



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

9 THIRD ARMY moved to the Murat Sancal barn via the claim after returning from the layoff, dropping to this level, and finishing 3rd at the distance. The barn, 29% with recent claims, tab Emisael Jaramillo to ride.

6 LONDON WEREWOLF is stretching out to a mile after rallying to come within a neck of notching this '3-lifetime' when 2nd going 6 furlongs last out.

7 MR CESCO is plunging to the \$8,000 level after returning from the layoff to finish last vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers going three-quarters of a mile. You've got to like the fact that leading jock Edgard Zayas stays aboard.

SELECTIONS: 9-6-7

RACE 2:

2 SKY is an Arindel homebred daughter of Brethren debuting for trainer Juan Alvarado with a string of solid morning workouts showing; Miguel Vazquez rides.

3 KATIESDREAMGIRL is a daughter of Young Brian (Hard Spun) debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks with 10 local workouts showing in preparation for her debut performance. Trainer Nicks, 23% with his freshman runners, has Emisael Jaramillo at the controls.

6 ROYAL HABIBI is a daughter of Tapiture debuting for trainer Antonio Sano, who is 3 for 9, over the last 90 days, with this 2-year-old first-time starters.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-6

RACE 3:

4 SUNDOWN KID is sitting on a winning effort after responding to both the dropdown in competition, and the turnback to 5 furlongs, with a 2nd place finish at this level. Trainer Allen Maragh has Rajiv Maragh named to ride. **5 STORM THE BRIDGE**, 2 for 3 'in the money' on the dirt vs similar quality, is going back to the main track after finishing an okay 4th going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Miguel Vazquez handling the surface switch. **8 EAGLES DAWN** is a son of Tiznow debuting for trainer Jeff Engler with a string of solid workouts showing at Palm Meadows.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-8

RACE 4:

9 SOUPER SHENANIGAN is dropping a notch after rallying wide to finish 3rd in a fruitful \$20,000 '2-lifetime' claimer that's produced a pair of next-out winners. Trainer Mark Casse has Cristian Torres up.

6 DEO FORTE is dropping to the \$16,000 level after pressing the pace and finishing 3rd – beaten a length – vs \$25,000 '2-lifetime' runners at the distance. Trainer Barry Croft has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle again.

1 GRAN OLD PARR is stepping up to face winners after responding in his career turf debut with a \$12,500 maiden victory at the distance; Edgard Zayas goes for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 9-6-1

RACE 5:

4 JAMAICAN is dropping to the \$8,000 level after following his front running score vs \$6,250 claimers at the distance with a 2nd place finish vs \$12,500 claimers in a race moved from the grass to 5 furlongs on the main track. **5 KAREN'S COVE** is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after surrendering a late lead to repeat winner Joe Di Baggio going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Javier Gonzalez claimed the previous winner at this level and distance last out, and keeps Cristian Torres at the controls. **6 ARRIVEDERLA** is dropping to this level after facing \$16,000 state-bred allowance competition in his 2 previous races. Note the last time he won was against \$8,000 '3-lifetime' foes during February.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-6

RACE 6:

7 SUMMER IN THE CITY is stepping back up to special weight company after a solid 2nd at the distance vs \$50,000 maidens, a race that's produced a trio of next-out winners from 8 starters. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Edgard Zayas atop the daughter of Summer Front. **5 SHE'S JUST QUALITY** is stretching out to a mile after returning from the freshening to finish a rallying 3rd vs special weight runners going 5 furlongs. Trainer Diane Morici has Luca Panici atop the daughter of Quality Road.

2 STARSHIP MALLOMAR is eligible to take another step forward after rallying to finish 3rd at this level and distance last out. Trainer Steve Dwoskin has Victor Lebron in the saddle again.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-2

RACE 7:

1 TETSU is debuting locally at the \$12,500 level after responding to a dropdown in competition with a 2nd place finish – beaten a nose – vs \$16,000 ‘3-lifetime’ runners going a mile and a sixteenth on the Tampa turf. **12 MYSTICAL MOON** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, and breaking from a post that’s produced only 2 winners from 43 starters at the meeting. The consistent gelding moves to the top of the list if there’s any scratches to his inside. **3 RESIDENT LIBERAL** is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and stretching out to his best distance (4-2-0-0), after returning from the 2-month freshening to finish a sightseeing 6th vs \$20,000 state-bred optional claimers going a mile. Trainer Mary Eppler has Samy Camacho in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 1-12-3

RACE 8:

5 LURE HIM IN is dropping a level on the claiming scale after setting the pace and weakening to finish 4th vs \$40,000 claimers in an ‘off the turf’ event going a mile. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo atop the gelded son of Khozan. **7 GENGHIS** moved to the Bobby Dibona barn via the claim, and is hoping for some racing luck, after the rough trip when finishing 2nd – as the odds-on choice – at this 1-mile distance. The barn, 20%-win new claims, have Samy Camacho named to ride. **6 TON’S OF GOLD** is another dropping to the \$30,000 level after making a 5-wide charge to finish 3rd vs \$40,000 claimers at this 1-mile distance.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-6

RACE 9:

2 DONJI, a previous winner at this level and distance, stretches out to 9 furlongs after setting the pace and getting beat a nose vs \$12,500 open-claimers going a mile. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Samy Camacho at the controls. **3 HIGH NOON RIDER** is dropping into this \$16,000 starter optional claimer after failing to handle the jump up to the \$62,500 level on the turf last out. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Marcos Meneses atop the winner of 50% of his local turf races (8-4-1-1).

4 FAST FIRE, a distant specialist, is making his local return after winning 1 of 2 recent 11-furlong turf races at Tampa. The son of War Chant will have R Allen Jr handing the turnback to a mile and an eighth.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-4

RACE 10:

1 KEY BISCAIYNE, who was the exception to the norm when she defeated \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers when going a mile from Post 12 last out. She steps up, and breaks from the rail, trying to make it 2 in a row at a price. **6 LOVELY LUVY** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after returning from the layoff for trainer Saffie Joseph Jr and finishing 3rd again vs this level of competition going a mile. The concern is her penchant for finishing 2nd or 3rd on the local sod (11-1-3-6). **8 DRINKS ON ME** is stepping up to the \$25,000 level after pressing the pace and coming within a neck of defeating \$16,000 open-claimers at this mile and a sixteenth distance. Trainer Cheryl Winebaugh has Leonel Reyes named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-8

RACE 11:

8 TRAPPEZOID is cutting back to a 1-turn mile after surrendering a late lead when finishing 2nd vs this familiar competition going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Gerado Quiroz has 7-pound apprentice Mario Fuentes in the saddle. **7 CANDY COVE** is another cutting back to a mile after tracking the pace and finishing 3rd – a neck and a head – behind Candy Crushem and Trapezoid going 8 ½ furlongs last out. **6 CANDY CRUSHEM** will try to make it 3 in a row after rallying late to catch the top 2 last out. Marcial Navarro takes over the training, and tabs Miguel Vazquez to ride.

SELECTIONS: 8-7-6

BEST BET: RACE 10 – 1 KEY BISCAIYNE

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 2 DONJI

