



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**5 VIOLENT FIGHT** moved to the Oscar Gonzalez barn via the claim, stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth, and drops to the \$12,500 level, after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind repeat winner Legendary Prince, and in front of a pair of next-out winners, in a \$25,000 maiden race contested at 5 furlongs. **4 MOUNTAIN BREEZE** is the obvious choice to win the opener after rallying to come within a neck of exiting the maiden ranks going a mile last out. The stretchout to 8 ½ furlongs looks like a positive move. **3 IAMBUTTER** is stretching out an additional 16<sup>th</sup> of a mile after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Mountain Breeze at a mile.

**SELECTIONS: 5-4-3**

## RACE 2:

**1 EAST CODE** is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after shaking off trouble at the start to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> going 5 furlongs last out. Trainer Antonio Cioffi has Leonel Reyes handling the inside post.

**7 BRIDOLIGIST** moved to the Carlos Perez barn via the claim, and drops to this level, after stalking the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$16,000 maidens going 6 furlongs in the slop; Miguel Vazquez rides. **8 OROSCOPO** is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after vying for the lead and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> vs similar quality going 6 ½ furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 1-7-8**

## RACE 3:

**8 KYLE** is hoping to stretch his speed to the wire after getting nailed late when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in back-to-back sprints at the distance. Trainer Carlos David has Santiago Gonzalez trying the get the gelding out of 2<sup>nd</sup> gear. **6 HONOLULU EXPRESS** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the layoff to finish a closing 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$30,000 conditioned claimers going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Barry Croft has strong finisher Miguel Vazquez at the controls.

**2 APACHE BRAVE** is wheeling back after dueling through swift early fractions of 21 & 3 and 44 flat before calling it a day and weakening to finish 6<sup>th</sup> behind Kyle last out. Emisael Jaramillo rides for Georgina Baxter.

**SELECTIONS: 8-6-2**

## RACE 4:

**5 FORTUNE COOKIE** is stretching out to one of his best distances (10-4-3-0) after couple of solid sprint efforts in which he defeated \$50,000 claimers going 7 furlongs in the slop 2 starts back, and was 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$25,000 optional claimers going 6 ½ furlongs last out. **6 TRAPEZOID** is wheeling back vs \$16,000 open-claimers after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> when facing \$16,000 starter optional claimers – the distance – last out.

**4 KRACHENWAGEN** is another looking to rally into the winner's circle after closing to finish 4<sup>th</sup> behind Trapezoid last out; Marcos Meneses rides.

**SELECTIONS: 5-6-4**

## RACE 5:

**2 ELITE APPEAL**, who is 8 for 11 'in the money' on the turf, is going back to the grass after returning from the layoff to finish a press-the-pace 4<sup>th</sup> in a race moved from the lawn to a mile on the dirt. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has go-to jock Cristian Torres handling the surface switch. **10 LITTLE BELLA** is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and stretching out to a mile, after never getting untracked when encountering trouble at the start of a \$25,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going 5 furlongs. Trainer Carlo Vaccarezza has apprentice Maikol Tunon handling the added distance. **5 STRICT VOW** is cutting back to a mile after bumping at the start, steadying on the far turn, and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> going 8 ½ furlongs; Marcos Meneses gets the riding assignment.

**SELECTIONS: 2-10-5**

**RACE 6:**

**2 SUPERHIGHWAY** is stepping up to face winners after responding to the dropdown in competition with a much-the-best \$14,000 maiden victory at the distance; Edgard Zayas rides. **3 RED FOG** is going back to the main track after following a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at this level and distance on the dirt with a late-closing 2<sup>nd</sup> going a 2-turn mile on the turf. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Samy Camacho handling the surface switch. **5 SLIPPY**, 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Red Fog at this level 2 starts back, drops after the chase-and-fade outing vs \$10,500 2-lifetime' claimers last out.

**SELECTIONS: 2-3-5****RACE 7:**

**2 HONESTO** is a son of Khozan debuting for trainer Dan Pita with a string of sharp workouts showing over the stamina enhancing GP West main track; Miguel Vazquez rides. **9 BREEZE ON BY** is gelded son of win-early sire Cajun Breeze debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks with 11 workouts over the track showing. Emisael Jaramillo, who has ridden 7 freshman winners at the meeting, will be at the controls.

**6 LAUDA SPEED** is son of Bayren debuting for trainer Saffie Joseph Jr with a string of 4 and 5-furlongs workouts showing for the colt's 6-furlong debut; Rajiv Maragh rides.

**SELECTIONS: 2-9-6****RACE 8: THE PORTOFINO BAY**

**3 YESTERDAYONCEMORE (IRE)** is back vs stakes competition after returning from the layoff to finish a traffic-filled 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a half-length – in a \$25,000 optional claimer at the distance. Trainer Patrick Biancone has go-to jock Luca Panici in the irons.

**7 TOURNESOL**, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Mrs Presidentess during February, makes her stakes return the first start since defeating \$25,000 optional claimers going a mile on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has leading jock Edgard Zayas handling the stretchout to a mile and a sixteenth. **5 ONYX** is still trying to recapture the form she displayed winning both the Our Dear Peggy and Sharp Susan Stakes during her 2-year-old campaign. Note that she showed signs of improvement when 5<sup>th</sup> in the \$100,000 Ginger Punch last out.

**SELECTIONS: 3-7-5****RACE 9:**

**2 FRONT LOADED** is turning back to 6 furlongs after pressing the pace and weakening late when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, respectively, - as the favorite - going 7 furlongs. The only concern is the sparse win record at this distance (10-1-2-3). **3 COUNTRY SINGER** should be primed and ready to belt out a winning performance after returning from the 6-month layoff to finish a hard-fought 2<sup>nd</sup> behind repeat winner Assertiko going 6 furlongs on a wet track listed as good.

**6 FUEL THE BERN**, now in the Michelle Nihei barn, the 6-year-old returns to the main track after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a neck – vs similar going 5 furlongs on the grass. Cristian Torres rides the versatile sprinter, who has won on dirt, wet tracks, and the turf.

**SELECTIONS: 2-3-6****RACE 10:**

**3 FORTUNATE CAT** will try to parlay her ability to set the pace on the turf to the main track. The daughter of Tale of the Cat, now in the Sandra Slivka barn, can get brave on the front end. **6 RUN DEVIL** is dropping into a winning situation after following a pair of sharp outings vs this caliber of competition with a stalk-and-fade 5<sup>th</sup> vs \$75,000 optional claimers going 7 furlongs last out. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas handling the combo dropdown/stretchout.

**2 HEIRESSINDY** is making her first start since dueling for the lead and weakening to finish 4<sup>th</sup> behind Run Devil when they hooked up at this level and distance during April. Trainer Terri Pompay has the sophomore training forwardly for the rematch.

**SELECTIONS: 3-6-2****RACE 11:**

**5 ZODIAC PRINCESS** is turning back to a mile after returning from the layoff to finish a set-the-pace 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a neck – going a mile and a sixteenth at this level. Trainer Laura Cazares has Samy Camacho up.

**1 CARIBBEAN KITTEN** is cutting back to this distance after talking the overland route when finishing a 6-wide 4<sup>th</sup> behind Zodiac Princess last out. Trainer Bob Hess Jr has Cristian Torres handling the rematch.

**11 GIOIELLI**, 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Zodiac Princess on the turf 2 starts back, is going back to the grass after tracking the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs similar quality going 6 furlongs on the main track; Leonel Reyes rides.

**SELECTIONS: 7-1-11****BEST BET: RACE 8 – 3 YESTERDAYONCEMORE****LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 3 FORTUNATE CAT**