



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

2 POPPY'S PRIDE will face state-bred competition after rallying to finish 2nd behind Dr Fager Stakes 3rd place finisher Boca Boy in an open special weight sprint going 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer Mike Yates has Jesus Rios up. **9 BOOMER** is stretching out an additional half-furlong after rallying strongly to finish 2nd in his 5-furlong debut during May. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Hector Berrios in the saddle.

4 LOST LOVER is a son of Gone Astray debuting for trainer Mike Maker with 6 solid morning workouts showing; Edgard Zayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 2-9-4

RACE 2:

9 OUR LITTLE DEVIL is wheeling back after pressing the pace and finishing 2nd at this level and distance. Trainer Bill Deaton has Samy Camacho in the saddle. **4 CULTIVATION**, who has some okay turf sprint outings on the go-back, moves to the Kathy Mongeon barn after showing speed and weakening in a pair of 1-mile races moved from turf to dirt. **12 FLYING SOFIA** will give the turf a try after showing some early interest and tiring in her 5 ½-furlong debut on a sealed sloppy track.

SELECTIONS: 9-4-12

RACE 3:

10 SUGAR BOLT, 2nd at this level 2 starts back, will get blinkers after dueling for the lead and weakening to finish 4th in a \$16,000 state-bred optional claimer at the distance. Trainer Dave Fawkes has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle. **9 I'M PRAYINGFORTHAT** is stepping up to the next level after responding in the first race after the claim by Carlos David with a driving score – as the 3-to-5 favorite – vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers.

4 GOT GLEE is returning from the layoff, and stepping up the competition, after a trio of okay sprint performances at the \$10,000 level. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Hector Berrios at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 10-9-4

RACE 4:

6 FULL SEND is dropping to the \$25,000 level after following the 2nd place finish vs \$50,000 maidens with a troubled outing (bumped start, & ½-mile pole) when 7th vs state-bred special weight runners going 5 ½ furlongs in the slop. **9 QUAKE** is dropping to this level, and adding blinkers, after making a middle move to get the lead before finishing a wide 4th in his \$40,000 debut going 5 furlongs. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Hector Berrios named to ride.

1 DANG IT is dropping, and adding the shades, after back-to-back distant 4th place finishes, which includes the outing behind Full Send in his debut.

SELECTIONS: 6-9-1

RACE 5:

6 MEADE moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim, and turns back to 6 ½ furlongs (3-1-0-0), after the troubled trip behind hard-knocking R Mercedes Boy going a 1-turn mile last out. **4 GUMP** is stretching out to his best distance (3-2-0-0), and getting the blinkers back, after tracking the pace and finishing 3rd vs \$25,000 optional claimers going 6 furlongs sans the blinkers. **5 SOUTH SEA** is stretching out an additional half-furlong after dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd vs this level of competition going three-quarters of a mile. The gelding should be in the first flight playing 'catch me if you can'.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-5

RACE 6:

9 KAHIKO is dropping to the \$25,000 level after 'hitting the board' in 1 of 3 turf outings at the \$50-40,000 level. Trainer Todd Pletcher has go-to jock Edgard Zayas handling the class relief.

6 LAKE PARIMA, now in the Kent Sweezey barn, the daughter of Temple City makes her local return the first start since finishing 2nd - between a pair of next-out winners - in a \$25,000 maiden affair going a mile on the Tampa turf, while in the Christophe Clement barn. **11 CAFFEINE RUSH** is going back to the turf after stalking the pace and fading late when facing similar quality in a pair of 1-mile races moved from turf to dirt. She'll be running and gunning as soon as the pop the gate latch.

SELECTIONS: 9-6-11

RACE 7:

2 FIVE OF HEARTS, now in the Mark Passley barn, the gelding makes his first start since following the 9-length plus \$25,000 maiden score with a stalk-and-fade outing vs \$50,000 claimers during January, while in the Jorge Navarro barn.

3 SEPTEMBERTEN, 2nd at this level and distance, in the slop, 2 starts back, shortens up after stalking the pacesetters and finishing 3rd vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers going a mile last out. Trainer Rohan Crichton reunites the gelding with Edgard Zayas, who was aboard 2 when going 7 panels 2-back. **6 RACK GIN** is shortening up to seven-eighths of a mile after responding to the dropdown with a 2nd place finish vs this level of opposition going a mile. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Samy Camacho up.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-6

RACE 8:

2 AMADORA is going back to the main track after setting the pace and finishing 3rd vs this level of competition going a 2-turn mile on the turf. Trainer Kent Sweezey has Angel Arroyo handling the surface switch. **8 THISSMYTIME** is stretching out to a mile after rallying to finish 3rd when facing \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Edgard Zayas handling the added distance.

4 TIME TO TWO STEP is wheeling back after following the 2-lifetime score in the slop with a troubled starting 5th at this level and distance. She will be a major factor - IF - she can break trouble free.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-4

RACE 9:

9 HARBOUR MASTER (GB), who does his best running in the latter stages of the race, should get the pace needed to compliment his running style. The gelding, 2nd in the Mecke Stakes last-out, has Luca Panici in the saddle. **3 FLY TO MARS** is making his first start since posting triple-digit speed figures in a pair of Grade 2 turf stakes in California almost 2 years ago. Trainer Mark Casse has the 6-year-old training forwardly for the return.

6 TIZZARUNNER is dropping to this level after finishing 2nd to Mecke Stakes winner Sailing Solo in a \$100,000 optional claimer at the distance. Trainer Carlos David has Samy Camacho named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 9-3-6

RACE 10:

7 STARSHIP APOLLO moved to the Oscar Gonzalez barn via the claim, and stretches out to 6 ½ furlongs, after finishing 4th behind 3 next-out winners going 6 furlongs last out. The new connections have Cristian Torres named to ride.

2 KAREN'S COVE moved to the Rohan Crichton barn via the claim, and drops a notch, after finishing a stalk-the-pace 3rd vs \$8,000 claimers. The barn, 23% with new claims, tab Miguel Vazquez to ride.

6 JAMAICAN moved to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim after setting the pace and fading – as the 4-to-5 favorite – vs \$8,000 claimers, including Karen's Cove. The new connections lighten the load with 7-pound apprentice Mario Fuentes at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-6

BEST BET: RACE 9 – 9 HARBOUR MASTER (GB)

LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 2 FIVE OF HEARTS