEST is looking to turn the tables on Jean Elizabeth after setting the pace and finishing 2nd – as the favorite – when they hooked up in The Ladies Turf Sprint here during January.

SELECTIONS: 9-11-5

RACE 12:

8 ADAMANT is stepping up the competition after setting the pace and getting beat less than a length when facing \$16,000 claimers here at the distance. The 2-time local turf winner might be able to steal it at double-digit odds on a course that's favored speed. **3 DREAMS ARE MADE** is stretching out around 2-turns after showing some late interest when rallying in a pair of 5-furlong allowance sprints. Trainer Mark Casse has Jairo Rendon handling the stretchout. **10 BERING STRAIT** is stepping up to face winners after rallying to break her maiden here when defeating special weight runners here during January. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Irad atop the daughter of Verrazano. **11 ALL QUALITY** debuts locally after ending her campaign up north with a stalk-and-weaken performance behind South Beach Stakes winner Atomic Blonde in an allowance at Belmont last October.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-10-11

BEST BET: RACE 11 – 9 KEOTA

LONGSHOT: RACE 12 – 8 ADAMANT