



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**3 KING OF ROCK** is freefalling to the \$12,500 level, and cutting back to 5 furlongs, after opening and surrendering an early 6-length lead to finish up the track in a \$65,000 maiden test going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Danny Gargan adds 2<sup>nd</sup>-time blinkers today.

**8 THENEXTBESTTHING** is dropping to this level after facing maiden special weight competition, on both turf and dirt, at Arlington and Hawthorne during 2019. Trainer Louie Roussel has Angel Rodriguez handling the dropdown. **6 GRAN OLD PARR** moved to the Murat Sancal via the claim, and debuts on the turf, after setting the pace and weakening vs this level of competition going 5 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. The new connections remove the blinkers for this assignment.

**SELECTIONS: 3-8-6**

## RACE 2:

**3 CAMPANELLE (IRE)** is a daughter of Kodiak (GB) debuting for trainer Wesley Ward with a string of sharp workouts showing over the Palm Meadows turf course. Trainer Ward, 26% his freshman runners, has Nik Juarez in the saddle. **8 ROYAL APPROVAL**, another from the Wesley Ward 2-year-old juggernaut, is also facing the boys after working strongly on the Palm Meadows turf, which includes the recent half-mile bullet in 47&2, the best time of 28 horses at the distance.

**7 KODIAK MAMBA (GB)** is a son of Kodiak (GB) debuting for trainer Mark Casse with a couple of solid workouts showing at Palm Meadows; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

**SELECTIONS: 3-8-7**

## RACE 3:

**3 EXAMINER** is dropping to the \$16,000 '3-lifetime' level after facing a series of tougher optional claimers, including the comeback performance at the Fair Grounds in which he finished 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$40,000 optional claimers. Trainer Louie Roussel III has the gelding working well locally, and tabs Emisael Jaramillo to ride. **2 INGREIDO** continues his climb up the claiming ladder after following his \$12,500 maiden victory with a sharp \$12,500 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' score at this 1-mile distance.

**1 MAKABIM** is dropping to this level in the first start since finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the distance, vs \$25,000 optional claimers during March. Trainer Dan Hurtak, who has 2 in the field (Shanghai Moon), has Miguel Vazquez atop this half of the uncoupled entry.

**SELECTIONS: 3-2-1**

## RACE 4:

**7 KOZY DREAMS** is wheeling back after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish – beaten a neck – at this level and distance. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Marcos Meneses in the irons.

**8 UNCAPTURED RUBY**, now in the Jorge Delgado barn, the gelding drops to the \$16,000 level, and turns back to 6 furlongs, after facing tougher before the layoff, which includes the stalk-the-pace 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$25,000 maidens going a mile during March; Cristian Torres rides.

**1 LITTLE MISS MACHO** is dropping to this level after returning from the 11-month layoff to show some early interest before fading to 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$50,000 maidens. Trainer Kathy Ritvo spots the daughter of Mucho Macho Man perfectly today.

**SELECTIONS: 7-8-1**

## RACE 5:

**10 TAPIZAR KING** returns from the layoff, and debuts on the turf, after setting the pace and getting beat a nose vs \$20,000 maidens going 6 furlongs on the GP West main track. He looks like the controlling speed, and has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle. **4 MAQUIAVELO** is going back to the turf after following the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at this level and distance on the grass with a late running 2<sup>nd</sup> going 5 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. Trainer Fausto Gutierrez has promising apprentice Joseph Trejos in the saddle. **5 AWESOME ENOUGH** is making his turf debut the first start since finishing a troubled starting 3<sup>rd</sup> (crowded) behind the top choice in the slop.

**SELECTIONS: 10-4-5**

**RACE 6:**

**1 GOT IT MADE** is a \$350,000 daughter of Uncle Mo debuting for trainer Chad Brown with Lasix, and some solid workouts showing at Payson Park. Nik Juarez will handle the always interesting inside post. **6 TARA** has been knocking on the door in 3 consecutive races vs similar quality, which includes the nose defeat at this level and distance last out. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Emisael Jaramillo trying to get the daughter of Brethren out of 2<sup>nd</sup> gear. **5 MIRACULOUSBLESSING**, now in the Victor Barboza Jr barn, the daughter of Rattlesnake Bridge makes her sophomore debut the first start since finishing 4<sup>th</sup> behind next-out Grade 1 Alcibiades winner British Idiom in a 6-furlong maiden special weight sprint at Saratoga last August. Interesting!

**SELECTIONS: 1-6-5****RACE 7:**

**9 LADY NOGUEZ** is dropping a notch after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> when facing \$20,000 claimers going a mile on a 'good' turf course. Trainer Bob Hess Jr has strong finisher Paco Lopez handling the stretchout to 8 ½ furlongs.

**12 MISS MY MACHO** moves to the demanding outside post after running right by Lady Noguez when they hooked up at a mile last out. The consistent daughter of Mucho Macho Man is a previous winner at the distance, and strictly the one to fear at this level.

**7 WICKED SOLUTION** is stepping up, and stretching out, after rallying wide to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a nostril – vs \$12,500 claimers going a mile. Trainer Dave Braddy has Miguel Vazquez trying to spring the mini upset.

**SELECTIONS: 9-12-7****RACE 8:**

**2 ROYAL SQUEEZE** is turning back to 6 furlongs after setting the early pace and weakening to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in the 7-furlong \$100,000 Big Drama last out. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Victor Lebron atop the 3-time winner at the distance. **6 BELLE TAPISSERIE**, in for the \$50,000 tag in this wide-open optional claimer, was freshened after finishing 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$62,500 optional claimers here during March. Trainer Joe Orseno has Cristian Torres atop this 6-furlong specialist (7-4-0-0). **1 FROSTED GRACE** will depart from the rail after posting back-to-back 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes vs this familiar competition. He's another with the credentials needed to end up in the winner's circle in this wide-open affair.

**SELECTIONS: 2-6-1****RACE 9:**

**3 CENTERFOLDPROSPECT** is dropping a notch, and turning back to 5 furlongs, after setting a pressured early pace and weakening when facing \$20,000 '3-lifetime' claimers at odds of 52-1 last out. I like the turnback, and the fact that Paco Lopez will be at the controls.

**6 OVERNIGHT SUCCESS** is dropping to the \$16,000 level after ending his sprint campaign at the Fair Grounds with a stalk-the-pace 2<sup>nd</sup> – as the even-money favorite – in a \$30,000 '3-lifetime' claimer going 5 ½ furlongs on the turf. Trainer Louie Roussel has Edgar Prado named to ride. **9 CONGRATS THAT** is stepping up to the next level after a game \$12,500 '2-lifetime' score in which he dueled from start to finish and held sway to win by a neck. Trainer Mike Yates has Miguel Vazquez going for 2 in a row.

**SELECTIONS: 3-6-9****RACE 10:**

**6 WHISKEY SUNRISE** is looking to make amends after following his commanding state-bred special weight score with a hard-fought 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at this level and distance. Trainer Mike Yates has Miguel Vazquez returning on the lightly raced son of Cajun Breeze.

**1 KRAMMY BOY** has the figures, and local resume, needed to compete vs this state bred competition after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in front of a pair of next-out winners in a competitive \$12,500 claimer at the distance. Trainer Peter Walder has Cristian Torres handling the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive start from the rail. **7 HE'S SMOKIN NOW** is debuting locally vs state-bred runners after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs 4 rivals in a \$100,000 optional claimer at Tampa. Trainer Gerald Bennett has Samy Camacho in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 6-1-7****RACE 11:**

**9 LA CARA BONITA** will try 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' competition after dueling early, reaching the lead, and weakening late to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$25,000 optional claimers at the distance. Trainer Bob Hess Jr has Paco Lopez rationing her speed. **10 GLORIOUS GAL** is dropping to the \$30,000 level, and adding blinkers, in the first start since finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$50,000 open-claimer going a mile at the tough Championship Meet. Trainer Joe Orseno has Cristian Torres handling the return to action.

**4 I'LL DO IT MY WAY** is another dropping into this \$30,000 '2-lifetime' affair after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$50,000 claimers going a mile last out. Trainer Ron Spatz spots her perfectly in the nightcap.

**SELECTIONS: 9-10-4****BEST BET: RACE 11 – 9 LA CARA BONITA****LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 3 CENTERFOLDPROSPECT**