



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**2 TIME FOR TROUBLE**, now in the Mike Maker barn, the son of English Channel drops to the \$25,000 level after the pair of poor showings vs better going a mile; Edgard Zayas rides. **8 GUACO** is dropping to the \$25,000 level after breaking slowly from and outside post before rallying to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$40,000 maidens going 8 ½ furlongs. Trainer Amador Sanchez has Hector Berrios handling the dropdown. **7 RATIFY** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after returning from the 2-month freshening to finish a prompt-the-pace 2<sup>nd</sup> vs this level of competition going a mile. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Cristian Torres at the controls. **3 LE COSTE** is wheeling back after closing to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> – at 42-1 – in a fruitful outing at this level and distance, a race that's produced a couple of next-out winners.

**SELECTIONS: 2-8-7-3**

## RACE 2:

**4 MONY**, now in the Wesley Ward barn, the \$385,000 son of Scat Daddy makes his first start since finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in his career debut here about 16 months ago. The 4-year-old, working steadily at Palm Meadows, races with blinkers off. **2 CONCORDE'S DREAM** is stepping up, and stretching out, after rallying to finish 4<sup>th</sup> – at 80-1 – in a \$40,000 turf sprint going 5 furlongs. Trainer Joe Orseno has Samy Camacho in the irons. **3 SINISTER** is a son of Khozan debuting for trainer Armando De La Cerda in an ideal spot for a first-time starter to succeed. Note that he also has JUST LIKE MIKE making his career debut in this wide-open event.

**SELECTIONS: 4-2-3**

## RACE 3:

**4 PAYNTER FEST**, a winner of 2 of her last 3 races, steps up to face open competition after rallying to defeat \$6,250 '3-lifetime' competition at this distance; Joseph Trejos rides. **2 STORMY BOSS** will try to turn the tables on the top choice after making a bid up the rail and settling for 3<sup>rd</sup> behind her last out. Leonel Reyes gets the mount, as Trejos moves to Paynter Fest.

**1 TROPICALITY** is dropping a notch after making a move for the lead before flattening out and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> – at the distance – vs \$8,000 claimers.

**SELECTIONS: 4-2-1**

## RACE 4:

**7 STIRLING DRIVE**, a multiple stakes winner, is dropping to this level after returning from the 5-month-plus layoff to finish a track-the-pace 5<sup>th</sup> in a \$100,000 allowance going a mile. Trainer Kathryn Davey has leading jock Edgard Zayas trying to rekindle his back class. **3 HARBOUR MASTER (GB)** is cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs with the ideal stalk/close style needed to reel in what looks like a swift early pace scenario. Trainer Patrick Biancone has Luca Panici returning on the 6-year-old. **4 LAHINCH**, a 2-time winner at the distance (6-2-0-2), stretches out after returning from the layoff to defeat \$25,000 optional claimers going 5 furlongs. Trainer Joe Orseno has Emisael Jaramillo going for 2 in a row.

**SELECTIONS: 7-3-4**

## RACE 5:

**1 FIBER OPTIC** moved to the Murat Sancal barn via the claim, and wheels back, after rallying to defeat Glory Roll by a neck – as the favorite – at this level and distance. The new connections have Edgard Zayas in the saddle again. **6 GLORY ROLL** looks like the controlling speed, and should have an easier time on the front end, after setting a pressured pace and failing to hold off Fiber Optic last out. The rematch should be fun to watch. **2 SUNSET EMPIRE** is hoping for a clean trip after searching for racing room throughout when finishing 8<sup>th</sup> in her local debut for Kent Sweezey.

**SELECTIONS: 1-6-2**

**RACE 6:**

**4 STARSHIP ARAMIS** moved to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim, and cuts back to a mile, in the first start since defeating this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The barn, 34% with new claims, has Cristian Torres named to ride.

**1 LOVE NEST** is candidate for a rebound performance after returning from a layoff to crush a field of \$6,250 claimers at the distance, and then follow that with a late-closing 5<sup>th</sup> vs \$10,000 starter optional claimers going a mile and a sixteenth last out. **3 WAR GIANT** moved to the Jose D'Angelo barn via the claim, and turns back to 8 furlongs, after leading every step of the way to defeat \$6,250 claimers going a mile and a sixteenth in the slop. Note the barn is a whopping 34% with new claims.

**SELECTIONS: 4-1-3****RACE 7:**

**7 YOUNG RAYMOND** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after finishing 4<sup>th</sup> when facing \$25,000 '2-lifetime' competition at the distance last out. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

**6 FAST LOADED**, who won his only previous race sprinting on the grass, albeit in December, drops to this level after showing speed and fading vs better in a series of sprints on the main track. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

**1 CONGRATS THAT** is returning to the turf with the speed needed to use the inside post to his advantage. Trainer Mike Yates has Miguel Vazquez returning on the speedy gelding.

**SELECTIONS: 7-6-1****RACE 8: THE IN THE BREEZE**

**3 ISLA ROAD**, stakes-placed at the distance, turns back after a solid return from the layoff in which she finished 3<sup>rd</sup> – beaten a neck - in a \$25,000 optional claimer going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo in the irons.

**12 KELSEY'S CROSS**, a multiple Grade 3 stakes-placed daughter of Anthony's Cross, cuts back to a mile, and breaks from the ultra-tough outside post, after rallying strongly to win the \$100,000 Ginger Punch going a mile and a sixteenth last out. The obvious class of the field has Luca Panici handling the outside draw. **2 MIDNIGHT SOIREE** is turning back after finishing an even 4<sup>th</sup> behind Kelsey's Cross in the Ginger Punch. Trainer Lisa Lewis has Edgard Zayas at the controls.

**SELECTIONS: 3-12-2****RACE 9:**

**4 PAPETU** is stepping up to face winners after the impressive career debut at the distance in which he drew clear to score by 5 widening lengths. Trainer Antonio Sano has Leonel Reyes going for 2 in a row.

**6 PRINCESS SECRET** will face the boys at 5 ½ furlongs after drawing clear to defeat a pair of next-out winners in her 4 ½-furlong career debut. Trainer Dan Pita has Miguel Vazquez named to ride.

**3 THE ICE BEAST** is stepping up, and stretching out, after making a professional late run to defeat a pair of next-out winners in his \$50,000 debut going 4 ½ furlongs. Trainer Mike Yates has Jesus Rios in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 4-6-3****RACE 10: THE BOB HUMPHREY TURF SPRINT**

**7 FACTION CAT** is making his local return after the pair of triple-digit speed figure victories at Tampa, including the score in the Turf Dash in :53 & 4 for the 5 furlongs. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle. **9 PAY ANY PRICE**, another from Georgina Baxter, the 15-time local winner, and track record holder at the distance, will try to parlay that horse-for-course status into a victory over his talented stablemate; Edgard Zayas rides the 10-year-old superstar. **3 KRSTO SKYE** should be primed and ready to score after moving to the Carlos David barn, and returning from the layoff, to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in front of Pay Any Price last out; Samy Camacho rides.

**SELECTIONS: 7-9-3****RACE 11:**

**2 LADY BOSS** is trying 7 furlongs on the main track after finishing a rallying 2<sup>nd</sup> in her 5-furlong career debut going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Victor Lebron handling the surface switch.

**3 DOLL COLLECTION** is stretching out to this distance after returning from the 9-month layoff to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> going 6 furlongs in the slop. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo atop the 4-year-old daughter of Tapit. **5 TARA** is stretching out an additional furlong after rallying to hit the board in 4 consecutive sprints going shorter. She's a must use on your exotic tickets.

**SELECTIONS: 2-3-5****BEST BET: RACE 8 – 3 ISLA ROAD****LONGSHOT: RACE 4 – 7 STIRLING DRIVE**