



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

3 MARIES MELODY is dropping to the \$16,000 level after following a pair of competitive turf outings at the \$25,000 level with poor showing vs \$40,000 maidens last out. Trainer Ramon Minguet has Edgard Zayas handling the dropdown.

2 FIELD BET, now in the Jeff Engler barn, the daughter of Sidney's Candy drops to this level after facing considerably tougher on the Santa Anita turf last summer. The new connections have Victor Lebron handling the local bow.

8 WONDER BLONDY was game in defeat when she returned from the layoff, encountered early traffic problems (took up), and still managed to finish a rallying 2nd at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-8

RACE 2:

8 FUN LOADED is a son of Uncaptured debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks, who has a solid 25%-win average with his freshman runners. Emisael Jaramillo will handle the outside draw.

6 PALADIO is a son of Gone Astray debuting for trainer Antonio Sano with a solid morning work tab showing over the track; Irad Ortiz Jr rides.

5 MAMBA ON THREE is a son of Big Drama debuting for trainer Carlos David with 5 Palm Meadows workouts showing in preparation for his first start; Paco Lopez rides.

SELECTIONS: 8-6-5

RACE 3:

1 AERODYNAMIC drops a notch, removes the blinkers after one race, and turns back to a mile after following the \$16,000 maiden victory with a stalk-the-pace 5th vs \$20,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile and a sixteenth with the shades added. Trainer Amador Sanchez has Hector Berrios handling the inside post.

9 GENERIC MARK moved to the Mike Pino barn via the claim after debuting locally and rallying late to defeat \$12,500 maidens – as the favorite – by a hard-fought neck; Irad Ortiz Jr rides.

6 ZODIAC PRINCESS will try to stretch her speed to the wire after setting the pace before getting caught in the stretch and settling for 2nd vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile last out.

SELECTIONS: 1-9-6

RACE 4:

6 RACK DADDY is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after returning from the 6-month plus layoff to finish a rallying 3rd vs similar quality going 5 ½ furlongs in the slop. Trainer Joe Orseno, 3 for 11 (27%) with the 2nd start back from a long layoff, has Paco Lopez handling the daughter of The Factor. **2 QUEEN LETIZIA** is an obvious choice to get her picture taken after responding the dropdown with a slow starting 2nd place finish at this level and distance. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Cristian Torres returning on the daughter of Khozan. **12 VICTORY CRUSADE** moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim, and drops to the \$10,000 level, in the first start since failing to show much in her \$25,000 career debut going 5 furlongs during April. The new connections tab Irad Ortiz Jr to ride.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-12

RACE 5:

11 BASELINE DRIVE is looking to hit it out of the park in her career debut for trainer Chad Brown. The daughter of Point of Entry gets Lasix, and has Irad Ortiz Jr in the irons. **5 MO OF THE WEST** is a \$300,000 daughter of Uncle Mo who returns to the turf after following her promising career debut on the grass with a stalk-the-pace 4th behind repeat winner Key Biscayne in a state-bred

special weight race moved from the lawn to 8 ½ furlongs on the main track. Trainer Christophe Clement has Samy Camacho handling the surface switch. **2 AMADORA** is debuting on the turf after showing a fondness for racing around 2-turns when she set the pace and finished 2nd in a race moved from the grass to a mile and a sixteenth on a fast track.

SELECTIONS: 11-5-2

RACE 6:

8 KAREN'S COVE will try to make it 2 in a row after racing wide and still managing to defeat a pair of next-out winners going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Peter Walder has Cristian Torres handling the outside post. **5 MUSTANG CAT** moved to the Jeff Engler barn via the claim, and returns to the main track, after ending his campaign in the Crescent City with a stalk-the-pace 2nd vs \$10,000 starter optional claimers going 5 ½ furlongs on the Fairgrounds turf. Victor Lebron handles the surface switch.

4 HE IZ GONE is dropping to the \$8,000 level after returning from the layoff to post an inconsistent pair vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Samy Camacho handling the dropdown.

SELECTIONS: 8-5-4

RACE 7:

1 BLAZING DESIRE moved to the Amador Sanchez barn via the claim after dueling throughout and holding sway to score, at this level and distance, by a hard-fought head. The new connections have Hector Berrios handling the inside post. **10 UNCLE ANDREW** moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim, and debuts locally, after ending his campaign in New Orleans with a stalk-and-fade outing vs \$30,000 claimers going a mile on the lawn; Irad Ortiz Jr rides.

8 PRINCE KHOZAN, who has faced better on the turf in the past, is going back to the grass after stalking the pace and finishing 5th vs \$35,000 claimers going 6 ½ furlongs on the main track. Trainer David Fawkes has Emisael Jaramillo handling the combo surface switch/stretchout.

SELECTIONS: 1-10-8

RACE 8:

2 MIDTOWN ROSE is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after stalking the action and finishing 2nd vs first-level allowance competition going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr reunites the 4-year-old with Irad Ortiz Jr, who rode her to her previous victory during December.

5 FLASHING DIAMOND, a previous winner at the distance (2-1-0-1), is stretching out after returning from the layoff to finish a neck behind Midtown Rose when they hooked up at three-quarters of a mile last out. Edgard Zayas gets the call, as Irad moves to the top choice. **4 SKY CHASER** is cutting back to a sprint distance after posting her 2nd consecutive victory when she defeated \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers going a mile in her last. The 'now' horse will have Miguel Vazquez going for the hat trick.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-4

RACE 9:

8 NO NO NINA is sitting on a winning performance after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 2nd place finish at this level and distance. Trainer Christophe Clement has Samy Camacho named on the \$150,000 daughter of More Than Ready. **5 PRINCESS AVRIL**, now in the Oscar Gonzalez barn, the daughter of Fast Anna wheels back after responding in her turf debut by coming within a half-length of exiting the maiden ranks at this level and distance; Cristian Torres rides.

7 WILD ABOUT THIS is dropping a notch after stalking the pace and finishing an even 3rd behind next-out winner Cookie Cove in a \$14,000 maiden sprint at the distance. Trainer Rich Ciardullo lightens the impost with 7-pound apprentice Mario Fuentes at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 8-5-7

BEST BET: RACE 4 – 6 RACK DADDY

LONGSHOT: RACE 3 – 1 AERODYNAMIC