



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**8 VOICESINTHEDARKNEZ** has been knocking on the door in both local starts at this level and distance, and looks to have found the spot where he can shed the maiden moniker. Trainer Brian Lynch has red-hot jock Emisael Jaramillo in the irons.

**6 DRACARYS FIRE** is plunging to the \$10,000 level after failing to show much vs \$40,000 maidens during January, which was the first race after a claim by Saffie Joseph Jr; Edgard Zayas rides.

**3 MOZANO** is dropping a notch, and stretching out to a mile, after returning from Tampa to finish a late closing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$14,000 maidens going 6 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track.

**SELECTIONS: 8-6-3**

## RACE 2:

**1 BLESS THE KITTEN** is freefalling to the \$18,000 level after facing \$75,000 allowance optional claiming company in a recent pair of 9-furlong turf outings. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas handling the class relief. **4 GRAN HOMBRE** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth for the first time after following a duel-for-lead 2<sup>nd</sup> going a mile with a poor showing vs \$25,000 claimers going 5 furlongs in his last. His speed going long must be respected on a course that's been kind to front runners. **6 SUN SQUALL** is a consistent late-charging son of Bahamian Squall who stretches out to 8 ½ furlong after rallying to hit the board in a trio of local turf outings going a mile for trainer Kathryn Davey.

**SELECTIONS: 1-4-6**

## RACE 3:

**1 FORT KING** is stepping up to the next level after breaking from a tough outside post (11) and using his tactical speed to defeat \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers in driving fashion. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Emisael Jaramillo handling the inside draw.

**5 JETTIN OUT** is dropping to this level after following the \$25,000 '2-lifetime' score in the slop with a chase-and-fade clinker vs \$20,000 claimers going 7 furlongs. Trainer Larry Rivelli spots the gelding perfectly today.

**3 LUCKYTOBEINAMERICA** moved to the Andy Williams barn via the claim, and cuts back to 5 ½ furlongs, after tracking the action and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> – as the favorite – going three-quarters of a mile last out. **2 SLICK STAR**, now in the Ricko Maragh barn, the gelding stretches out slightly after chasing the pace and settling for 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$12,500 '3-lifetime' claimers going 5 furlongs in a rained-out turf sprint on the main track.

**SELECTIONS: 1-5-3-2**

## RACE 4:

**4 DINNER AT FIVE** was solid in defeat when she was dropped to this level, broke slowly, and then rallied 5-wide to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a neck as the favorite – at the distance. Trainer Dave Braddy has Edgard Zayas at the controls. **3 SHEZ STUCK UP** is debuting on the turf, for trainer Larry Rivelli, after back-to-back 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes vs similar quality going 5 ½ and 5 furlongs, respectively, on the main track; Victor Lebron rides. **5 AUNT IRENE** will be outfitted with blinkers after encountering traffic at the top of the stretch when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Dinner At Five last out. Trainer Diane Morici has Cristian Torres handling the rematch.

**SELECTIONS: 4-3-5**

**RACE 5:**

**2 HERO TIGER**, now in the Larry Rivelli barn, the 4-year-old plunges into this \$10,000 2-lifetime' claimer after facing stakes-caliber competition in the Midwest while in the Gennadi Dorochenko barn. The barn, over 50% with the 180 days-plus layoff, tabs Victor Lebron to ride. **3 HERO OF THE FUTURE** is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear to defeat a trio of next-out winners in a \$12,500 maiden test moved from the turf to 5 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. **5 SAY ADIOS** is dropping a notch on the claiming scale after setting the pace and getting nailed at the wire when beaten a neck vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' foes going three-quarters of a mile. The cutback to 5 ½ furlongs looks like a winning move for the only filly in the field.

**SELECTIONS: 2-3-5****RACE 6:**

**5 MARVA** is dropping to the \$6,250 level on the main track after returning from the layoff to come up empty when facing \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers going 5 panels on the turf. Trainer Bobby Dibona, 36% with recent turf-to-dirt moves, has Joseph Trejos handling the surface switch.

**1 DIXIELAND HUMOR** will depart from the rail after returning from the layoff to rally 5-wide and finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs this level of opposition going 6 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Edgard Zayas handling the inside draw.

**10 MYSTIC COMIN HOME** is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after making a middle move to get the lead before weakening to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Dixieland Humor in the slop last out.

**SELECTIONS: 5-1-10****RACE 7:**

**6 SEA LOVER** moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim, and steps up the competition, after keeping his record unblemished when defeating \$25,000 claimers here going 5 furlongs on the turf. The gelding, a perfect 2 for 2 sprinting on the grass, will be tested for class in this spot.

**8 LEGENDARY PRINCE**, now in the Ricko Maragh barn, the son of Cairo Prince looks to keep his record sprinting on the turf perfect after following his \$25,000 maiden score with a \$50,000 starter optional claiming victory going 5 furlongs on a 'good' turf.

**3 MUKULWITZ**, who does his best running from 'off the pace' debuts on the turf after rallying to defeat maiden special weight runners going 5 furlongs on the main track. The son of More Than Ready, bred on both sides of the family tree to love the turf, should sit the 'trip' behind the hot pace expected.

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

**8 PANAREA** is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and turning back to 7 furlongs on the main track, after showing tactical speed and tiring when facing \$30,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going a 2-turn mile on the turf. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas handling the combo surface switch/turnback.

**4 TRANS MISSISSIPPI** is stretching out to seven-eighths of a mile, and stepping up the competition, after rallying to finish a distant 2<sup>nd</sup> in a \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimer contested at 6 ½ furlongs. The red-hot Monica McGoey barn has Miguel Vazquez in the irons. **5 I'M A ROCKSTAR** is stepping up to face winners after drawing off to defeat \$10,000 maidens going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Luis Ramirez, who has 2 in the field (7 Smitten for Smitty), has Marcos Meneses trying to spring another double-digit upset.

**SELECTIONS: 8-4-5****RACE 9:**

**2 I'M PRAYINGFORTHAT** moved to the Carlos David barn via the claim, and returns to the turf, after following her impressive maiden victory sprinting on the grass with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in a \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimer moved from the grass to the main track. **12 COOKIE COVE** breaks from the tough outside post after following her \$12,500 maiden score with a set-the-pace 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance last out. She has the speed, and the jockey (Emisael Jaramillo) needed to overcome the pitfalls associated with the outside draw.

**5 IMA DAREDEVIL** debuts locally on the turf after crushing a field of \$10,000 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs on the Tampa main track. She'll be playing 'catch me if you can' with apprentice Alberto Burgos in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 2-12-5****BEST BET: RACE 9 – 2 I'M PRAYINGFORTHAT****LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 3 MUKULWITZ**