



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

1 R WILD CHILD is a 4-year-old daughter of Uncaptured debuting for trainer Georgina Baxter with Lasix, and Samy Camacho named to handle the inside draw. She gets the tepid nod in this wide-open affair. **9 SANDBAH** makes her career debut as a 5-year-old, and finds a perfect spot for a first-time starter to succeed. Trainer John Vinson has the mare working consistently on the Palm Meadows turf. **4 RENEESINHEAVEN**, who has shown promise on the turf, albeit usually going longer, ships down from Tampa - for trainer Dennis Ward - looking to grab a share at this 5-furlong distance.

SELECTIONS: 1-9-4

RACE 2:

3 ACTING LUCKY is dropping to the \$25,000 level, and turning back to 4 ½ furlongs, after following a 2nd-place finish in her special weight debut at this distance with a so-so outing vs special sprinters going 5 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Dan Pita adds blinkers for this shorter distance. **1 MISSING LINK**, 3rd in her career debut at this level and distance, tuns back after vying for the lead and tiring when trying five-eighths of a mile last out. Trainer Dave Fawkes has Samy Camacho up. **8 STORMY JESS** is a daughter of Competitive Edge debuting for Saffie Joseph Jr with a string of consistent morning workouts showing; Edgard Zayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-8

RACE 3:

8 AFICIONADO (FR) will break from the outside after rallying to finish 2nd – as the lukewarm favorite – when making her North American turf debut for trainer Patrick Biancone; Luca Panici rides.

2 INTEREST moved to the Amador Sanchez barn via the claim, and steps it up, after finishing a solid 2nd vs \$12,500 claimers going a mile and a sixteenth. The sophomore loves the local sod (5-3-1-0).

4 MISS MY MACHO is turning back to a mile after following a victory at this distance 2 starts back with a 3rd-place finish going a mile and a sixteenth last out. Trainer Kathy Ritvo tabs Cristian Torres to ride, as Luca sticks with the top choice.

SELECTIONS: 8-2-4

RACE 4:

8 NAVAL WAVE is a daughter of Upstart (Flatter) debuting for trainer Ken McPeck with a series of stamina-enhancing workouts showing over the track; Emisael Jaramillo, who has ridden 8 freshman winners at the meeting, will be aboard.

7 FRANKLY MY DEAR is stretching out to 5 ½ furlongs after the promising 5-furlong debut in which she dueled throughout and was beaten a head. Trainer Allen Iwinski has Rajiv Maragh in the saddle. **10 NYSSA**, a half-sister to 2-year-old stakes winner Lil Meatball, stretches out an additional half-furlong after finishing a useful 4th in her 5-furlong debut for trainer Dave Braddy.

SELECTIONS: 8-7-10

RACE 5:

2 R PRIVATE JET, a half-brother to 5-furlong world record holder Pay Any Price, debuts for trainer Georgina Baxter with a string of swift morning workouts showing. The 3-year-old gelding gets Lasix, and has Emisael Jaramillo riding.

4 R NINJA J K, another from Averill Racing, and Georgina Baxter, will debut on the turf after back-to-back 2nd place finishes going 6 ½ and 5-furlongs, respectively on the main track.

1 AMERICAN PHENOM moved to the Rohan Crichton barn via the claim, and steps up to maiden special weight company, after finishing a late-closing 4th in his \$50,000 debut going 5 panels on the grass; Edgard Zayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-1

RACE 6:

9 MISS MAC is stepping up, and turning back to 5 ½ furlongs, after drawing clear to defeat \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimers going three-quarters of a mile.

8 CHANNELED'S ANGEL is making her local return after shipping up to Tampa and defeating \$8,000 '2-lifetime' foes going 6 furlongs. Trainer Dave Fisher has Luca Panici in the irons. **6 CITIBIKE** is hoping to bounce back in this easier spot after debuting locally and failing to complete the course vs \$25,000 optional claimers going 5 furlongs on the turf. The daughter of Candy Ride clearly does her best running on the dirt.

SELECTIONS: 9-8-6**RACE 7:**

9 AZRAEL, a \$350,000 son of Cross Traffic, is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, and removing the blinkers, after dueling throughout, and having to steady late, with the blinkers added last out. Trainer Larry Rivelli has Victor Lebron at the controls again. **1 OVER THE CHANNEL** is stretching out to this distance after the eventful return from the layoff in which he had trouble at the start and still managed to come within a neck of scoring when 2nd at a mile last out. Trainer Dave Fawkes has Emisael Jaramillo handling the inside post. **3 TIL THE END**, the 127-pound co-highweight, stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth (5-0-2-1) after holding on gamely to defeat this level of competition going a mile. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Marcos Meneses going for 2 in a row.

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

12 THE BIG JOKER breaks from the outside, and returns to the main track, after stalking swift early fractions, steadying entering the turn, and then tiring to finish 6th vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers going 5 furlongs on the grass. Trainer Georgina Baxter is 32% with the turf-to-dirt angle. **2 JUST US** is dropping to the \$6,250 level after returning from the extended layoff to finish a much-needed 4th vs \$10,000 '2-lifetime' claimers. Trainer Leo Gabriel Jr has Cristian Torres named to ride.

7 MOON PISTOL moved to the Diane Morici barn via the claim, and cuts back to three-quarters of a mile, after rallying to finish a solid 2nd vs this level of competition going 6 ½ furlongs; Luca Panici rides.

SELECTIONS: 12-2-7**RACE 9:**

6 LORILOUPIES returns from her latest layoff looking to recapture the form she displayed defeating \$50,000 maidens – by 6 ¾ lengths – in February, and \$50,000 starter optional claimers – by 9 lengths – during May. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Emisael Jaramillo going for the hat trick.

3 JEANA'S GEM is wheeling back after a yeoman-like 3rd-place finish behind winning machine Flora Fantasy going 6 furlongs last out. The lightly raced 5-year-old has Samy Camacho at the helm.

4 R U ROYALTY is shortening up to 6 furlongs after back-to-back victories in the slop going 8 and 7-furlongs, respectively.

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

8 DRAMATIC KITTEN is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after surrendering a late 3 ½-length lead to finish 3rd – beaten a neck – going a mile last out. Trainer Fausto Gutierrez has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. **9 TIME FOR TROUBLE**, now in the Mike Maker barn, the son of English Channel is plunging to the \$12,500 level after coming up empty vs \$50,000 maidens while in the Todd Pletcher barn.

7 POWER (BRZ) is stretching out to 8 ½ furlongs after rallying to finish a game 2nd in front of Dramatic Kitten going a mile last out. Trainer Javier Morzan has Leonel Reyes in the saddle. **11 CAB BEEF** is another eligible to take a step forward at a mile and a sixteenth after taking the overland route when rallying to finish 4th behind these familiar foes. Trainer Larry Pilotti has Cristian Torres handling the rematch.

SELECTIONS: 8-9-7-11**BEST BET: RACE 7 – 9 AZRAEL****LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 12 THE BIG JOKER**