



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

6 POLITIKUM, a son of Gone Astray, is dropping to the \$40,000 level, and trying a mile on the turf, after running into a buzzsaw named Isolate in his debut, and following that with an improved 3rd place finish in his 2nd sprint outing. Trainer Efen Loza Jr has Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch. **4 SPEARGUN**, a son of Khozan, is debuting on the turf after back-to-back 4th place finishes sprinting on the dirt. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo in the irons. **9 YITO MACHINE**, is a son of Declaration of War (War Front) debuting on the turf with strong grass breeding on both sides of the family tree. Trainer Amador Sanchez has Hector Berrios rides.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-9

RACE 2:

1 ITSMYLUCKYGIRL is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs again after finishing an improved 2nd when trying three-quarters of a mile last out. The 3rd start back from the layoff can be the charm. **10 DONA CAMILE** is dropping a notch after following her open-length maiden victory with a chase-and-fade outing vs \$10,000 '2-lifetime' claimers. Trainer Antonio Sano has leading jock Edgard Zayas handling what can be a bounce/rebound performance. **2 UPSY DAISY DO** is stretching out an additional half-furlong after rallying to finish 3rd vs similar going 6 furlongs. Trainer Walt Woodard has Victor Lebron at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 1-10-2

RACE 3:

6 BOCA is a \$130,000 daughter of Carpe Diem debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks with Lasix, and Emisael Jaramillo named to handle the helpful outside draw.

1 IMWAYTOCOOLFORYOU is a daughter of Tiznow debuting for trainer Kelsey Danner with a solid morning workout pattern showing at Palm Meadows. Trainer Danner, who has 2 in the field (Rough Stuff), has Miguel Vazquez atop this half of the uncoupled entry.

2 FEARLESS GIRL is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after recovering from a slow start to finish 3rd in her 6-furlong debut. Her previous experience can be the key to her success.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-2

RACE 4:

6 KUNAL moved to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim, and is eligible to face 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' competition, after crossing the wire first before being disqualified and placed 2nd when defeating \$12,500 open claimers last out. The barn, 23% with new claims, has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. **5 CARK** is cutting back to a mile after chasing the pace and finishing 2nd vs similar going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Sarah Nagle has Samy Camacho handling the 2nd outing over the local turf. **1 RED SORRELL** has his claiming tag sliced in half after failing to handle the jump up the \$25,000 level last out.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-1

RACE 5:

3 HYDRAULIC is taking a big drop to the \$8,000 level on the main track after making a middle move and weakening when beaten 2 lengths vs \$30,000 conditioned claimers going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Kelsey Danner has Angel Arroyo handling the class relief.

7 DECKOLOGY is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after recovering from a troubled start (broke in the air) to finish a game 3rd vs similar going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Jose D'Angelo has Joseph Trejos (no longer an apprentice) handling the consistent son of Point of Entry. **11 R BOY EVENS**, now in the Peter Walder barn, the gelding drops, and goes back to the main track, hoping both changes spark a wakeup call.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-11

RACE 6:

8 TAKES ME AS I AM is sitting on a winning performance after the pair of solid outings at this level and distance on the turf, which includes the game 2nd-place finish last out. Trainer Saffie Joseph has Miguel Vazquez up.

6 MONA STELLA is stretching out around 2-turns, with blinkers added, after the promising 5-furlong turf debut in which she rallied to finish 2nd. The daughter of Will Take Charge is bred to respond favorably to the added distance. **9 GULF COAST GIRL**, a daughter of Constitution, is hoping to get away from the gate trouble free after breaking awkwardly, making a move for the lead, and settling for 3rd vs \$40,000 maidens. Trainer Ralph Nicks adds 2nd time blinkers for the jump up to special weight competition.

SELECTIONS: 8-6-9

RACE 7:

9 TONS OF GOLD moved to the Sandra Matier barn via the claim after responding to a dropdown in competition with a 3rd place finish at this level and distance. The new connections keep the status quo with Leonel Reyes at the controls. **1 SKYRAY** drops to the \$12,500 level on the main track after making a middle move and flattening out when finishing 5th vs \$25,000 '2-lifetime' foes going 9 furlongs on the turf. **8 WICKED CITI** is an interesting Evangeline shipper who returns to the claiming ranks after following his monster \$12,500 maiden victory with a pair of clunkers vs allowance company. Trainer Carl Deville has Edgard Zayas riding this intriguing possibility.

SELECTIONS: 9-1-8**RACE 8:**

3 TENCH comes off a sharp \$25,000 optional claiming victory in which he stalked sizzling fractions of 21 flat and 42 & 2 before wearing down Georgina Baxter-trained Go Gone Gone going 5 furlongs on a firm course.

7 PAY ANY PRICE, who runs well fresh, the legendary 9-year-old makes his first start since dueling every step of the way to win the hard-fought \$75,000 Turf Sprint in July. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Edgard Zayas atop the 16-time local winner. **2 YES I AM FREE**, a perfect 2 for 2 sprinting on the GP turf, returns to the Mark Casse barn after winning 1 of 5 races from Keeneland to Santa Anita: Emisael Jaramillo will handle the homecoming.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-2**RACE 9:**

1 AL HEYBAY is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after rallying to finish 2nd to impressive winner Tiger going 5 furlongs. Trainer Juan Avila has Leonel Reyes handling the inside draw. **5 THE GREAT OZ** is stretching out slightly after tracking the pace and finishing 2nd in his 5 ½-furlong debut contested on a wet track listed as good. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr, 27% with maidens making their 2nd start, has Cristian Torres returning on the \$130,000 son of Liam's Map. **2 KIGER** is a son of Verrazano trying to bridge the gap with the previous starters in the field when debuting for trainer Saffie Joseph Jr with an extensive work tab showing at Palm Meadows: Edgard Zayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-2**RACE 10:**

5 MAN OF VISION is making his first start since defeating \$25,000 state-bred maidens at GP West last October. Trainer Ron Spatz has the son of Fury Kapcori firing bullets in preparation for the return.

1 BAHAMIAN BEAT is dropping into this \$25,000 '2-lifetime' claimer after following his \$32,000 maiden victory going 5 furlongs in the slop with a duel-and-fade 5th vs \$75,000 optional claimers going 5 furlongs on the grass. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo handling the dropdown/surface switch. **2 ROYAL DUKE** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after shaking off the trouble he caused at the start to stalk the pace and finish 3rd vs similar going 6 ½ furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-2**RACE 11:**

1 MILES AHEAD lived up to his name when he returned from the layoff and finished miles ahead of the field when defeating \$25,000 conditioned claimers in his first start back from the layoff. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has a 37%-win average with horses winning consecutive races.

3 MAN OF HONOR, the beaten favorite in consecutive races going 6 ½ furlongs, which includes the recent 2nd place finish vs \$75,000 optional claimers, drops, and turns back to 6 furlongs, to figure prominently for trainer Louie Roussel. **6 FRONT LOADED** moved to the Jose Garoffalo barn via the claim after posting his 2nd consecutive open-length victory vs this level of opposition: Leonel Reyes rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-6**RACE 12:**

7 BLACK HOPE moved to the Jose D'Angelo barn via the claim, and stretches out to a mile on the turf, after the consistent campaign sprinting on the main track. The gelded son of Twirling Candy is bred to respond favorably to the surface and the distance. **5 IMA COALMAN** is stepping up, and returning to the turf, after following a 4th place finish going a mile and a sixteenth on the lawn with a \$12,500 maiden victory going a mile in race moved from turf to dirt. **4 THE DEVILS BACK**, who showed promise sprinting on the grass at Evangeline Downs, debuts locally at a mile for trainer Carl Deville: Edgard Zayas will handle the son of Prospective, who tries 2 turns for the first time.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-4**BEST BET: RACE 11 – 1 MILES AHEAD****LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 3 TENCH**