



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**5 HERCULINA** will be outfitted with blinkers after rallying to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in consecutive races at this level and distance. Trainer Wesley Ward has Eduardo Nunez handling the 3<sup>rd</sup> start off the bench. **4 V K LEGACY** is hoping the 18<sup>th</sup> time is the charm after stalking the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance last out: Apprentice Mario Fuentes rides. **3 REVVEDUPLIKEADUCE** breaks closer to the rail after setting the pace and yielding late to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> – at odds of 60-1 -when facing this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Kathleen O’Connell has Miguel Vazquez playing catch me if you can.

**SELECTIONS: 5-4-3**

## RACE 2:

**4 BROOKES ALL MINE**, claimed in 4 consecutive races before the layoff, returns for new trainer Jose D’Angelo in an ideal spot to continue her consistent 2020 campaign (5-2-3-0). The barn, 32% with new additions to the shedrow, have Joseph Trejos at the controls. **3 GRACE’S DRAMA**, a sharp winner at this level and distance 2 starts back, will try to recreate that performance after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs another group of \$6,250 claimers going a mile. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Alberto Burgos handling the rebound performance. **7 PAYNTER FEST** is hoping to finally get out of 2<sup>nd</sup> gear after the trio of 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes, which includes the place showing behind Grace’s Drama on August 21. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr secures the services of jockey Emisael Jaramillo.

**SELECTIONS: 4-3-7**

## RACE 3:

**8 UNO BABY BIRD** gets the nod to exit the maiden ranks after responding to the dropdown to this level with a well-meant 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish – beaten a neck at this 5 ½-furlong distance. **2 MAQUIAVELO** is a somewhat consistent performer at this level who may have found the spot to remedy the also-ran status (12-0-1-7). Trainer Fausto Gutierrez has Joe Trejos in the irons. **3 SHORTLISTER** is looking to muster out of the maiden ranks when making his career debut, for trainer Terri Pompay, in an ideal spot for a first-time starter to succeed.

**SELECTIONS: 8-2-3**

## RACE 4:

**2 FAST FRACTION** is looking to make amends after responding to the dropdown with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish - as the favorite – at this level and distance. Trainer Sandra Matier has Leonel Reyes up. **4 VUYELWA** is stepping up to face winners after shipping down from Tampa and crushing a field of \$10,000 maidens by 10 ½ lengths. She’ll be tested for class with Alberto Burgos in the saddle again.

**6 BABY ALIDETT** is dropping to the \$6,250 level on the dirt after returning from the 10-month layoff to finish a slow starting 8<sup>th</sup> vs \$12,500 ‘2-lifetime’ foes going 5 panels on the turf. You have to like the fact that Emisael Jaramillo will be in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 2-4-6**

## RACE 5:

**7 BRIGHT VENEZUELAN** will try to make it 2 in a row after returning from the 4-month layoff to defeat a pair of next-out winners in a \$16,000 claimer at the distance. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Hector Berrios in the irons.

**6 TRUE HEIRESS** is dropping to the \$10,500 level after facing tougher in 3 consecutive optional claiming sprints on the turf, which includes troubled (clipped heels, stumbled) 9<sup>th</sup> place finish behind repeat winner Heir Ball last out. **3 SWEETLY MAID** is going back to the grass after following the respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish behind Bright Venezuelan 2 starts back with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place showing vs \$16,000 claimers going 5 panels on a ‘good’ main track.

**SELECTIONS: 7-6-3**

## RACE 6:

**2 THREE DEEP** is turning back to 6 ½ furlongs after dueling for the lead and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> when facing \$12,500 ‘2-lifetime’ claimers going a mile last out. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa has Emisael Jaramillo atop Three Rules little brother. **3 TRISOMIA** moved to the Rohan Crichton barn via the claim, and stretches out to 6 ½ furlongs, after rallying to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs similar going 6 and 5 ½ furlongs, respectively. The added distance should help his cause.

**1 DIAMONDS ENJOY** has speed, the rail, and a chance to lead this group on a merry chase: Hector Berrios rides for Amador Sanchez.

**SELECTIONS: 2-3-1**

**RACE 7:**

**7 FORT KING** is stepping up to face \$12,500 open-claimers after using his speed to notch his 'non-winners of 2 and 3-lifetime' conditions in glib fashion. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Emisael Jaramillo handling the gelding's toughest task to date. **1 EARTH** will try to make it 2 in a row after returning from the layoff to duel throughout and hold sway to win by a neck at this level and distance. Trainer Jena Antonucci has Samy Camacho going for 2 in a row. **9 HERO TIGER**, 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Earth on the turf a couple of starts back, returns to the lawn after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in a \$16,000 starter optional claimer moved from the turf to 5 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track.

**SELECTIONS: 7-1-9****RACE 8:**

**3 PANAREA** moved to the Darien Rodriguez barn via the claim, and steps up to the \$25,000 level, after drawing off to defeat \$16,000 claimers by 5 ½ lengths. The barn, 50% with new claims, sweeten the deal with leading jock Edgard Zayas at the controls. **1 CLASSY BEAST** moved to the Bobby Dibona barn after the claim, and returns to the main track, after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$25,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going 5 furlongs on the turf. Note: the barn is 32% with the turf to dirt angle. **2 CHEZ PAREE**, a solid 2<sup>nd</sup> when sprinting on the dirt 2 starts back, returns to the main track after finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in a fruitful \$45,000 claimer on the turf that's produced a couple of next-out winners.

**SELECTIONS: 3-1-2****RACE 9:**

**9 MO OF THE WEST** is back in the allowance optional claiming ranks after a rough outing in the \$75,000 Miss Gracie in which the jock lost an iron early, and she was left too much to do – as the favorite – going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Trainer Mark Casse has Miguel Vazquez in the irons. **3 CENTSLESS DRAMA**, beaten a neck by the top choice 2 starts back when going a mile and a sixteenth, renews the rivalry at a mile after a set-the-pace 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers going 8 furlongs. Trainer Carlos David has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. **7 AERODYNAMIC** will be tested for class when stepping up the competition after back-to-back victories vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers. The 'now' horse' has Edgard Zayas going for the hat trick.

**SELECTIONS: 9-3-7****RACE 10:**

**4 YODEL E.A. WHO** should have the screws tightened after returning from the layoff to duel for the lead and weaken to finish 4<sup>th</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr is 24% with the 2<sup>nd</sup> start back from a 45-180 days layoff. **6 FROSTED GRACE**, still looking for the elusive victory this year (7-0-4-2), was solid in defeat when finishing a 4-wide 2<sup>nd</sup> vs this familiar competition last out. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has go-to jock Luca Panici in the saddle. **3 ROYAL SQUEEZE** is making the usually fruitful 3<sup>rd</sup> start back from the layoff after parlaying a stalking trip into a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish behind Frosted Grace last out. His back class must be respected.

**SELECTIONS: 4-6-3****RACE 11:**

**3 LOVELY LUVY** is turning back to a mile, and returning to allowance optional claiming ranks, after tracking the pace and failing to fire when 6<sup>th</sup> in the 8 ½-furlong \$60,000 Day at the Spa last out. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas in the irons. **6 GREAT SISTER DIANE**, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the aforementioned Day at the Spa, shortens up to a mile after the sightseeing 6<sup>th</sup> place finish in the mile and a sixteenth \$75,000 Monroe last out.

**8 BIENVILLE STREET** is cutting back to a mile after drifting out late when finishing an otherwise game 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a neck – the 8 ½-furlong Monroe. Trainer Cam Gambolati has Cristian Torres up.

**SELECTIONS: 3-6-8****RACE 12:**

**3 MORE DIAMONDS** is stepping up to face winners after a solid \$12,500 maiden victory in which she stalked early and caught the leader late. **7 GRAN DIAMOND** should be ready to offer more after returning from the extended layoff to vie for lead before fading from her earlier efforts. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael Jaramillo handling the 2<sup>nd</sup> start off the bench. **5 DANCINGWITHJIMMIEB** is returning to the turf with ideal closing style needed to reel in what looks like a suspect early pace scenario. Trainer Antonio Sano has Alberto Burgos up.

**SELECTIONS: 3-7-5****BEST BET: RACE 9 – 9 MO OF THE WEST****LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – 3 LOVELY LUVY**