



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

7 RAINING SUNSHINE is wheeling back after the promising career debut in which she made a late charge to finish 3rd at this level and distance. Trainer Ken McPeck has Edgar Prado in the saddle.

3 GLITTER BAY is a daughter of Tamarkuz (Speightstown) debuting for leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr with a string of solid workouts over the track showing; Marcos Meneses rides.

5 BATTLE CRY, a half-sister to Ceci Valentina, who was multiple stakes-placed at age 2, is eligible to take a positive step forward after the workman-like 4th place finish in her career debut at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-5

RACE 2:

11 CACTUS KITTEN is stretching out after the promising \$12,500 debut going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas atop the daughter of Kitten's Joy, who is bred to handle the 9-furlong distance. **4 JEANIE'S ANGEL** is stretching out to 9 furlongs after the solid turf debut in which she finished 2nd – beaten a neck – going a mile vs this level of competition. **7 HERCULINA** is stretching out an additional 16th of a mile after returning from the layoff to finish a late-closing 4th vs similar going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Wesley Ward has Angel Rodriguez handling the added distance. **6 V K LEGACY** is another trying a mile and an eighth after rallying to finish 2nd vs \$16,000 maidens going a mile.

SELECTIONS: 11-4-7-6

RACE 3:

6 SHALL RETURN will try to make it 2 in a row after returning from the layoff to defeat similar by 3 widening lengths. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr is 30%-plus with horses winning consecutive races.

2 BABY ICE, who defeated Shall Return twice during the Championship Meet, moved to the Rohan Crichton barn via the claim after running 2nd to her last out. The new connections tab 7-pound apprentice Mario Fuentes to ride.

4 NOWITNA RIVER drops to the \$6,250 level, and turns back to 6 furlongs (15-4-3-5), after stalking the pace and finishing 4th vs \$12,500 claimers going a mile. Trainer Joe Taylor has Angel Rodriguez up.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-4

RACE 4:

1 ESTILO TALENTOSO is stretching out to a mile after the pair of impressive outings on sloppy tracks in which she broke her maiden going a mile, and finished 2nd in the 7-furlong \$75,000 Azalea last out. Trainer Juan Arriagada has Samy Camacho atop the daughter of Maclean's Music.

3 DANCE D'OR is stepping up the competition after following her 4th-length maiden victory over Estilo Talentoso with a 4th place finish vs \$25,000 optional claimers last out. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo handling the classic bounce/rebound move. **5 DON'T GET KHOZY** is stretching out to a mile again after following her impressive \$75,000 optional claiming victory at 7 furlongs with a 4th place finish in the Azalea Stakes.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-5

RACE 5:

2 SINGINGIN THE JOHN is a son of Colonel John debuting for trainer Armando De La Cerda with Lasix, and a steady stream of workouts showing across town at GP West; Emisael Jaramillo rides the first-time starter. **1 OROSCOPO** is dropping a notch after finishing 2nd vs \$12,500 maidens last out. Trainer Mike Yates has Miguel Vazquez trying to get the gelding's elusive maiden victory (19-0-4-4).

4 WESLEY OWEN is a son of Sky Mesa debuting for trainer Peter Walder with Lasix, and 12 morning workouts showing in preparation for this assignment. The tote action should tell us more about his chances to win at first asking.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-4

RACE 6:

2 BREWMEISTER, a \$300,000 gelded son of Point of entry, is stretching out to a mile after drawing clear to break his maiden going 6 ½ furlongs on a track listed as good. Trainer Lisa Lewis has Luca Panici handling the stretchout. **8 BRASSTOWN** is stepping up to the \$25,000 level after responding in the first race after the claim by Antonio Sano with a set-the-pace 2nd vs \$16,000 claimers going a mile. He'll be playing 'catch me if you can'.

4 FIFTH TITLE is returning from the layoff, and stepping up to this level, in the first start since walloping a field of \$16,000 claimers during May. Trainer Rasharn Creque has Hector Berrios handling the return to action.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-4

RACE 7:

1 REITERATE is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after setting the pace and getting caught at the wire when finishing 2nd vs \$18,000 claimers going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Mark Casse has Victor Lebron handling the inside draw. **3 NAPA RULES** moved to the Carlos David barn via the claim, and steps up to this level, after finishing 3rd vs \$12,500 claimers going three-quarters of a mile on a good track. Trainer David, 42% with new claims, has Angel Arroyo named to ride. **4 WORDS OF DIVINE** is another turning back to this distance after rallying to finish 3rd behind Reiterate at 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Cristian Torres named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-4

RACE 8:

6 KYLE is dropping a notch, and returning to the main track, after the trio of 2nd place finishes going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Carlos David has Santiago Gonzalez handing the 5-time winner on the dirt.

8 MASERATI MAN moved to the Dan Pita barn via the claim, and cuts back to three-quarters of a mile, after posting his 2nd consecutive victory when he defeated \$30,000 open-claimers going 6 ½ furlongs; Miguel Vazquez rides. **2 VINNIE VAN GO** moved to the Peter Walder barn via the claim after vying for the lead and weakening to finish 4th vs this level of opposition going 6 furlongs on a good track. Cristian Torres rides the 6-time local winner.

SELECTIONS: 6-8-2

RACE 9: THE OPENING LEAD

6 DIAMOND OOPS is turning back to three-quarters of a mile (4-2-1-1) after returning from the layoff to finish a useful 2nd – as the favorite – behind repeat winner Eye of the Jedi – going a mile last out. The Grade 1 stakes-placed runner at the distance jumps off the page vs this level of competition.

1 COOL ARROW will depart from the rail after breaking midpack and drawing clear to defeat \$62,500 optional claimers at this 6-furlong distance. Trainer Terri Pompay has Leonel Reyes in the saddle. **2 ART G IS BACK** is back on his most accomplished surface after failing to get untracked on the turf in the Tropical Park Derby during December. Trainer Ron Spatz has the multiple stakes winner training forwardly for the return.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-2

RACE 10:

4 SMASH is dropping to the \$6,250 level after hitting the board in 1 of 2 sprints vs better. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

1 STEADILY will depart from the rail after rallying to finish 2nd vs this level of competition going 6 furlongs. The stretchout to 6 ½ furlongs can prove to be a winning move. **7 STARSHIP TAXI** is stretching out an additional half-furlong after rallying to finish 2nd going 6 furlongs. Trainer Steve Dwoskin has Luis Reyes looking for the elusive 2nd lifetime victory (24-1-5-4).

SELECTIONS: 4-1-7

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 6 KYLE

LONGSHOT: RACE 6 – 2 BREWMEISTER