



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

7 HIDDEN DREAMS is dropping to the \$16,000 level after shaking off a troubled start (slammed rival) to finish 3rd in her \$25,000 career debut at the distance. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle. **8 HOPE LADY** is a daughter of Tapiture debuting for leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr with a steady morning work tab showing over the track. The tote action should tell us more. **5 ROCK WITH ROBIN** is another dropping to this level after opening and surrendering an early 3-length lead when finishing a distant 4th vs \$25,000 maidens at this 5-furlong distance.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-5

RACE 2:

11 GOOD TIMING MAN is making the usually fruitful 3rd start back from a layoff, and is stretching out to 9 furlongs, after finishing a rallying 3rd vs similar quality going a mile. Trainer Patrick Biancone has Luca Panici handling the stretchout. **10 SPINNING KITTEN**, who was beaten a neck – at this distance – at Saratoga last summer, stretches out after making a 5-wide charge to finish a late-closing 6th – beaten 2 lengths – at a mile. **12 JEEKER JOE** will depart from the outside with the tactical speed needed to get position and use the outside draw to his advantage. Trainer Jose D'Angelo has Leonel Reyes up.

SELECTIONS: 11-10-12

RACE 3:

2 COMPILER (IRE) is a gelded son of Pride of Dubai debuting for trainer Wesley Ward with a slew of solid half-mile workouts showing over the Palm Meadows turf; Edgard Zayas rides. **4 KAY'S PROJECT** certainly has license to improve after finishing a rail-skimming 2nd in her career turf debut at the distance. Trainer Lester Barbazon has Samy Camacho facing the boys.

3 ASYMPTOMATIC (IRE) is a son of Acclamation debuting for trainer Wesley Ward with 12 morning workouts showing in preparation for this assignment; Angel Rodriguez rides.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-3

RACE 4:

5 DESERT GENERAL moved to the Carlos David barn via the claim, and steps up to the \$8,000 level, after rallying to defeat \$6,250 claimers at the distance last out. The barn, 43% with new claims, have apprentice Joseph Trejos in the saddle. **6 FRENCH QUARTER** is dropping to this level after moving the Fausto Gutierrez barn via the claim and chasing the pace and finishing 4th behind hard-knocking Assertiko in a \$16,000 state-bred optional claimer at the distance. The gelding is spotted perfectly vs this level of competition.

2 JUST KIDDING, another from Carlos David, is stepping up to face open competition after responding in the first race after the claim by David with a 2nd place finish vs \$8,000 dated-claimers at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-2

RACE 5:

3 MAQUIAVELO is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 3rd place finish vs this level of opposition going 6 ½ furlongs. **7 GOOD ADVICE** has been training forwardly at GP West in preparation for the first start since showing promise vs this level of competition last Fall. Trainer Jorge Delgado has Emisael Jaramillo handling the return to action. **1 CROCODILE BITE** is a 4-year-old son of Rock Hampton debuting for trainer Antonio Sano in a perfect spot for a 1st-time starter to succeed; Alberto Burgos rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-1

RACE 6:

1 EXTRA EXTRA, now in the Elizabeth Dobles barn, the gelding returns to the turf in the first start since dueling for the lead and fading when facing \$40,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile on a sealed sloppy track during May. The gelding definitely does his best running on the lawn. **4 KHOZY MY BOY** is going back to the turf, and stretching out around 2-turns, after finishing 4th vs \$30,000 claimers going 6 ½ furlongs on the dirt. The gelding should be part of the pace scenario at a mile. **6 ADIOS** seems ready to put this 2-lifetime' condition on *her* resume after finishing 2nd – beaten a neck – at Tampa, and 3rd locally at the distance last out.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-6**RACE 7:**

5 LOUIS LE GRANDE, listed as a gelding, should be primed and ready to score after debuting locally and finishing a rallying 2nd at this level and distance. Trainer Terri Pompay has Santiago Gonzalez in the saddle.

1 EL PILLO is dropping to the \$50,000 level after failing to fire when facing special weight competition on the dirt in the first race after the claim by Elizabeth Dobles; Emisael Jaramillo rides. **4 CATCH ON EMOTIONAL** is dropping into this high-priced maiden claimer after opening an early 3-length lead, bumping at the 3/16th pole, and fading to finish 5th in his special weight debut at this 6-furlong distance.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-4**RACE 8:**

6 AVUNCULAR, a \$250,000 daughter of Uncle Mo, who was solid in defeat when she recovered from trouble at the start to finish 2nd at this level and distance; Angel Arroyo rides for Kent Sweezey.

8 LADY BOSS, a well-meant 2nd in her 5-furlong career debut on the turf, is going back to the lawn after stalking the pace and fading when facing special weight runners going 7 furlongs on the main track. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Victor Lebron handling the surface switch. **5 SEAPORT STORM** is a daughter of Lea debuting for Saffie Joseph Jr with Lasix, and a solid workout pattern showing at Palm Meadows.; Marcos Meneses rides.

SELECTIONS: 6-8-5**RACE 9:**

1 DIXIELAND HUMOR is stretching out to a mile after rallying to finish 3rd and 2nd, respectively, when facing this level of competition at 6 furlongs. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo handling the inside post.

3 UPSY DAISY DO proved she could compete at this level when she followed her 7-furlong \$10,000 maiden victory with a 2nd place finish going a mile vs 2-lifetime' foes last out. **6 GRAN ETIQUETA** is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear to defeat \$10,000 maidens at this 1-mile distance. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Miguel Vazquez going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-6**RACE 10:**

7 TRILBY is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after returning from the layoff to finish a game 3rd – beaten a length – vs a hard-knocking group of \$12,500 claimers going a mile. Trainer Ruben Gracida has Joseph Trejos named to ride the upset special.

1 CENTSLESS DRAMA is stretching out to 8 ½ furlongs after using her speed to defeat \$25,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile. Trainer Carlos David is 19% winning consecutive races. **10 HERRA**, another from Carlos David, is stretching out after returning from the extended layoff to finish a screw-tightening 2nd going 5 furlongs. Victor Lebron will handle the previous winner at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-10**RACE 11:**

7 ANIMA D'OR gets the call in the nightcap after returning from the layoff to finish 3rd in a monster 'key' race at the distance that's produced 4 next-out winners from 9 starters. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **1 FRANCO'S TEAM**, now in the Jose D'Angelo barn, the sophomore makes his first start since finishing 4th vs \$25,000 maidens – at the distance – during March. **2 ROMARIO**, now in the Mark Passley barn, the son of Tapizar debuts on the turf after showing speeds on the dirt vs better while in the Jorge Navarro barn. He's worth a flyer at a price.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-2**BEST BET: RACE 11 – 7 ANIMA D'OR****LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 7 TRILBY**