



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**2 MAYITO** is making the 3<sup>rd</sup> start back from the layoff, and figures prominently, after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at this level and distance. **5 JACK BEANSTALK** is going back to the turf after a well-meant 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish – beaten a neck as the favorite – vs \$16,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth on sealed sloppy track. Trainer Norn Casse has Luis Saez handling the surface switch.

**10 SWEET GIANT** took a giant step in the right direction when he returned to the turf and rallied to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten 1 ¼ lengths at 68-1 – at this level and distance

**SELECTIONS: 2-5-10**

## RACE 2:

**4 BREAKTHROUGH** is a son of Nyquist (Uncle Mo) debuting for trainer Wesley Ward with a series of solid workouts showing a both GP West and Palm Meadows in preparation for his first start. **6 COBB** is a son of Brethren debuting for Arindel, and trainer Juan Alvarado, with a series of bullet workouts showing on the farm. Note the connections are 2 for 6 with their freshman runners thus far. **7 FULL SEND**, a son of Cajun Breeze, is debuting for trainer Mike Yates with a slew of fast 3-furlong workouts showing over the track; Miguel Vazquez rides. **8 HYPERFOCUS** is a son of Constitution debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Irad Ortiz Jr named to ride; need we say more.

**SELECTIONS: 4-6-7-8**

## RACE 3:

**12 CAT LADY** is dropping to the \$40,00 level, and departing from the outside post, after pressing the pace and weakening when facing special weight competition at the distance in her 3 previous races. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Irad Ortiz Jr handling the outside draw.

**1 CHOUCOU DE BOO** is stepping up the competition, and breaking from the rail, with the speed needed to use the inside post to her advantage. Trainer Terri Pompay has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle. **5 KAHIKO** is dropping a notch on the maiden scale after tracking the action and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in her useful turf debut at the \$50,000 level. Trainer Todd Pletcher has go-to jock Luis Saez up.

**SELECTIONS: 12-1-5**

## RACE 4:

**4 TOO MUCH WAR** is stepping up to the next level after using her speed to defeat next-out winners Jost Sayin and Cassidy's Smile in a \$16,000 2-lifetime' claimer at the distance. Trainer Danny Gargan has Luis Saez up.

**6 SAND DRIFT** is making her first start since stalking the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance during February. Leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr, 26% with the 61-180 days freshening, has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride. **1 ALGODONAL** is a consistent daughter of Afleet Alex, who has the tactical ability to set or stalk the pace, and should be able to use the inside post to her advantage. Trainer Mary Eppler has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 4-6-1**

## RACE 5:

**5 CAPELINE** is dropping to the \$10,000 level on the main track, and is turning back to 6 furlongs, after setting the pace and fading in an \$18,000 maiden test going a mile on the turf. **3 POSEIDONS PRINCESS** is making her career debut for trainer Larry Pilotti in an ideal spot for a first-time starter to succeed. The 3-year-old gets Lasix, and has Luis Saez at the controls.

**1 SOCIALLY ASTRAY** will depart from the rail after tracking the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance.

**SELECTIONS: 5-3-1**

## RACE 6:

**12 EAGLES PLACE** is turning back to a mile after returning from the 8-month layoff to finish a troubled 4<sup>th</sup> (steadied turn) vs this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Bill Mott, 28% with the 2<sup>nd</sup> start back from a 180 days-plus layoff, has Joel Rosario handling the outside draw. **11 RECONVENE** is shortening up to a mile after surrendering a 2-length lead when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs this caliber of opposition going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Ben Perkins Jr has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle. **8 STRONG HEADED** is stepping up to the \$65,000 level after breaking from Post 12 and rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a half-length – vs \$40,000 maidens; don't ignore!

**SELECTIONS: 12-11-8**

**RACE 7:**

**10 COMPENSATE** is a versatile daughter of Liam's Map, who has run well on dirt, synthetic, and turf, which includes the recent 2<sup>nd</sup>-place finish in the \$75,000 Melody of Colors. Trainer Cam Gambolati has Luis Saez named to ride. **5 FOOLISH HUMOR** should be primed and ready to try to turn the tables on Compensate after returning from the layoff, pressing the pace, and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind her. Trainer Wesley Ward tabs Irad Ortiz Jr to ride, as Saez moves to the top choice. **3 FAST SCORE**, a stakes winner going 5-furlongs on the Woodbine turf, makes her first start since setting the pace and fading in the 5 ½-furlong \$200,000 Indian Summer at Keeneland last October. Trainer Tim Hamm has Dylan Davis in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 10-5-3****RACE 8:**

**5 LOUIE'S KINGDOM**, a reclaim by Larry Rivelli, is dropping to the \$16,000 level on the dirt in the first start since chasing the pace and fading in a \$30,000 '2-lifetime' claimer on the turf. The barn, 9 for 21 (43%) with the turf-to-dirt angle, has Irad handling the surface switch.

**2 HARPER GO LUCKY** is dropping to this level on the dirt after failing to fire when facing \$25,000 optional claimers going a mile on the turf. Trainer Henry Collazo spots the previous winner at the distance perfectly today.

**3 CAT GONE QUICK** is stepping up to face winners after leading every step of the way to defeat \$12,500 maidens at this 6-furlong distance. Trainer Dan Pita, 3 for 8 at the meeting thus far, has apprentice Alberto Burgos named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 5-2-3****RACE 9: THE SUNSHINE FOREVER**

**9 SOCIAL PARANOIA**, a Grade 1 stakes-placed son of Street Boss, who kept his local turf record unblemished when winning the 1-mile Grade 3 Appleton, stretches out a mile and a sixteenth for trainer Todd Pletcher; Edgard Zayas rides. **12 WAR OF WILL**, the Grade 1 Preakness winner, is returning to the turf in the first start since showing speed and fading in the G1 Breeders' Cup Classic. He's training sharply for his 4-year-old debut.

**11 ADMISSION OFFICE** is turning back after making a move for the lead and settling for 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 11-furlongs Grade 2 Mac Diarmida. Trainer Brian Lynch has strong finisher Joel Rosario at the controls.

**SELECTIONS: 9-12-11****RACE 10:**

**6 BATTLE OF BLENHEIM** is turning back to a mile after returning from the layoff to finish a duel-for-the-lead 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$35,000 optional claimers going a mile and a sixteenth. The 3-time local turf winner jumps off the page at the \$25,000 level.

**11 SHOOTIN THE BREEZE** should be primed and ready to score after returning from the 5-month plus layoff to finish a stalk-the-pace 4<sup>th</sup> vs first-level allowance competition. Trainer Graham Motion has Joel Rosario atop the son of Hard Spun. **1 COUNTER OFFER** is cutting back to 8 furlongs in the first race since yielding late and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in an allowance test going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Ian Wilkes has Edgard Zayas handling the inside draw. **3 SUBLIME APPEAL** is turning back to mile with speed, and a chance to pay big balloons.

**SELECTIONS: 6-11-1-3****RACE 11:**

**4 I'LL FIGHT DEMPSEY** is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after following the maiden victory at this distance by setting the pace and flattening out when finishing 4<sup>th</sup> – as the odds-on choice – going 7 furlongs vs \$75,000 optional claimers. It's Todd and Luis!

**7 HAUNTEDBYTHEMUSIC** is debuting locally vs winners after rocketing clear to win his maiden special weight debut at Tampa by 6-plus lengths. Trainer Baltazar Galvan has Irad named to ride. **11 WHISKEY SUNRISE** is hoping to rise to the occasion after returning from the 11-month layoff to defeat state-bred special weight competition by 4 ¾ lengths. Trainer Mike Yates has Miguel Vazquez going for 2 in a row

**SELECTIONS: 4-7-11****RACE 12:**

**3 PEPPY THE HUNTER** moved to the Diane Morici barn via the claim, and wheels back at the same level and distance, after responding to a dropdown in class with 4-length victory last out. **9 DEXTER ROAD** is a consistent sort vs this level of competition who just needs a little push from Lady Luck to get back into the winner's circle. Trainer Tammy Levy tabs 7-pound apprentice Mario Fuentes to ride. **2 TRAPPEZOID** is looking to make amends after getting parked 6-wide and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> – as the tepid favorite – at this level and distance. Trainer Gerardo Quiroz has Edgard in the saddle again.

**SELECTIONS: 3-6-2****BEST BET: RACE 9 – 9 SOCIAL PARANOIA****LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 3 SUBLIME APPEAL**