



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**2 SPANISH LOVEAFFAIR**, a half-sister to Grade 1 winner Spanish Queen, is debuting for trainer Mark Casse with a string of solid workouts showing on both the turf and dirt at Palm Meadows; Victor Lebron rides. **5 CRYSTAL COAST**, a daughter of Animal Kingdom, is stretching out around 2-turns after breaking poorly and failing to get untracked in her 5-furlong career turf debut. Trainer Carols David has Angel Rodriguez handling the added distance. **9 KNOW HOW (GB)**, another from Mark Casse, the daughter of No Ney Never (Scat Daddy), bred to love the surface, and the distance, has trained forwardly for the debut; Hector Berrios rides.

**SELECTIONS: 2-5-9**

## RACE 2:

**2 VARSOVIA** is stepping up to the next level, and cutting back to three-quarters of a mile, after drawing clear to defeat \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimers going 6 ½ furlongs. **5 ADONAI BLESS** is debuting locally after ending her campaign at Tampa with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish vs \$8,000 '3-lifetime' claimers going three-quarters of a mile. **4 SIZZLING ROMA** is hoping to bounce back at this distance after following a pair of 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes vs similar going 6 furlongs with the clunker going 5 ½ furlongs last out.

**SELECTIONS: 2-5-4**

## RACE 3:

**2 SLEEK LYNX** is a \$335,000 daughter of War Front debuting for trainer Mark Casse with a consistent morning work tab showing at Palm Meadows. Hector Berrios will guide the regally bred freshman.

**5 DIRECTOR'S CUT** is stretching out around 2-turns for the first time after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in her 5-furlong debut on the Tampa turf. Trainer Tim Hamm has Edgar Prado handling the added distance.

**8 BOLD ARTICLE** is a daughter of productive sire Constitution debuting for trainer Saffie Joseph Jr with red-hot jock Marcos Meneses named to ride. Note the barn has a positive \$2.44 ROI with horses debuting a mile.

**SELECTIONS: 2-5-8**

## RACE 4:

**2 GEM THIEF** is dropping to the \$40,000 level after chasing the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in her 5-furlong turf debut vs maiden special weight competition. Trainer Wesley Ward is 21% with similar class drops. **7 HEART OF GOLD** is stepping up, and debuting on the turf, after the promising \$25,000 debut on the dirt in which she rallied to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a neck at this distance. Trainer Enrique Torres has Alberto Burgos up. **4 MERMAID'S TEAR** is a daughter of Two Step Salsa debuting for trainer Ron Spatz with a solid morning workout pattern showing; Miguel Vazquez rides.

**SELECTIONS: 2-7-4**

## RACE 5:

**1 PERFECTCOMBINATION** is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear to defeat \$10,000 maidens by almost 7 lengths. Trainer Paul Kopaj has apprentice Joseph Trejos going for 2 in a row.

**3 SENSE A MILLION** has been knocking on the door in both local races since defeating \$16,000 maidens at Tampa. Trainer Kent Swezey has Angel Rodriguez in the saddle. **5 TRUE ATKA** will try \$16,000 '2-lifetime' competition after shipping down from Tampa and proving no match for \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers in a swift sprint timed in 1:10 & 2 for the 6 furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 1-3-5**

**RACE 6:**

**1 MACHIAVELLI** has his claiming tag sliced in half, and turns back to a mile, after following a well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup> at the distance vs \$20,000 claimers 2 starts back, with a non-trying 10<sup>th</sup> vs \$25,000 '3-lifetime' claimers going a mile and a sixteenth last out. Trainer Mark Casse has Emisael Jaramillo handling the combo dropdown/turnback. **3 MYSTICAL MOON**, who has closed to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in 5 consecutive races vs this level of competition on the turf, will cut back to a mile after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – as the tepid favorite – going 8 ½ furlongs last out. **2 DILLON ROCKS** moved to the Juan Avila barn via the claim, and steps up to the next level, after drawing clear to defeat \$12,500 '2-lifetime' foes going a mile on the turf during May; Leonel Reyes rides.

**SELECTIONS: 1-3-2****RACE 7:**

**1 BEYOND GONE** is dropping a notch, and stretching out to 7 furlongs, looking to sit in the catbird seat behind what looks like a strong early pace scenario. The only concern is the inside post going seven-eighths of a mile. **2 PLATO** moved to the Jose D'Angelo barn via the claim, and steps up to the \$25,000 level, after rocketing clear to defeat \$12,500 claimers by 7-plus lengths when going a mile for the previous connections.

**6 HANDSOME PRINCE** will try open competition after following his \$25,000 maiden score at 6 furlongs with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish vs \$25,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going 7 furlongs in the slop.

**SELECTIONS: 1-2-6****RACE 8:**

**8 HOPONTHEBUSGUS** will have to make a new plan Stan when she turns back to a mile after responding in the first race after the claim by Mike Maker with a victory vs this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth; Victor Lebron rides. **3 YAKO**, who fought throughout and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Hoponthebusgus going 8 ½ furlongs last out, cuts back to a mile hoping the reverse the previous outcome. Trainer Antonio Sano has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle again. **1 TRIBLY** is cutting back to her best distance on the grass (17-3-5-2) after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind the top two last out. The rematch should be fun to watch and wager on.

**SELECTIONS: 8-3-1****RACE 9:**

**3 LENZI'S LUCKY LADY**, who was impressive winning both the Golden Isles and the Desert Vixen in the slop during her freshman season, makes her first start since showing speed and fading going 7 furlongs in the Susan's Girl Division of the Fla Sire Stakes. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Emisael Jaramillo handling her 3-year-old debut.

**5 RELUCTANT BRIDE** is making her first start since finishing a distant 4<sup>th</sup> in the Grade 2 Davona Dale going a mile here during February. Trainer Patrick Biancone has the lightly raced daughter of Speightstown training forwardly for the return.

**1 ADDILYN** has the 'what have you done recently; angle on her side after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 6 ½-furlong \$75,000 Game Face behind classy Up in Smoke and Bourne last out.

**SELECTIONS: 3-5-1****RACE 10:**

**8 SENZAZIONE**, who has faced considerably tougher in his 2 previous turf races, is going back to the grass after responding to the dropdown with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish vs this level of competition going a mile in a race moved from the lawn to a mile on the dirt. Amador Sanchez takes over the training, and tabs Hector Berrios to ride. **7 ESCRIBANO** is a gelded son of Wrote (Ire) debuting for trainer Juan Rizo with a string of solid workouts showing over the GP West training track. He gets Lasix, and a look at a price. **10 ESTILO PELIGROSO** is turning back to a mile after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> vs this level of competition going 9 furlongs. The consistent gelding may have found the spot where he can get the elusive maiden score.

**SELECTIONS: 8-7-10****BEST BET: RACE 7 – 1 BEYOND GONE****LONGSHOT: RACE 3 – 2 SLEEK LYNX (GB)****RAINBOW  
PICK 6**