



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**12 SKYE SNOW** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, and breaking from the outside, after the solid turf debut in which she rallied to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> going a mile on the Fair Grounds turf. Trainer Mike Maker has Irad Ortiz Jr handling the local debut. **7 SEX SYMBOL** is a daughter of Uncle Mo, and a half-sister to Grade 2 winner Fashion Business, debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and a strong work tab showing at Palm Beach Downs; Javier Castellano rides.

**10 FORTY ZIP** is a nicely bred daughter of City Zip debuting for trainer Shug McGaughey with a consistent morning workout pattern showing at Payson Park; Julien Leparoux rides.

**SELECTIONS: 12-7-10**

## RACE 2:

**5 MAGGIE FITZ** is a million-dollar daughter of Ghostzapper debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix and 10 Palm Beach Downs workouts showing in preparation for the much-anticipated debut; John Velazquez rides. **1 MUSIC TEACHER** is a daughter of Commissioner debuting for trainer Cherie DeVaux, who has a 30%-win average with her first-time starters. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Edgard Zayas handling the inside draw. **2 BOOKS** is a daughter of Goldencents debuting for trainer David Fawkes with Lasix, and jockey Tyler Gaffalione named to ride. The tote action should tell us more about her chances to win at first asking.

**SELECTIONS: 5-1-2**

## RACE 3:

**4 WILLING TO SPEED** looks ready to score after the pair of solid finishes vs this caliber of competition, which includes the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish – as the tepid favorite – at this distance last out. Trainer John Kimmel has Irad Ortiz Jr in the saddle. **6 BOLD PAYNTER** is hoping to turn the tables on the top choice after making a bid and settling for 4<sup>th</sup> behind him last out. Trainer Cheryl Winebaugh has Luis Saez handling the rematch.

**1 DERMOT** will depart from the rail again after rallying late to finish 5<sup>th</sup> behind the top two last out. Trainer Kathy Ritvo tabs Jairo Rendon to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 4-6-1**

## RACE 4:

**5 FLASHING RED** is debuting locally at a 1-turn mile, and dropping to the \$50,000 level, after responding to the addition of Lasix with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish vs special weight competition going a mile & 40-yards at Tampa. Trainer Christophe Clement has Paco Lopez atop the daughter of Violence. **7 TOPO GRIGIO** is dropping into the maiden claiming ranks, adding blinkers, and stretching out to a mile, after failing to get untracked in her special weight debut going 7 furlongs. Trainer Todd Pletcher, 24% with maidens making their 2<sup>nd</sup> start, has Irad Ortiz Jr in the irons. **2 WITCH HUNTER**, now in the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, the daughter of Khozan has been working consistently in preparation for the first start since finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$20,000 maidens at GP West; cheap, maybe?

**SELECTIONS: 5-7-2**

## RACE 5:

**3 ENVOUTANTE** is a \$250,000 daughter of Uncle Mo shifting to the main track after solid career debut going a 2-turn mile on the turf in which she tracked the pace and finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Trainer Ken McPeck has Julien Leparoux handling the surface switch. **2 GUAZZA** is a daughter of Tapit, and a half-sister to multiple Grade 1 winner Shared Belief, debuting for trainer Murat Sancal with Lasix, and Luis Saez named to ride.

**1 MISS T TOO** continues to work well at Payson Park in preparation for the first start since showing speed and fading – as the favorite – in her 6 ½-furlong debut. Trainer Bill Mott has John Velazquez handling the stretchout to a mile.

**SELECTIONS: 3-2-1**

**RACE 6:**

**2 VICKY APPLE** moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and wheels back, looking to improve on the recent 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at this level and distance. The barn, 42% with new claims, has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride. **3 BROOKES ALL MINE** moved to the Gerado Quiroz via the claim, and hopes to save more firepower for the stretch drive, after setting the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance during January. **7 KINDHEARTED KOTA**, who does her best running from 'off the pace', will try to reel in this very familiar competition with strong finisher Edgard Zayas at the controls.

**SELECTIONS: 2-3-7****RACE 7:**

**1 BAJAN GIRL** will try to buck the recent speed trend on the turf when stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after rallying to finish 4<sup>th</sup> – beaten 1 ½ lengths at 43-1 – in her turf debut going a mile. Trainer Rohan Crichton tabs leading jock Irad Ortiz Jr to ride. **10 OCEAN AIR** is a daughter of strong turf sire English Channel debuting for trainer Christophe Clement with Lasix, and a solid work tab showing at Payson Park. The barn, 26% with first-time starters, has go-to jock Tyler Gaffalione at the controls. **3 SETTING THE MOOD** is a daughter of Lea debuting for leading trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and Luis Saez named to ride. Tab the tote action for more clues.

**SELECTIONS: 1-10-3****RACE 8:**

**4 PAOLA'S TEAM** is cutting back to seven-eighths of a mile after setting the pace and weakening late to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind repeat winner Hartling going a 1-turn mile last out. Trainer Francisco D'Angelo has Edgard Zayas named to ride. **5 LA FLAMENCA** is turning back to 7 furlongs after using her speed to defeat \$12,500 maidens going a mile in her last. Trainer Marcial Navarro has Irad Ortiz Jr handling the jump up to face winners. **3 LA TRES JOLIE** is hoping to bounce back at 7 panels after encountering early trouble and coming up empty going 8 furlongs. Trainer Antonio Sano has Luis Saez named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 4-5-3****RACE 9:**

**5 MR ATILA** moved to the Eddie Kenneally barn via the claim, and turns back to 7 furlongs, after posting his 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive victory when defeating this level of competition going a mile. Trainer Kenneally, 32% with new claims, has Luis Saez going for the hat trick on the son of Ghostzapper. **3 BLACK PEPPER**, 2 for 2 'in the money' at 7 furlongs, stretches out after the couple of 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes vs similar quality going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Mike Tomlinson has Tyler Gaffalione at the controls. **4 CHASE RUNNER** is turning back to seven-eighths of a mile after leading from start-to-finish to defeat \$12,500 '3-lifetime' claimers going a mile. Trainer Laura Cazares has Edgard Zayas going for 2 in a row.

**SELECTIONS: 5-2-4****RACE 10:**

**6 R BOY EVENS** moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim after turning on the afterburners to defeat \$30,000 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' runners at this 5-furlong distance. The new connections tab Luis Saez to ride. **7 CRYOGENIC**, another from Mike Maker, will try to make it 2 in row after rallying to defeat this level of competition at the distance. The 5-year-old should sit the trip, especially if his uncoupled stablemate gets hounded on the front end. **2 CAPTAIN RON** was game in defeat when he set the pace and was nailed at the wire – as the favorite - by Cryogenic last out.

**SELECTIONS: 6-7-2****RACE 11:**

**8 HERO UP** is dropping to the \$25,000 level after the ambitious outing vs state-bred special weight competition in which he flew to an early 3 ½-length lead before fading in the stretch to finish 7<sup>th</sup>. Trainer Laura Cazares tabs Edgard Zayas ride the longshot special in the nightcap. **9 COSMIC TREASURE** is dropping into the maiden claiming ranks after rallying to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in front of Hero Up when they hooked up at this level and distance last out. Trainer Larry Rivelli tabs Irad Ortiz Jr to ride. **6 BEYOND THE CALL** merits major consideration on the ticket after showing good tactical speed when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, respectively, at this level and distance. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has Chris Landeros named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 8-9-6****BEST BET: RACE 10 – 6 R BOY EVENS****LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – 8 HERO UP**