



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

2 NOBLE MARIA is dropping to the \$12,500 level after returning from the extended layoff to finish 4th vs \$20,000 claimers at the distance. Trainer Susan Ditter has apprentice Joseph Trejos named to ride. **12 GENERIC MARK** is plunging to this level after failing to show much vs maiden special weight competition in Kentucky last summer. Trainer Rusty Arnold has Tyler Gaffalione handling both the dropdown, and the outside post. **6 HERCULINA** is dropping a notch on the maiden scale after returning from the layoff to finish 6th vs \$16,000 maidens. Trainer Wesley Ward is 22% with the 2nd start after a 45-180 days layoff.

SELECTIONS: 2-12-6

RACE 2:

1 APACHE is dropping to the \$25,000 level, and stretching out to a mile, after tracking the pace and finishing 4th vs \$50,000 maidens going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Luis Saez atop the son of Khozan, who's bred to get the distance. **7 W W CANDY** is dropping a notch, and stretching out to this 1-turn mile, after finishing an improved 4th vs \$32,000 maidens going 6 furlongs. Trainer Scott Becker has Irad Ortiz Jr handling the stretchout. **2 WOODHAVEN KID** has his claiming tag sliced in half, and gets Lasix, after the sightseeing trip in his \$50,000 debut going 6 panels. Trainer Patrick Reynolds, who trained Big Brown, has Emisael Jaramillo guiding this son of Big Brown.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-2

RACE 3:

4 PRINCESS CARRIGAN, who does her best running from a stalking position, should sit the trip behind what is sure to be a mad scramble for the early lead. Trainer Jena Antonucci has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride.

5 SUGAR BOLT is a speedy 4-year-old who drops to this level in the first start since dueling for the lead and fading vs considerably tougher before the layoff. Trainer David Fawkes has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle. **8 TIPSY AGAIN** is by far the most interesting participant in the race when she tries the turf after the pair of open-length victories sprinting on the Tampa main track. The daughter of Awesome of Course will have Edgard Zayas doling out her speed.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-8

RACE 4:

11 MORE THAN USUAL is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and stretching out to a mile again, after tracking swift early fractions and finishing 4th vs \$25,000 maidens going 5 furlongs. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Tyler handling the combo dropdown/stretchout. **2 PERFECT ENOUGH** is dropping, and returning to the turf, after vying for the lead and weakening to finish 4th vs \$16,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth on a sealed sloppy track. The obvious concern is the zero-for-12-win record over the GP turf (12-0-3-3).

4 IMA COALMAN is eligible to show more after getting fanned wide and finishing 6th vs similar in his first race back from an 8-month plus layoff. Trainer Joe Orseno is 3 for 10 (30%) with the 2nd race back from this type of layoff.

SELECTIONS: 11-2-4

RACE 5:

9 FIAMMA MAMMA has her claiming tag carved in half after dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd vs \$12,500 claimers going this 1-turn mile. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has apprentice Joseph Trejos named to handle the outside post.

2 LA TRES JOLIE is dropping to this level on the main track after the pair of so-so performances vs better on the turf. The daughter of Birdstone is spotted perfectly today.

1 UNION LANE is stepping up to face winners after using her speed to defeat \$12,500 maidens at this mile distance; apprentice Alberto Burgos rides.

SELECTIONS: 9-2-1

RACE 6:

2 CAROLYN'S SMILE is making a lateral move to face state-bred maiden special weight competition, and stretching out to 7 furlongs, after setting the pace and just getting nailed at the wire in an open \$50,000 maiden sprint contested at three-quarters of a mile. **5 JEANIE'S ANGEL**, now in the David Fawkes barn, the daughter of Handsome Mike stretches out to seven-eighths of a mile after chasing the pace and weakening in what should prove to be a perfect table setter for this assignment; Luis Saez rides. **3 SWEDEN** is turning back to a mile after tracking the pace and calling it a day when trying a 2-turn mile and a sixteenth last out. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-3

RACE 7:

7 GOOD BYE GREG, in for the \$25,000 tag in this optional claimer, debuts locally after flaunting his speed vs better in his 2019 campaign in the Midwest. Trainer Larry Rivelli has Irad Ortiz Jr atop the hard-knocking 9-year-old. **3 APACHE BRAVE** should be primed and ready to offer his best after returning from the layoff to set the pace and finish 2nd vs \$20,000 state-bred optional claimers. The Big concern is the zero-for-17 record on the GP turf (17-0-5-2). **12 QUARKY** is hoping to make amends after returning from the layoff to press swift early fractions before fading – as the favorite – at this level and distance last out. Trainer Mike Dini has leading jock Luis Saez in the irons again.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-12

RACE 8:

3 YODEL E. A. WHO is dropping to the \$40,000 level after following a couple of sharp efforts at a mile with a troubled starting 6th (stumbled) vs \$62,500 optional claimers going 6 furlongs. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas in the irons.

6 FORTUNE COOKIE is stretching out to 7 furlongs (4-2-0-0) after rallying to finish 5th vs this level of competition going 6 ½ furlongs last out.

Trainer Mike Maker has Irad Ortiz Jr atop this 6-time local winner (16-6-3-2). **7 CHAMPAGNEONME** is stretching out an additional half-furlong after returning from the layoff to rally wide and defeat this level of competition going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Miguel Vazquez going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-7

RACE 9:

2 FROSTED GRACE is dropping to the \$50,000 level after returning from the 2-month freshening to finish 2nd – in front of a pair of next-out winners – in a \$62,500 optional claimer at the distance. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has Nik Juarez named to ride.

6 WHERE PARADISE LAY moved to the Brendan Walsh barn via the claim, and steps up the competition, after holding on gamely to defeat \$35,000 claimers going 6 furlongs in the slop last out; Tyler Gaffalione rides. **4 WHYRUAWESOME** is another dropping to the \$50,000 level after facing tougher in a quartet of 6-furlong sprints, which includes a 2nd place finish in the \$50,000 Trust Buster; Luis Saez rides for Liz Dobles.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-4

RACE 10:

4 SOUTH SEA, who hasn't visited the winner's circle last July, moves to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim after encountering double-trouble (steadied twice) when finishing 3rd vs \$35,000 claimers going 6 furlongs in the slop for the previous connections.

11 FRONT LOADED, who last visited the winner's circle during August, fits the conditions of this dated-claimer after facing \$35,000 open-claimers with some success. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Edgard Zayas atop this 6-time local winner.

5 WHO'S IN CHARGE has the running style needed to live up to his name after drawing clear in hand to defeat \$40,000 2-lifetime' claimers going 6 furlongs at Aqueduct during January. Trainer Danny Gargan has Chris Landeros atop the lightly raced 4-year-old son of Take Charge Indy.

SELECTIONS: 4-11-5

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 3 YODEL E. A. WHO

LONGSHOT: RACE 4 – 4 IMA COALMAN