



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

3 CAMELLIA GAL is dropping to the \$25,000 level, and turning back to 5 furlongs, after dueling for the lead and weakening to finish 4th vs \$50,000 maidens going a mile on the grass. Trainer Christophe Clement is 25% with the route to sprint angle. **6 MYFIRSTEXWIFE** was solid in defeat when she shook off trouble at the start to finish 2nd at this level and distance. Trainer Jorge Abreu has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

5 DINNER AT FIVE should be primed and ready to offer more after returning to chase the pace and finish a stamina-tweaking 2nd at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-5

RACE 2:

5 FOUR K'S is dropping to the \$6,250 level, and removing the blinkers, after facing tougher, going both long and short on the turf, vs better before the layoff. Trainer Wesley Ward is 26% with the grass to dirt move. **2 NOWITNA RIVER** moved to the David Fawkes barn via the claim, and drops to this level, after taking the overland route when finishing 4th in a \$12,500 claimer at Aqueduct. She's a tepid call on the immediate drop. **3 MEMORIZE** is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after using her speed to defeat this familiar competition going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Javier Negrete has apprentice Alberto Burgos going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-3

RACE 3:

2 MIGHTY FAST is stretching out to a 1-turn mile after racing wide and finishing a distant 2nd vs \$16,000 maidens going 6 ½ furlongs; Luis Saez rides for Gustavo Delgado. **3 CONSILIUM** is looking to make amends after stalking the pace and finishing 2nd – as the favorite – at this level and distance last out. Trainer Antonio Sano tabs Leonel Reyes to ride.

7 STRONG ENDING is dropping to the \$12,500 level on the main track after facing considerably tougher on the turf with limited results. Trainer Brian Lynch is 17% with the turf to dirt angle.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-7

RACE 4:

3 LALALI moved to the Carlos David barn via the claim, drops to the \$12,500 level on the main track, and turns back to a sprint distance, after setting the pace and fading vs \$20,000 claimers going a mile on the turf; Hector Berrios rides. **7 PRINCESS ULELE** is dropping to this level, and turning back to three-quarters of a mile, after making a middle move and settling for 3rd vs \$25,000 claimers going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer David Fawkes has Emisael Jaramillo in the irons.

6 DON'T GET KHOZY has been knocking on the door in consecutive races at this level and distance, and is a must-use on all your exotic tickets. Trainer Antonio Sano has Luis Saez at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-6

RACE 5:

3 POP A CHOC, a \$330,000 daughter of Bernardini, is sitting on a winning performance after the solid career debut in which she broke from Post 12, got carried out on the first turn, reached the lead, and then faded from her earlier efforts to finish 4th. Trainer Mark Casse has Edgard Zayas named to ride. **8 ALL I NEED** is a daughter of Carpe Diem debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and Luis Saez named to ride. The sophomore is working well on the Palm Beach Downs turf. **12 TALKING BOOK** is wheeling back after breaking slowly and finishing a late-closing 5th in her career debut at this level and distance. Trainer Shug McGaughey, 21% with maidens making their 2nd start, has Dylan Davis handling the outside draw.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-12

RACE 6:

3 BAREEQA is making her first start since tracking the pace and rallying to win the \$60,000 Mary Todd here during February. Trainer Danny Gargan, 26% with this type of layoff, has Luis Saez named on the 4-time local turf winner (9-4-0-1). **5 SCATNAP** is turning back to a mile after the sharp return going a mile and a sixteenth. The Scat Daddy mare broke towards the outside, set the pace, and was collared late when finishing 4th – beaten a length. **8 KATIELEIGH** is stepping up the competition after using her speed to defeat a trio of next-out winners in a fruitful \$16,000 ‘non-winners of 2-lifetime’ claimer. She’s a must-use for all ‘key-race’ aficionados.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-8**RACE 7:**

9 PUT POSITION is plunging to the \$8,000 level on the main track, and turning back to a mile, after showing speed and getting nailed late, when facing \$16,000 claimers going around 2-turns on the turf. Trainer Scott Becker is 22% with the grass to dirt angle.

4 BROOKES ALL MINE, a reclaim by Drawing Away Stable, and trainer Gerardo Quiroz, wheels back after vying for the lead and finishing 2nd at this level and distance. The mare, popular in the claim box, has Edgard Zayas at the controls. **2 TIZ POSSIBLE DEAR** is eligible to show more, and grab a share of the tri or super, after finishing an even 4th at this level and distance. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Angel Rodriguez in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 9-4-2**RACE 8:**

4 MYSTIC LANCELOT is turning back to a mile after a solid outing going 9 furlongs in which he duelled for the lead and finished 3rd vs this caliber of competition. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Edgard Zayas atop the \$450,000 son of Into Mischief. **5 NO WORD**, a full-brother to Japanese-bred Grade 1-stakes-placed superstar Silentio, also trained by Todd Pletcher, is making his first start since finishing 3rd behind Grade 1 Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf winner Structor in the Grade 3 Pilgrim at Belmont; Luis Saez rides.

11 STREET READY is making the usually fruitful 3rd start back from the layoff after making a mid-race move before flattening out to finish 7th in the \$100,000 Cutler Bay. Trainer Ian Wilkes has Chris Landeros up.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-11**RACE 9:**

7 BLAKEY is stepping up to face open competition after using his speed to defeat \$8,000 ‘non-winners of 3-lifetime’ foes at this 1-mile distance. The Mike DePaulo trainee looks like the controlling speed in a field that’s stocked with late-running types.

2 IL FARAONE is dropping into this \$10,000 starter optional claimer, and turning back to a mile, after rallying from far back to finish 2nd in a \$25,000 starter optional claimer contested at a mile and a sixteenth.

3 TRAPPEZOID is stretching out to a mile again after posting his 2nd consecutive victory when he defeated \$12,500 claimers going 7 furlongs. Trainer Gerardo Quiroz has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-3**RACE 10:**

8 BERING STRAIT is stretching out slightly to a mile after returning from the freshening to finish 3rd - beaten a half-length - in a 3-horse blanket finish going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Luca Panici atop the daughter of Verrazano. **6 CARIBA**, now in the Christophe Clement barn, the \$400,000 daughter of Cairo Prince stretches out after coming within a scant nose of defeating allowance competition going 7 ½ furlongs. The new connections keep the status quo with Marcos Meneses in the saddle.

5 NO WAY JOSE (IRE) is making the 3rd start back from the extended layoff after racing wide and finishing 7th behind Cariba when they hooked up at 7 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Roger Attfield has Emisael Jaramillo handling the usually positive 3rd start off the bench.

SELECTIONS: 8-6-5**RACE 11:**

9 ROYAL MANDATE is turning back to a mile after solid career turf debut at Tampa in which she finished 2nd going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Mark Casse has Edgard Zayas atop the \$825,000 daughter of Strong Mandate. **2 LET THEM EAT CAKE** is slicing back to a mile after setting the pace and hanging on gamely to finish 5th – beaten 1 ¼ lengths – going a mile and a sixteenth. **6 BETTER WITH AGE** is hoping to live up to her name when she faces older horses after rallying from ‘off the pace’ to finish 2nd vs \$75,000 3-year-old maiden claimers going a mile. Trainer Liz Dobles has Marcos Meneses named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 9-2-6**BEST BET: RACE 5 – 3 POP A CHOC****LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – 6 BETTER WITH AGE**