



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

2 INEDATEQUILA is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and returning to the turf, after showing speed and retreating when facing \$25,000 types in a race moved from the grass to a fast surface. Trainer Mike Maker has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle.

6 ALOHA KITTEN, another from Mike Maker, drops to this level, and makes her first start since stalking the pace and finishing 6th in a maiden special weight 6 ½-furlong turf sprint at Kentucky Downs last September. **7 SUMMER SHORE** drops, and returns to the turf, after getting beat a country mile when 6th behind to the top choice on the dirt. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Edgard Zayas atop the daughter of Summer Front.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-7

RACE 2:

8 NAG NAG NAG is a daughter of Bahamian Squall debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks with a string of useful local workouts showing in preparation for the first start; Edgard Zayas rides.

3 SPECIAL INCLUSION is hoping to bounce back after following the well-meant 2nd in her debut with a slow starting 6th vs this level of competition going 4 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle again.

2 DARK BLUE FLAME is a daughter of Mshawish debuting for trainer Tim Hamm, who has a solid 22%-win average with his freshman runners. Tab the tote action for more clues about her readiness to win at first asking.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-2

RACE 3:

7 KUNAL, who never had a clean start in his pair of \$50,000 optional claiming turf races at the Fair Grounds, debuts locally for Louie Roussel with a string of swift morning workouts showing over the track in preparation for this assignment.

8 STRONG ENDING is stepping up a notch, and returning to the turf, after setting a pressured pace and finishing 2nd in a \$25,000 '2-lifetime' claimer moved to the main track; Joseph Trejos handles the turf return. **1 MAKABIM** moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim, and debuts on the turf, after the consistent campaign on the dirt this year (6-1-2-2). Edgard Zayas rides the Tapizar gelding.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-1

RACE 4:

5 BLOSSOM BOW is cutting back to a 1-turn mile after returning from the layoff to duel for the lead and finish 2nd – as the favorite - vs similar going a mile and a sixteenth. **3 FIAMMA MAMMA** is another trying 8 furlongs (5-0-3-0) after tracking the pace and finishing 4th behind the top choice going 8 ½ furlongs last out. **2 UPSY DAISY DO** is stepping up to face winners after rallying to defeat \$10,000 maidens going 7 furlongs. Trainer Ralph Catanese has Cristian Torres going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-2

RACE 5:

7 KING OF ROCK is wheeling back after responding to both the dropdown to this level, and the cutback in distance, with 2nd place finish behind repeat winner Gran Old Parr, and in front of a pair of next-out winners. Trainer Danny Gargan has Emisael Jaramillo up. **2 NOTHIN BUT NET**, now in the Elizabeth Dobles barn, the gelding makes his first start since finishing 2nd at this level and distance during April; Edgard Zayas will try to get him out of 2nd gear (3-0-3-0). **9 UNCAGE THE CAT**, now in the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, the gelding hopes to rebound in the new surroundings after getting hung wide when finishing 7th behind King of Rock last out.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-9

RACE 6:

9 BOURBON IN MAY drops to the \$20,000 level, and stretches out to 9 furlongs, after getting stuck behind a wall of horses and finishing 8th vs \$35,000 conditioned claimers going a mile. The son of More Than Ready, who likes to run late, should get more than enough pace needed to compliment his running style. **10 ROBINTAKINCHARGE** is making his first start since setting the pace and finishing 2nd going 9 furlongs vs \$16,000 claimers during May. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Luis Reyes in the saddle.

7 RULE YOURSELF is stepping up, and stretching out, after rallying to defeat \$12,500 '3-lifetime' claimers going a mile last out.

SELECTIONS: 9-10-7**RACE 7:**

2 R MERCEDES BOY is heading to uncharted territory when he stretches out to a mile for the first time after rallying to finish 2nd vs \$30,000 conditioned claimers going 7 furlongs last out. His speed will be 'key' at 8 furlongs. **4 AEQUOR** moved to the Amador Sanchez barn via the claim, and steps it up a notch, after returning from the layoff to finish 3rd – vs 3 rivals – in a \$16,000 3-lifetime' claimer at the distance. Note the barn has been sharp with recent claims. **1 ALLURSTRA** has been freshened after facing tougher before the layoff with mixed results. Trainer Terri Pompay has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-1**RACE 8:**

4 BAHAMIAN BEAT is dropping to the \$32,000 level after dueling throughout and finishing 2nd - in front of a trio of next-out winners - when beaten a neck vs \$40,000 maidens. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo atop the speedy sophomore. **9 DON V**, a gelded son of Street Sense, debuts locally for trainer Efren Loza Jr, after failing to show much in his special weight debut going a mile on the Santa Anita main track during January. The 3-year-old, bred for the grass, is working sharply on the GP West main track. **3 SEAGAR** is a son of Unusual Heatwave debuting for trainer David Fawkes with the breeding needed to respond favorably to both the surface and distance; Samy Camacho rides.

SELECTIONS: 4-9-3**RACE 9:**

1 BACCARAT FASHION is taking an immediate drop to the \$25,000 level after failing to show much in the first start since being haltered for \$62,500 by Mike Maker a couple of starts back. Edgard Zayas will quarterback the major class relief.

5 BARGAINAIRE is turning back to three-quarters of a mile (3-2-0-0) after finishing 2nd vs similar quality going 6 ½ furlongs, 7 furlongs, and a mile, respectively. **3 TAKECHARGE MIRELLA**, now in the Dan Pita barn, makes her first start after failing to show much vs \$62,500 types in the one race while in the Todd Pletcher barn.

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

6 O DRISCOLL, bred to handle the turf, the son of Twirling Candy debuts on the lawn after showing speed and finishing 3rd and 2nd, respectively, going 6 ½ furlongs on the main track. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Miguel Vazquez named to ride.

10 NOBODYKNOWSNOTHIN, now in the Dave Kassen barn, the gelding who had run well on the grass locally during 2018, plummets to the \$12,500 level after getting fanned wide when 6th vs special weight company going 5 furlongs on the Tampa turf; Edgar Prado rides. **4 MONEY HOUSE** will try the grass after getting rained out and finishing 5th in a 5-furlong sprint moved to a fast main track.

SELECTIONS: 6-10-4**BEST BET: RACE 5 – 7 KING OF ROCK****LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 4 BAHAMIAN BEAT**