



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**5 HERO UP** is turning back to a mile after setting the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a neck – going a mile and a sixteenth last out. His speed must be respected on a course that's been favoring front running types. **11 BAHAMIAN PARK** will break from the outside after rallying strongly to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance. The sophomore will be there to pick up the pieces if the top choice fails to negotiate the distance. **2 STILL SCHEMIN**, who has run well on the turf in the past, moves to the Kathleen O'Connell barn via the claim, and returns to the grass, after showing tactical speed in a series vs similar quality on the main track.

**SELECTIONS: 5-11-2**

## RACE 2:

**9 GEM THIEF** debuts on the turf after showing some early interest and fading to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in her 4 ½-furlong debut on the main track. Note that race has produced a couple of next-out winners; Mike Pino rides for Wesley Ward. **6 UYUNI** is a daughter of Uncle Mo, out of a Pulpit dam, debuting for trainer Wesley Ward with a string of consistent workouts showing on both turf and dirt; Eduardo Nunez rides. **8 SOCIAL EXCLUSION** is a daughter of Social Inclusion debuting for owner Joe Imbesi, and trainer Steve Klesaris, with a consistent work tab showing over the track. The tote action should tell us more about her chances to win at first-asking.

**SELECTIONS: 9-6-8**

## RACE 3:

**4 SHE TAKES HEART** is turning back to 7 furlongs with the great equalizer on her side – Speed! The previous winner at the distance will have Leonel Reyes in the irons. **3 WORTH AVENUE** is shopping for the right surface and distance after following a couple of solid efforts sprinting on the dirt with a clunker on the turf. Trainer Barry Rose has Victor Lebron handling the surface switch.

**6 NYMUE'S TREASURE** is debuting locally for trainer Mary Eppler after a solid 2019 when amassing a 11-3-4-2 record before the wheels fell off last August. Note she has speed, is working well at Palm Meadows, and has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 4-3-6**

## RACE 4:

**2 FUDDLED (IRE)** should be primed and ready to make amends after returning from the layoff, breaking from a demanding outside post, and finishing 6<sup>th</sup> – as the even-money favorite – for Saffie Joseph Jr. **7 PERTINENT** is a daughter of Speightstown, out of the War Front dam Relevant, debuting for trainer Ed Plesa Jr with Lasix, and steady workouts showing over the track; Cristian Torres rides. **5 AVUNCULAR**, now in the Kent Sweezey barn, the \$250,000 daughter of Uncle Mo makes her first start since finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance while in the Christophe Clement barn.

**SELECTIONS: 2-7-5**

## RACE 5:

**5 NIMBLE BEAST** will try 6 ½ furlongs after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> when trying a mile in his last start, and 2<sup>nd</sup> when competing at 7 furlongs 2 starts back. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Miguel Vazquez in the irons. **7 SANDYS BLAZE** is dropping to the \$25,000 level, with blinkers added, after making middle moves and fading to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$50,000 last out, and special weight runners 2 starts back. **2 FAST MAGIC** is another dropping to the \$25,000 level after finishing an even 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$50,000 maidens going 6 furlongs in the slop. Trainer Joe Orseno has Samy Camacho in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 5-7-2**

**RACE 6:**

**3 OVERDELIVER** is stepping up the competition after winning 2 of 4 races since being claimed for \$25,000 by Saffie Joseph Jr. The gelding is 2 for 3 at a mile, and has leading jock Edgard Zayas at the controls. **2 SQUEEZEADIOS** is a hard-knocking 4-year-old who always gives a top-notch performance, and should offer more on a fast track, after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in his first-ever race over a sloppy track last out. **1 GLORY OF FLORIDA** moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim, and stretches out to a mile, after chasing the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$50,000 claimers going 7 furlongs. He can turn out to be the controlling speed in this compact field.

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

**8 ONE HOT DRAMA**, now in the Carlos David barn, the 3-year-old drops to the \$12,500 level after showing speed and winning 3 of 12 races vs better for the previous connections. **7 AMELIA MADELYN** moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, races without the blinkers, and drops to this level, in the first start since being eased in a \$20,000 claimer going a mile during April. The barn, 39% with new claims, have Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

**6 NAPA RULES** proved she could compete at this level when she followed her \$16,000 '3-lifetime' victory with a well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at this level and distance. She's a major player, especially with clean start.

**SELECTIONS: 8-7-6****RACE 8:**

**7 PICASSO MOON**, now in the Elizabeth Dobles barn, the mare drops to the \$12,500 level hoping the class relief will help her notch her first-ever turf victory. Her ability to show speed can be her biggest asset! **9 PAINT THE CORNERS** is stretching out to 8 ½ furlongs after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs this level of opposition going a mile. The 4-time winner at the distance has Emisael Jaramillo in the irons.

**6 HOPONTHEBUSGUS** moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim, and drops to the \$12,500 level, after coming up empty behind winning machine Avenida Manana in a \$16,000 claimer during the Championship Meet; Edgard Zayas rides.

**SELECTIONS: 7-9-6****RACE 9:**

**3 GRAN CASIQUE** is dropping a notch after returning from the layoff to set the pace and finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind next-out winner Like You, and in front of next-out winner Plato, in a \$35,000 claimer at the distance. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr is 25% with the with the 2<sup>nd</sup> start back from a layoff.

**6 MASERATI MAN** has been a model of consistency since returning from the layoff in March, which includes the rousing \$32,000 starter optional claimer going 6 furlongs last out. Trainer Mike Yates has Miguel Vazquez up. **4 GEMO** is dropping to this level after making a 5-wide bid to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in a \$50,000 claimer contested at three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Edgard Zayas handling the stretchout to 6 ½ furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 3-6-4****RACE 10:**

**8 VINCITORE** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after shipping in from the Fair Grounds and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$30,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile on a 'good' turf. The gelding has tactical speed, and signaled his intentions with a bullet half-mile drill over the track. **7 SPINNING KITTEN** is cutting back to a mile after returning from the freshening to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs similar quality going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Kathryn Davey has Miguel Vazquez handling the turnback in distance.

**10 UNCLE CURLY** is turning back to a mile after prompting the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Larry Bates has Jose Alvarez in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 8-7-10****BEST BET: RACE 10 – 8 VINCITORE****LONGSHOT: RACE 5 – 5 NIMBLE BEAST**