



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

6 BALLIE'S DREAM is dropping to the \$14,000 level after returning from a 4-month layoff to stalk the pace and finish 3rd in a \$20,000 maiden test at the distance. Trainer Laura Cazares tabs Edgard Zayas to ride. **7 MISS LORETTA** is hoping to svvave more for the stretch drive after setting the pace and fading when finishing 6th behind the top choice last out.

10 DANCINGWITHJIMMIEB was solid in defeat when she broke from the outside (Post 12), and rallied wide to finish 2nd in front of Ballie's Dream when sent off at odds of 68-1 in her last.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-10

RACE 2:

3 IMPRESSION GIVEN is dropping to the bottom, and stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs, after setting a pressured pace and weakening to finish 5th – beaten 3 lengths – in her \$32,000 debut going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Javier Gonzalez has Irad Ortiz Jr atop the lightly raced 5-year-old mare.

4 AUNT IRENE, now in the Jorge Delgado barn, the 4-year-old drops to the \$12,500 level after the trio of 3rd place finishes vs \$20,000 types at GP West; Tyler Gaffalione rides. **2 DIXIELAND HUMOR** will try 6 ½ furlongs after finishing 2nd vs similar quality going a 1-turn mile 2 starts back, and 2nd again when going three-quarters of a mile last out; Cristian Torres rides for Ralph Nicks.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-2

RACE 3:

9 WHAT'S TO BLAME will be outfitted with blinkers after following his \$40,000 maiden victory at Aqueduct with a 2nd place finish – beaten a neck here – at this level and distance. Trainer Christophe Clement has Paco Lopez handling the outside draw. **8 DARK AGES**, who broke his maiden at this distance here last July, is dropping into this 'non-winner of 2-lifetime' sprint on the turf after 'hitting the board' in 1 of 2 races moved from the grass to a 1-

turn mile on the main track. Trainer Mike Maker has Irad handling the combo surface switch/turnback.

4 MR. EDGAR moved to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim, and returns to the turf, after rallying to finish 2nd vs similar going 5 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track; Tyler Gaffalione rides.

SELECTIONS: 9-8-4

RACE 4:

1 ATTHEPEARLYGATES is cutting back to 6 furlongs on the main track after setting the pace and weakening to finish 4th vs similar quality going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Rajiv Maragh handling the surface switch.

2 KORCZAK is stepping up to face winners at three-quarters of a mile after responding in the first race after the claim by Jorge Navarro with a commanding \$12,500 maiden score going a mile here. The barn, 27% with the turnback move, has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. **3 TIZABET** is stepping up to the next logical level after the solid debut victory at the distance in which he drew clear to defeat \$25,000 maidens by a couple of lengths.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-3

RACE 5:

8 WHO IS JARETT is dropping to the \$30,000 level, and returning to the turf, after following the 4th place finish sprinting on the GP West turf with a press-and-fade 6th place finish – as the 3-to-5 favorite – when facing \$50,000 maidens on the dirt. Trainer Jorge Navarro has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

3 WORDMAN is a \$200,000 son of Bodemeister debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and Luis Saez named to ride. The tote action will tell us more. **2 DUNMORE TOWN** is a son of Uncle Mo debuting for trainer Ed Plesa Jr with 12 morning workouts showing in preparation for the long-awaited debut; Paco Lopez rides.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-2

RACE 6:

5 SENSATIONAL RIDE is turning back to 7 furlongs after setting the pace and finishing 2nd – beaten a neck – in the mile and a sixteenth Claiming Crown Iron Horse, a race that’s produced a trio of next-out winners. Trainer Peter Walder has Rajiv Maragh handling the turnback. **4 EARLY ENTRY** is stretching out to 7 furlongs (9-4-0-2) after returning from Monmouth to finish 2nd vs \$25,000 optional claimers going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Jorge Navarro has Luis Saez handling the 7-furlong specialist. **6 MR. JORDAN** drops into the claiming ranks for the first time hoping to rekindle his considerable back class after finishing 4th in the Millions Classic Preview at GP West.

SELECTIONS: 5-4-6**RACE 7:**

4 DUNIVERSE, who has faced better on the turf up North, is going back to the grass after responding to a dropdown in competition with a 2nd place finish going a 1-turn mile on the dirt. Trainer Anthony Pecoraro has Irad Ortiz Jr handling the surface switch. **2 LOVELY BROWN** has been moving in the right direction since both the addition of blinkers 2 starts back, and the dropdown to the \$20,000 level in her last. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Edgard Zayas handling the 2nd consecutive start at a mile.

3 GABY’S DREAM, another from trainer Anthony Pecoraro, the daughter of Uncaptured is going for 2 in a row after rallying to defeat \$16,000 maidens going a mile on the turf; Paco Lopez rides.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-3**RACE 8:**

9 PRINCESS LATINA is dropping to the \$8,000 level, and turning back to 6 furlongs, after setting a pressured pace and holding sway to defeat \$12,500 claimers going 6 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Victor Lebron going for 2 in a row.

2 TUESDAY’S ROSE is dropping to this level after her 3-race win streak vs similar quality ended when she broke slowly and never got untracked when finishing 6th vs \$12,500 claimers last out. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Jairo Rendon in the saddle.

3 BABY ICE is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after responding to the dropdown to this level with a 2nd place finish – in front of a pair of next-out winners – going 5 ½ furlongs last out.

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

9 CAP DE CREUS, a half-sister to Grade 1 winner Seek Again, is stretching out to a mile & three-sixteenths after returning from the layoff to get beat a head by Mean Mary, who came back to win the Grade 3 La Prevoyante on Saturday in impressive fashion. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Javier Castellano named to ride, as Irad moves to **5 BACCHANALIA**. The latter, trained by Chad Brown, is making her first start since breaking her maiden going 9 furlongs on the Belmont turf. The daughter of Union Rags is training well for the return. **6 CIVIL UNION**, now in the Shug McGaughey barn, the lightly raced daughter of War Front, stretches out after finishing 4th behind common thread Mean Mary in a 1-mile allowance on the Aqueduct turf.

SELECTIONS: 9-5-6**RACE 10:**

6 FORTYEIGHTSTRAIGHT is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after encountering early trouble (bumped twice), dueling for the lead, and weakening from her earlier travails to finish 7th vs similar going a mile. Trainer Mike Lerman has Edgard Zayas named on the upset special. **1 BASIE** is dropping to the \$50,000 level on the turf, and shedding the blinkers, after bumping at the start and failing to fire vs special weight competition going a mile on the dirt. Trainer Chad Brown has Javier Castellano handling the surface switch. **7 MONTANA MAN** is stretching out an additional 16th of a mile after surrendering a late lead to finish 2nd – beaten a length – vs \$50,000 maidens going a mile. Trainer Dale Romans has Nik Juarez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-7**BEST BET: RACE 9 – 9 CAP DE CREUS****LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 6 FORTYEIGHTSTRAIGHT**