



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**5 STRONG HEADED**, 2 for 3 'in the money' on the turf, drops to the \$40,000 level again after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> when bumped up to the \$60,000 level last out.

**10 GUACO** moved to the Amador Sanchez barn via the claim, and steps it up a notch, after rallying along the rail to finish a positive 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$32,000 maidens at the distance. **12 KITTEN'S CLOWN** is a son of Kitten's Joy who drops for trainer Mike Maker after breaking poorly and never getting untracked in his \$65,000 career debut going a mile; Edgard Zayas handles the outside draw.

**SELECTIONS: 5-10-12**

## RACE 2:

**3 TAMIAMI** is a daughter of Rattlesnake Bridge debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with a steady work tab showing both locally and at Palm Beach Downs; Edgard Zayas rides. **8 MACY'S HOME RUN** is a daughter of Winslow Homer debuting for trainer Mike Yates with series of stamina enhancing half-mile workouts showing in preparation for the debut; Miguel Vazquez rides. **6 WORLD GONE WILD** is a daughter of Gone Astray debuting for Kathleen O'Connell with a trio of so-so workouts showing at GP West. The tote action should tell us more.

**SELECTIONS: 3-8-6**

## RACE 3:

**8 ZODIAC PRINCESS** is stretching out to her best distance thus far (3-1-0-0) after 'hitting the board' in 4 of 5 races at distances from 7 ½ furlongs to a mile on the turf. **5 CALENTITA (IRE)** is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear to defeat \$10,500 maidens at the distance. The lightly raced 4-year-old looks solid vs a group that has had many chances at trying to win their 2<sup>nd</sup> race. **4 TWEETY KITTEN** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after shipping upstate and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> vs similar going a mile on the Tampa turf. Trainer Monica McGoey has Victor Lebron in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 3-5-4**

## RACE 4:

**8 TONY SMALL** was solid in defeat when he shipped down from New York and rallied to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten three-quarters of a length as the favorite – at this level and distance. Saffie Joseph Jr tabs Edgard Zayas to ride. **9 O DRISCOLL** is dropping a notch after responding to the big drop in competition with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish – as the favorite – vs \$12,500 maidens at the distance. **1 OROSCOPO**, now in the Mike Yates barn, the gelding drops to this level on the main track after facing tougher on both turf and dirt while in the Tom Bush barn; Miguel Vazquez rides.

**SELECTIONS: 8-9-1**

## RACE 5:

**7 LA CARA BONITA** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after showing speed and weakening late when facing better in the 2 starts since being claimed by Bob Hess Jr during April. **1 KAYSERI** is dropping to this level, and cutting back to a mile, after tracking the pace, making a move towards the lead, and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$16,000 claimers going 8 ½ furlongs. Trainer Bobby Dibona, has Emisael Jaramillo handling the inside draw. **12 PERT** is debuting locally for trainer Kent Sweezey after a couple of solid turf outings at Tampa in which she followed her huge \$16,000 maiden score with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish vs \$20,000 claimers. The big concern is the tough outside post.

**SELECTIONS: 7-1-12**

## RACE 6:

**6 TATWEEJ** is a \$2.5 million-dollar 4-year-old son of Tapit debuting for Todd Pletcher with a steady morning work tab showing at Palm Beach Downs in preparation for this long-awaited assignment. **3 SPICE ROAD**, the most seasoned maiden in the field, debuts local for trainer Eoin Harty in the first start since finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the mud at Aqueduct in January. The gelded son of Street Sense was working sharply at Tampa in preparation for his 4-year-old debut.

**4 SUMMER KID** is making his first start since showing promise in his career debut during January when finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in a fruitful special weight test that's produced a couple of next-out winners. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has the son of Lemon Drop Kid training forwardly at GP West.

**SELECTIONS: 6-3-4**

**RACE 7:**

**12 SASSY JUSTICE** is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and breaking from a demanding outside post, after 'hitting the board' in 1 of 2 \$40,000 starter allowance races since she was claimed by Mike Maker; Edgard Zayas rides. **10 OBLIO'S WISH** is stepping it up a notch after breaking from Post 12, getting fanned wide, when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$12,500 open-claimers going a mile. She's better posted with Nik Juarez in the saddle. **7 CLASSY OF COURSE** is stepping up to face open competition, and returning to the turf, after dueling from start to finish and holding sway to defeat \$16,000 '3-lifetime' claimers going a 1-turn mile in the slop. Trainer Monica McGoey is 19% with the dirt-to-turf angle.

**SELECTIONS: 12-10-7**

**RACE 8:**

**4 MY SARASOTA STAR** will face \$30,000 conditioned claimers with the great equalizer on her side – Speed! Trainer Dave Braddy has Edgard Zayas handling her first race since February. **5 FIGHTRESS** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the layoff to finish a troubled 3<sup>rd</sup> (bumped twice) vs this level of competition going 6 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. Trainer Laura Cazares has Leonel Reyes up.

**8 DISTINCTLY BLUE** will try these dated-claimers after returning from the layoff to finish 6<sup>th</sup> vs \$25,000 optional claimers going 5 furlongs on a sealed sloppy surface. Trainer Carlos David tabs 7-pound apprentice Alberto Burgos to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 4-5-8**

**RACE 9:**

**1 I AM MAGICAL (GB)**, 3<sup>rd</sup> on the turf vs a notch tougher 2 starts back, is going back to the grass after taking the overland route and finishing a sightseeing 5<sup>th</sup> in a \$40,000 '2-lifetime 'off the turf' outing going a mile in the slop. Trainer Patrick Biancone has Santiago Gonzalez atop the daughter of Declaration of War.

**5 AERODYNAMIC** is returning to her preferred surface (4-1-0-2) after setting a pressured pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in a \$16,000 affair moved from turf to a mile on the dirt.

**6 CENTSLESS DRAMA**, 3 for 5 'in the money' on the turf, is shifting back to the grass after dueling for the lead and fading to finish a distant 4<sup>th</sup> in a race moved from the turf to a mile on a fast track. Trainer Carlos David adds blinkers, and has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 1-5-6**

**RACE 10:**

**2 MI TRES POR CIENTO (CHI)**, who has run exceptionally well since arriving from Chile, drops to the \$62,500 level again after following his score at this level and distance with a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish behind hard-knocking Fast Pass in a \$75,000 optional claimer that had swift early fractions. **4 COOL ARROW** exits the same race as the top choice, and is expected to offer more, after returning from the layoff to finish a rallying 4<sup>th</sup> behind Fast Pass going 6 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Terri Pompay is solid with the 2<sup>nd</sup> start back from this type of layoff. **7 FOR THE ROAD** is debuting locally with one task at hand. The son of Adios Charlie, going for his 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive front running victory, will be playing 'catch me if you can'!

**SELECTIONS: 2-4-7**

**RACE 11:**

**9 CHEROKEE SOUND** has her claiming tag carved in half, and makes her first start since getting beat a nose here vs \$25,000 maidens going 8 ½ furlongs here in April. Trainer Wesley Ward has journeyman Eduardo Nunez named to ride. **4 SUBTLE JOY**, 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance on the turf 2 starts back, is back on the grass after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in a race moved from a mile and an eighth on the turf to fast main track.

**3 ALL AMERICAN JEWEL** is hoping for a clean trip after encountering trouble both early and late when finishing 4<sup>th</sup> at his level and distance on the turf.

**SELECTIONS: 9-4-3**

**BEST BET: RACE 8 – 4 MY SARASOTA STAR**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – MI TRES POR CIENTO (CHI)**