



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**11 TUMBADORA** moves to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and immediately drops to the \$12,500 level, after tracking the pace and tiring when beaten double-digit lengths in her \$25,000 career debut at the distance; blinkers off today. **5 WATER WIZARD** is dropping a notch on the maiden scale after rallying late to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in a \$16,000 maiden race contested at 7 furlongs. **10 QUEEN LETIZIA** is dropping to this level on the main track, and cutting back to a sprint, after encountering trouble on the turn and failing to fire thereafter in a \$25,000 maiden test going a mile on the turf. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr is 7 for 23 (30%) with the grass to dirt angle.

**SELECTIONS: 11-5-10**

## RACE 2:

**5 LA CARA BONITA** is dropping into this 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' claimer after tracking sizzling early fractions and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in a dead heat with

**9 SWIRLING CANDY**, in a \$25,000 starter optional claimer at the distance. The former, trained by Efren Loza Jr, has Luis Saez named to ride, while the latter, conditioned by Cheryl Winebaugh, has Tyler Gaffalione handling the outside draw.

**3 FLASH MONEY** is dropping a dime on the claiming scale after setting the pace and weakening vs \$30,000 open-claimers at the distance. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Edgard Zayas at the controls.

**SELECTIONS: 5-9-3**

## RACE 3:

**2 KIFFLE** is dropping to the \$10,000 level on the main track, and cutting back to 6 ½ furlongs, after setting the pace and weakening late to get beat 2 lengths in a \$25,000 claimer going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Bob Hess Jr takes over the training and has Luis Saez handling the surface switch. **3 NOTHINS FREE** is dropping to this level in the first race since stumbling badly at the start, then rushing up to set the pace, before settling for 2<sup>nd</sup> in a \$16,000 state-bred optional claimer going a 1-turn mile. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr is 33% with the 61-180 days layoff.

**6 BABY ICE** moved to the Gary Jackson barn via the claim after posting her 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive sprint victory when defeating \$6,250 claimers at the distance.

**SELECTIONS: 2-3-6**

## RACE 4:

**5 CRYOGENIC** is hoping to bounce back after following the victory at this level and distance 2 starts back with a 5-wide 2<sup>nd</sup> vs similar competition last out. Trainer Mike Maker has Luis Saez named to ride.

**9 FULLY LOADED** moved to the Amador Sanchez barn via the claim, and breaks from the outside, after dueling for the lead and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind the top choice when they hooked up last out. **6 SONG RIVER** is hoping to save more for the stretch run after returning from the layoff, and opening a 6-length lead, before getting run down and settling for 2<sup>nd</sup> in a \$20,000 state-bred optional claimer at the distance. Trainer Mark Casse has Tyler Gaffalione rationing his speed today.

**SELECTIONS: 5-9-6**

## RACE 5:

**5 KASHAN**, a daughter of Khozan, is wheeling back after pressing the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in back-to-back sprints at this level and distance. Trainer Ben Perkins Jr has Emisael Jaramillo trying to her out of 3<sup>rd</sup> gear.

**6 GOODBYE GABY** is turning back to 6 furlongs after dueling for the lead and weakening to finish 4<sup>th</sup> when stretching out to a 1-turn mile in her last.

**2 JEANIE'S ANGEL** is a daughter of Handsome Mike debuting for trainer Peter Walder with Lasix, and Luis Saez named to ride. The tote action should tell us more about her chances to win at first asking.

**SELECTIONS: 5-6-2**

## RACE 6:

**1 GOTTA GO MO** will depart from the rail after breaking from the outside (Post 9), pressing the pace, and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> – beaten three-quarters of a length – at this level and distance. Trainer John Kimmel has Luis Saez in the irons.

**3 NO NO NINA** is moving to the turf after encountering double trouble (bumped, tight quarters) and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in a special weight sprint moved from the grass to 5 furlongs on the dirt. Trainer Christophe Clement, who has 2 in the field (5 Avuncular), has Tyler returning on the daughter of More Than Ready.

**10 LEFTATTHEALTAR** is a daughter of Broken Vow debuting for trainer Ian Wilkes with Lasix, and Edgard Zayas named to handle the outside draw; tab the tote action for more clues.

**SELECTIONS: 1-3-10**

**RACE 7:**

**4 SUBSIDIARY** is dropping a level on the claiming scale after returning from the layoff to duel for the lead and finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$25,000 '2-lifetime' claimers at the distance. Trainer Mark Casse has Tyler named to ride.

**6 SKY CHASER** is dropping into this conditioned claimer after knocking heads with a slew of repeat winners under allowance optional claiming conditions. Trainer Ron Spatz has Miguel Vazquez handling the class relief. **1 FAST VENEZUELA** is stepping up the competition after returning from the 6-month layoff to notch her 2<sup>nd</sup> victory in only 3 races when she wired a field of \$10,500 open-claimers.

**SELECTIONS: 4-6-1**

**RACE 8:**

**6 VODOO ZIP** is sitting on a winning performance after following the nose defeat to impressive repeat winner Gufo 2 starts back with another well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup> this 1-mile distance last out. Trainer Danny Gargan has Tyler returning on the son of City Zip.

**11 SHAMROCKET** is wheeling back after returning from the layoff - with Lasix added - and proceeding to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Christophe Clement has Joel Rosario named on the son of Tonalist. **8 RIGGINS** is looking to score at first asking - for trainer Todd Pletcher - with Lasix, and a solid morning work tab showing at Palm Beach Downs. Luis Saez rides the \$225,000 gelded son of Liam's Map.

**SELECTIONS: 6-11-8**

**RACE 9:**

**4 RESIDENT LIBERAL** is dropping to the \$20,000 level, and lures the services of jockey Joel Rosario, after lacking racing room when finishing 6<sup>th</sup> vs entry-level allowance runners at the distance. The Mary Eppler trainee is worth a look at a price.

**9 ROMAN EMPIRE** is returning to the turf, and facing winners, after following his 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish on the grass, in his career debut, with a rousing 8-length plus maiden victory – over 5 rivals - going a 1-turn mile on the main track. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Luis Saez atop the son of Empire Maker. **6 PROVEN STRATEGIES**, who was stakes-placed on the turf while still a maiden, steps up after drawing clear to defeat state-bred special weight foes going a mile last out. Trainer Mark Casse has go-to jock Tyler Gaffalione going for 2 in a row.

**SELECTIONS: 4-9-6**

**RACE 10:**

**4 ALANDRA** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after returning from the layoff to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$75,000 optional claimers going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Shug McGaughey has Joel Rosario named on the daughter of Blame. **2 UP IN SMOKE** will try to stay undefeated after dominating state-bred sprinters with back-to-back 4-length plus victories at the distance. Trainer George Weaver has Luis Saez atop the \$230,000 daughter of The Big Beast. **7 MIDTOWN ROSE** is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after pressing the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – as the 4-to-5 favorite – in a \$35,000 optional claimer contested at 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Tyler in the irons again.

**SELECTIONS: 4-2-7**

**RACE 11:**

**5 CATNIP KITTEN** should be primed and ready to score after returning from the 2-month freshening to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a length – at this level and distance.

**8 AGUAS COLORADAS** is making her local return the first start since coming within a nose of defeating \$16,000 '3-lifetime' claimers going a mile on the Tampa turf. Trainer Laura Cazares has Edgard Zayas named to ride the daughter of Kitten's Joy.

**10 CHICKLET'S DREAM** moved to the Amador Sanchez barn via the claim after debuting locally, while in the Chad Brown barn, and defeating \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimers with a solid late run; Hector Berrios rides.

**SELECTIONS: 5-8-10**

**BEST BET: RACE 8 – 6 VODOO ZIP**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 4 RESIDENT LIBERAL**