



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

5 CAPTAIN D is wheeling back hoping to save more for the stretch drive after setting the pace and finishing 2nd – in front of a pair of next-out winners – at this level and distance. Leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr secures the services of leading jock Edgard Zayas.

8 THRESHOLD is dropping a level on the claiming scale after his 2-race win streak ended when stepping up to face \$40,000 claimers last out. Trainer Mark Casse has Victor Lebron atop the lightly raced sophomore. **10 MAKABIM** was given some time off after rallying late to finish 3rd behind Threshold when they competed at the \$32,000 level during July. Trainer Mike Maker has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 5-8-10

RACE 2:

2 FIERY PRINCESS is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after rallying to finish 2nd vs \$12,500 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs last out. **4 SURPRISE ARRIVAL** is turning back to a sprint distance after following a pair of 'in the money' finishes sprinting with late running 3rd vs \$10,000 maidens going a 1-turn mile.

1 G T'S BLUE SQUALL is stretching out slightly after rallying between horses to finish 3rd behind Fiery Princess going 5 ½ furlongs last out.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-1

RACE 3:

8 VIOLENT FIGHT is turning back to a mile after surrendering a late lead to finish 2nd – beaten a neck – vs similar going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Luis Reyes named to ride.

2 LETS PLAY HARDBALL is freefalling into this \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimer after returning from a layoff in late July and finishing a wide 7th vs \$40,000 open-claimers. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas handling the class relief. **3 VENERATE** must be respected on his ability to show speed on a course that has been very kind to both speed and stalkers. Trainer Antonio Sano has Victor Lebron in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 8-2-3

RACE 4:

3 CIRCUS is a \$230,000 son of Runhappy debuting for trainer John Servis with a series of solid morning workouts showing at Palm Meadows. The half-brother of Grade 1 winner Fault, will have Luca Panici in the saddle. **2 LITTLE DEMON** is turning back to 5 furlongs after following his 2nd place finish behind repeat winner Papetu in his 5 ½-furlong debut with a stalk-and-fade 5th behind undefeated stablemate Breeze On By going three-quarters of a mile last out. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Edgard Zayas atop the son of Awesome of Course. **6 BAILEY**, listed as a gelding, the son of Brethren makes his first start since finishing 2nd vs state-bred maiden special weight runners going 5 furlongs on June 5th. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-6

RACE 5:

2 CREATE AGAIN is dropping, and turning back to a mile, after following an open-length victory at this level and distance with a stalk-and-fade outing behind multiple winner Avant Garde in a \$16,000 starter optional claimer going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Marcial Navarro, who claimed him 2 starts back, has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle. **6 DIZZY GILLESPIE**, an 8-time local winner, and a 9-time winner at the distance, makes his 44th start the first race since defeating \$8,000 dated claimers during July. Trainer Peter Walder has Cristian Torres atop this 6-year-old warhorse. **8 CHASE RUNNER** is stepping up to the \$10,500 level after responding in the first race after the claim by Bobby Dibona with a solid score vs \$8,000 types going 7 furlongs. The gelding, 8-4-1-0 at the distance, will have apprentice Alberto Burgos handling the stretchout.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-8

RACE 6: THE WILDCAT HEIR

5 NOBLE DRAMA is stretching out to a mile after drawing clear to win the 7-furlong \$100,000 Benny the Bull in impressive fashion. The 5-year-old, 5-3-0-0 at the distance, will have Emisael Jaramillo handling the added distance.

2 SQUEEZEADIOS will try to turn the tables on Noble Drama at a mile after making a move on the turn and finishing 4th in the Benny the Bull. Trainer Terri Pompay has Miguel Vazquez returning on the gelded son of Adios Charlie, who is 6 for 7 'in the money' at the distance. **6 GARTER AND TIE** is hoping to get away from the gate in a timely fashion after breaking slowly prior to finishing a 4-wide 3rd behind Noble Drama last out.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-6

RACE 7: THE HOLLYWOOD BEACH

10 BIG DADDY DAVE, a son of Khozan, is turning back to 5 furlongs on the turf after following his debut victory going 5 furlongs on the dirt with a stalk-the-pace 2nd behind undefeated stablemate Breeze On By in the 7-furlong \$200,000 FSS Affirmed: Emisael Jaramillo handles the turf debut. **1 DESIGNED BY KITTEN**, a daughter of super turf sire Kitten's Joy, debuts on the turf for trainer Wesley Ward after using her speed to break her maiden going 5 furlongs on the Tapeta surface at Woodbine during July. She faces the boys with Eduardo Nunez at the controls. **2 CASALSA** is debuting on the turf after following his open-length maiden victory at the \$50,000 level with a poor showing in the slop in the 6-furlong FSS Dr Fager. Trainer Mike Maker, who claimed him 2 starts back, has Edgard Zayas atop the gelded son of Two Step Salsa.

SELECTIONS: 10-1-2

RACE 8: FSS MY DEAR GIRL

2 BIG RINGS will get a big test when she steps up to face winners after the head-swirling 8-length victory in her 6 ½-furlong career debut. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo atop the daughter of The Big Beast. **7 PRINCESS SECRET** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after following her hard-fought 2nd place finish in the 6-furlong FSS Desert Vixen with another game effort to win the 7-furlong \$200,000 Susan's Girl. Trainer Dan Pita has Miguel Vazquez atop the one to beat. **4 OH DEBRA**, another from trainer Ralph Nicks, stretches out to 8 ½ furlongs after making a 3-wide bid to finish 2nd to Princess Secret in the Susan's Girl. The daughter of Winslow Homer is bred to respond favorably to the added distance.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-4

RACE 9: THE ARMED FORCES

5 FULMINI is looking to break sharply after following his 5-furlong maiden victory on the turf with a trouble starting (bumped hard) 4th – as the favorite – in the 1-mile \$75,000 Proud Man last out. Trainer Mike Maker has the son of Overdriven training sharply for this assignment. **4 RAISON D'AIR** is returning to the turf after responding to the stretchout to a mile, and the addition of blinkers, with a 'much the best' 13 ½-length maiden victory. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has Luca Panici named to ride. **7 CASTLE KING** merits the moniker of the one to beat after following his maiden score going a mile on the turf with a 3rd place finish in the Proud Man. Trainer Maria Bowersock has Ronnie Allen Jr in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 5-4-7

RACE 10: THE FSS IN REALITY

4 BREEZE ON BY is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth trying to become the 10th horse to sweep the FSS series. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo atop the son of Cajun Breeze, who will test his breeding limitations at 8 ½ furlongs. **8 HERCULES** is taking a big jump up in both class and distance when trying a mile and a sixteenth fresh off his impressive 5 ½ furlong maiden victory. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Hector Berrios returning on the son of Brethren. **9 SEAZAN**, another from trainer Ralph Nicks, is stretching out around 2-turns after rallying to finish 3rd behind his stablemate in the 7-furlong \$200,000 Affirmed.

SELECTIONS: 4-8-9

RACE 11: THE OUR DEAR PEGGY

7 MASHUGANA is wheeling back after rallying to finish 3rd behind ultra-impressive winner Spanish Loveaffair in the 1-mile \$75,000 Sharp Susan. Trainer Ramon Minguet has Leonel Reyes in the saddle. **8 CON LIMA** is back at GP, and debuting on the turf, after following her 'much the best' maiden victory here going 7 furlongs on the dirt with a set-the-pace 2nd in the rained-out PG Johnson going 7 furlongs on the Saratoga main track. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Samy Camacho atop the daughter of Commissioner. **5 I GET IT** is stepping up the competition after drawing clear to defeat \$40,000 maidens going a mile on the turf. Trainer Ron Spatz has Miguel Vazquez atop the daughter of Get Stormy.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-5

BEST BET: RACE 9 – 5 FULMINI

LONGSHOT: RACE 11: 7 MASHUGANA