



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**5 CULTIVATION** is making the usually fruitful 3<sup>rd</sup> start back from a layoff after coming within a scant nose of exiting the maiden ranks last out.

**6 DANCINGWITHJIMMIEB** is going back to the turf for trainer Antonio Sano after rallying 3-wide to come within a neck of breaking her maiden when 2<sup>nd</sup> going 5 panels on a fast track. **3 HOLLY HILL**, a lightly raced 4-year-old, goes back to the grass for trainer Shamir Maragh after making a 4-wide bid and settling for 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Dancingwithjimmieb last out.

**SELECTIONS: 5-6-3**

## RACE 2:

**7 BROOKES ALL MINE**, a reclaim by Bob Hess Jr, is wheeling back after shaking off early pressure to defeat this familiar competition by 4-plus lengths. The new/old connections reunite the mare with Fanny Olsson, who rode her to victory during January. **3 VICKY APPLE** moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance. The barn, 40% with new claims, tab Emisael Jaramillo to ride.

**6 SWEET BLOSSOM** is plummeting to the \$8,000 level on the main track after facing better on both turf and dirt up at Tampa. Trainer Alexis Delgado sweetens the deal with red-hot Luis Saez in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 7-3-6**

## RACE 3:

**6 OCEAN FIRE** is stretching out to a mile in the first race since rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in a fruitful maiden special weight test that's already produced a pair of next-out winners. Trainer Bill Mott, 19% with the 61-180 days layoff, has John Velazquez atop the daughter of Animal Kingdom. **1 PARDON MY HEART** is cutting back to a mile after rallying to get beat a length in consecutive outings going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Mark Casse has Luis Saez named on the daughter of Declaration of War.

**2 TIZAHRA** is another cutting back to 8 furlongs after the well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup> going a mile and a sixteenth in which she finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in front of Pardon My Heart. Trainer Ian Wilkes has Chris Landeros up.

**SELECTIONS: 6-1-2**

## RACE 4:

**5 NOUDHA** is making her long-awaited sophomore debut the first start since finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in her maiden special weight debut at Saratoga last summer. Leading trainer Todd Pletcher has the daughter of American Pharoah working well, and has sizzling jock Luis Saez at the controls. **7 CENTER AISLE** is a \$1,500,000 daughter of Into Mischief debuting for trainer Chad Brown with a sharp morning work tab showing at Palm Meadows, which includes the recent half-mile bullet gate work in 48 & 1, which was the best time of 52 horses at the distance; Joel Rosario rides.

**12 SAY MOI** is a \$300,000 daughter of Union Rags debuting for trainer Bill Mott with 9 Payson Park workouts showing in preparation for this assignment; John Velazquez handles the outside draw.

**SELECTIONS: 5-7-12**

## RACE 5:

**1 BEAN COUNTER** is cutting back to a mile, and facing 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' competition, after returning from the 3-month layoff to duel for the lead and fade to finish 5<sup>th</sup> – as the favorite - in a \$40,000 starter allowance contested at a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Luis Saez handling the turnback. **9 I AM MAGICAL (GB)** is dropping into this conditioned claimer after setting the pace and weakening to finish 5<sup>th</sup> when tussling with entry-level allowance runners going a mile and three-sixteenths. Trainer Patrick Biancone has Luca Panici named on the daughter of Declaration of War.

**4 SHE FLED THE SCENE** is stepping it up a notch after rallying 5-wide to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> going a mile vs \$25,000 '2-lifetime' claimers.

**SELECTIONS: 1-9-4**

**RACE 6:**

**1 MUD PIE** will depart from the always-interesting inside post after returning from a 6-month layoff to finish a fast-closing 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Rusty Arnold, 23% with horse making the 2<sup>nd</sup> start back from a 45-180 days layoff, tabs Paco Lopez to ride. **12 DR POST** must deal with the outside post in the first start since an eventful debut at Saratoga in which he bobbed at the start, and was rushed into contention, when running into a buzz named Green Light Go, who went on to win the G2 Saratoga Special, finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in the G1 Champagne, and 3<sup>rd</sup> recently in the Swale Stakes. **6 NOCTURNAL** is debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher, who also conditions Dr Post, with Lasix, and Luis Saez named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 1-12-6**

**RACE 7:**

**8 CASTAGNO**, the only 3-time winner in the field (6-3-1-1), will try to make it 2 in a row after rallying from far back to defeat \$25,000 starter optional claimers at this 1-mile distance; Paco rides for Jose Gallegos.

**1 BLAZING DESIRE**, who defeated \$35,000 optional claimers in front running fashion 2 starts back, breaks from the rail after setting a pressured pace and weakening to finish 4<sup>th</sup> at this level and distance. It's the old bounce/rebound angle for the top connections of Maker and Gaffalione. **4 MYSTERY BANK**, who is still a maiden, is stepping up to face winners after returning from the layoff, and responding to the addition of Lasix, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish – beaten a neck vs \$50,000 maidens. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 8-1-4**

**RACE 8:**

**4 MOROCCO** is dropping to the \$50,000 level after stepping up off the claim by trainer Mike Maker and opening an early 6 ½-length lead before fading as the perfect table setter for superstar stablemate Zulu Alpha's victory in the 11-furlong G2 Mac Diarmida; Luis Saez rides. **11 WESTERLAND (GB)**, another from Mike Maker, drops to this level in the first start since finishing 7<sup>th</sup> in a 'key' \$62,500 optional claimer that produced next-out G3 Canadian Turf winner Sombeyay. **7 GOLDEN DECISION** will try to make it 2 in a row after parlaying a 4-wide charge into a victory vs \$35,000 claimers. Trainer Peter Walder has Miguel Vazquez atop the 5-time local turf winner.

**SELECTIONS: 4-11-7**

**RACE 9:**

**8 ANGELIA** is stretching out to a 1-turn mile after returning from the layoff to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> vs similar quality going 6 furlongs. Trainer Todd Pletcher has John Velazquez atop the daughter of Curlin. **7 NAVASHA** is stepping up to face winners in the first start since drawing clear to break her maiden going a mile here in January. Trainer Christophe Clement has Paco Lopez going for 2 in a row. **5 SLINGIN SAMMY B** is stretching out to 8 furlongs (7-2-3-1) after failing to fire in the first race after the claim by Saffie Joseph Jr in a \$35,000 starter allowance going 6 ½ furlongs. She was freshened for a barn that boasts a 29%-win average with the 61-180 days layoff.

**SELECTIONS: 8-7-5**

**RACE 10:**

**7 KEY BISCAYNE** is making her 3-year-old debut after the promising freshman season on the turf in which she showed speed and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in back-to-back routes going 7 ½ furlongs. She has speed, and a chance to steal the finale at a price. **6 URBAN FAIRYTALE** is making her first start since finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in front of a trio of next-out winners in a fruitful maiden special weight test going a mile on the Keeneland turf. Trainer Ian Wilkes has Chris Landeros atop the daughter of Distorted Humor. **8 L'INDISCRET** is a daughter of War Front debuting for trainer Barclay Tagg with the breeding needed to be a superstar on the grass. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Joe Bravo at the helm. **12 POP A CHOC** is a \$330,000 daughter of Bernardini, and a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Airoforce, debuting for trainer Mark Casse with Lasix, and Tyler Gaffalione named to handle the outside post.

**SELECTIONS: 7-6-8-12**

**BEST BET: RACE 7 – 8 CASTAGNO**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 7 KEY BISCAYNE**

