



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

3 IRISH PAUL takes another slide down the claiming scale to the \$16,000 level after responding to the dropdown to the \$20,000 level last out with a 2nd place finish – as the favorite – at the distance.

1 SEMPER FI is another dropping to this level, and removing the blinkers, after rallying to finish 2nd and 3rd, respectively, at the \$25-20,000 levels.

4 LIGHT FURY is turning back to 6 furlongs, and removing the blinkers, after back-to-back 3rd place finishes vs similar going a 1-turn mile; Miguel Vazquez rides for Larry Pilotti.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-4

RACE 2:

1 GET REWARDED is returning to conditioned claiming ranks after following a 2nd place finish vs this level of competition with a 6th place finish behind next-out stakes' winner Belle Laura in a \$25,000 optional claimer going a mile. Carlos David takes over the training, and tabs Miguel Vazquez to ride.

10 CALENTITA (IRE) is stepping up to the next level after following her \$10,500 maiden victory with \$12,500 '2-lifetime' score at this distance. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr tabs Samy Camacho to ride.

5 DANA GRACE is going back to the grass after following a couple of solid efforts on the lawn with a 2nd place finish – beaten a neck – in a \$16,000 '3-lifetime' affair changed to a mile on a sealed 'sloppy' track

SELECTIONS: 1-10-5

RACE 3:

3 SILVER PACKAGE is stretching out to five-eighths of a mile after the promising 4 ½-furlong debut in which she finished a duel throughout 2nd vs this level of competition. Trainer Ralph Nicks has go-to jock Emisael Jaramillo up.

2 THE RAIN IS COMING is dropping to the \$50,000 level after rallying to finish 2nd vs maiden special weight company going 5 furlongs at Tampa. Trainer Walter Woodward has Leonel Reyes in the saddle.

5 OH DEBORAH, another from trainer Ralph Nicks, is making her career debut with a series of solid workouts showing over the track; Samy Camacho rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-5

RACE 4:

1 DR HARLAN is dropping into this dated-claiming event after rallying to finish 2nd open company at this 6-furlong distance. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has Victor Lebron in the saddle. **2 TIP SHEET**, still looking for his first victory since 2018, has been knocking on the door in consecutive races vs this level of competition, which includes the 2nd place finish at the distance last out. Trainer Sandra Matier has Samy Camacho riding. **7 POOL BOY CHARLIE** is plunging to this level on the main track after shipping into the David Fawkes barn and failing to show anything vs \$20,000 state-bred optional claimers going 5 furlongs on the turf; Emisael Jaramillo handles the combo dropdown/surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-7

RACE 5:

7 ATTU ISLAND is stretching out to 5 furlongs after dueling inside and finishing 4th in a 'key' \$50,000 maiden test that's produced a pair of next-out winners, including Casalsa, who won his next start by 5 lengths. **1 TOP BOSS** will try \$50,000 open maidens after rallying to finish an improved 3rd when facing state-bred special weight competition at the distance. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Miguel Vazquez handling the inside post.

2 WIN FOR WINSLOW is a gelded son of Winslow Homer debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks with 12 local workouts showing in preparation for this assignment; Samy Camacho rides.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-2

RACE 6: THE HOME OF THE BRAVE

4 RIJEKA (IRE), an impressive winner at this marathon 12-furlong distance 2 starts back, stretches out, and makes the first start since finishing a trouble 9th (clipped heels) vs \$62,500 optional claimers going 9 furlongs during April. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Marcos Meneses handling the stretchout. **1 ON A SPREE**, now in the Mike Maker barn, stretches out to a mile and a half hoping to recapture the form he displayed winning an 11-furlong \$25,000 starter allowance race at Tampa by almost 5 lengths. **3 KREWE CHIEF**, another from Mike Maker, who has run well at this taxing distance in the past, debuts locally after returning from a layoff at Churchill and coming up empty vs \$62,500 optional claimers going a mile on the grass.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-3

RACE 7:

6 CABLE CHANNEL should be dialed in for a winning performance after returning from the layoff, and shaking off trouble at the start, before rallying to finish 3rd at this level and distance. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle.

10 GO GONE GONE moved to the Georgina Baxter barn via the claim, and steps up to this level, after dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd in a fruitful \$16,000 state-bred optional claimer that's produced a pair of next out winners, and a trio of 2nd-place finishers, from 5 starters. **9 TENCH**, who showed promise sprinting on the grass at Saratoga last summer, returns to the turf after drawing clear to break his maiden going 6 ½ furlongs on the Tampa main track. Trainer Tim Hamm has Victor Lebron up.

SELECTIONS: 6-10-9

RACE 8:

8 JOE DI BAGGIO is stepping up, and stretching out, after responding in the first race after the claim by Carlos David with a \$16,000 state-bred optional claiming victory over a trio of next-out winners.

The gelding goes for his 3rd straight score, and has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

7 HE'S INCREDIBLE is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after setting the pace and finishing 2nd vs this level of competition going three-quarters of a mile; apprentice Joseph Trejos rides for Alfredo Velazquez. **6 LEMNISCATE** is returning from the layoff, and turning back to a sprint distance, hoping to recapture the form he displayed during the Championship Meet. Trainer Ken McPeek has him firing bullets in preparation for the return.

SELECTIONS: 8-7-6

RACE 9:

11 BUDGET BUSTER is stepping up to face winners after responding to both a dropdown in competition, and the stretchout in distance, with a much-the-best victory vs \$16,000 maidens going this 9-furlong distance. Trainer Mike Maker has Victor Lebron in the saddle. **1 RED SORRELL** moved to the Robert Falcone Jr barn via the claim, and drops to the \$12,500 level, in the first start since defeating \$32,000 maidens here during February. Note the 4-year-old is 3 for 5 'in the money' at a mile and an eighth. **10 JANUARY WON** will try to parlay his recent good form on the dirt into an upset victory going 9 panels on the turf. Trainer Ken McPeek has Edgar Prado handling the surface change.

SELECTIONS: 11-1-10

RACE 10:

9 GRAN ETIQUETA is dropping another notch on the maiden scale after responding to a dropdown in competition with a 2nd place finish vs \$12,500 maidens going mile in a race moved from turf to dirt. **8 DONA CAMILE** is stretching out to a mile again after rallying to finish 2nd – as the favorite – going 6 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Antonio Sano has apprentice Alberto Burgos negotiating the added distance. **5 SURPRISE ARRIVAL** was solid in defeat when rallying to finish 3rd – at 20-1 – at this level and distance last out. Trainer Jeff Engler has Cristian Torres in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 9-8-5

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 8 JOE DI BAGGIO

LONGSHOT: RACE 5 – 7 ATTU ISLAND