



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

3 PLATINUMCENTS gets the tepid nod in the opener when adding blinkers after finishing 3rd in her career turf debut at this level and distance. The red-hot Armando De La Cerda barn has Edgard Zayas named to ride. **12 NEEDS NO ALIBI** is a daughter of Majestic City debuting for trainer Bob Hess Jr in an ideal spot for a first-time starter to succeed. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Cristian Torres in the saddle. **9 WILD ABOUT THIS** is going back to the turf after following the 3rd place finish on the grass with slow starting 4th place finish in an off-the-turf affair at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 3-12-9

RACE 2:

3 VENETIAN DREAM is a son of Verrazano debuting for trainer Larry Rivelli with a couple of solid workouts showing in preparation for this assignment. The barn, 30% with their freshman runners, have Victor Lebron in the saddle. **5 CASALSA** is a son of Two Step Slew, and a half-brother Fully Loaded, who was stakes-placed at age 2. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

1 THE ICE BEAST is a gelded son of The Big Beast debuting for trainer Mike Yates with Miguel Vazquez named to handle the always-interesting inside post.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-1

RACE 3:

4 DILLION ROCKS moves to the Juan Avila barn via the claim, and steps up to the next level, after drawing clear to defeat \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers at the distance. The new connections tab Edgard Zayas to ride. **3 MYSTICAL MOON** is cutting back to a mile (9-2-3-1) after stalking the pace and finishing 2nd going a mile and a sixteenth last out. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr, who claimed him 2 starts back, has Cristian Torres handling the turnback.

2 SPEED GRACER will race with the blinkers off after closing from off-the-pace to finish 4th vs similar going 8 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Samy Camacho in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-2

RACE 4:

10 AYCAPOTE is dropping to the bottom after responding in the first race after the claim by Oscar Gonzalez with a late-running 3rd vs \$25,000 maidens going a mile in the slop. He's an interesting call on the drop. **9 VIPER** is another getting some needed class relief after tracking 5-wide and fading vs \$35,000 maidens going 8 furlongs over a sloppy track. **7 TEMPUS** is stretching out to this 1-turn mile after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 4th place finish vs \$12,500 maidens going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Tim Hills has Paco Lopez handling the stretchout.

SELECTIONS: 10-9-7

RACE 5:

2 AMANZI YIMPILO (IRE) is a \$300,000 daughter of No Nay Never (Scat Daddy) debuting for trainer Wesley Ward with a few rapid workouts showing over the Palm Meadows turf. Mario Pino is named to ride. **9 TIK TOK FAMOUS** is daughter of Belardo (Ire) debuting for e Five Racing and Saffie Joseph Jr with a series of swift workouts showing over the track; Paco Lopez rides. **7 SHAN'S TIGER** is a daughter of Tale of the Cat, and a half-sister to Smiling Causeway, who was 4 for 12 on the turf, and Grade 2 stakes-placed, debuting for Wesley Ward with Nik Juarez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 2-9-7

RACE 6:

1 REMASTER (IRE) is dropping back to the \$25,000 level after responding in the first race after the claim by Bobby Dibona with a track-the-pace 3rd vs \$50,000 starter optional claimers at the distance; 2nd-time blinkers, and Samy Camacho today.

8 YOUNG RAYMOND is another dropping into this \$25,000 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' sprint after stepping up off the claim by Mike Maker and finishing 4th in a \$50,000 starter optional claimer here during April; Paco Lopez rides. **3 NO NAY MAYBE (IRE)**, now in the Jorge Delgado barn the gelding makes his first start since facing tougher with some success while in the Jorge Navarro barn. The tote action should tell us more.

SELECTIONS: 1-8-3**RACE 7:**

6 GESTURE is debuting locally for trainer Jonathan Thomas after responding to a dropdown in competition at Tampa with an almost 11-length \$32,000 maiden victory going a mile & 40-yards; Nik Juarez rides the \$240,000 daughter of Tapiture.

2 LADY ARCHA has been sharp in her recent pair at the distance. She defeated this level of competition 2 starts back by 5 ½ lengths, and was a fast closing 3rd vs \$25,000 starter optional claimers on a sealed sloppy track last out.

4 LOVELY LADY LEXI is trying a mile for the first time after returning from the layoff to finish 2nd vs similar quality going 6 furlongs on a wet surface listed as good. The daughter of Khozan is bred to handle the added distance.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-4**RACE 8:**

4 PRECOCIOUS PEACH is making her first start since chasing the pace and weakening to finish 4th behind next-out Grade 3 stakes winner Lady's Island in a 'key' \$40,000 starter optional claimer that produced a total of 3 next-out winners from 4 starters. **6 HEIR BALL** moved to the Carlos David barn via the claim, and steps up the competition, after during through some rapid early fractions and finishing 2nd vs \$16,000 open-claimers at the distance. The new connections tab Emisael Jaramillo to ride.

8 AWSUM ROAR is wheeling back after setting the pace and finishing in a dead-heat for 2nd at this level and distance last out. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Hector Berrios in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-8**RACE 9:**

1 ETE INDIEN is returning to action, and making his first start since finishing 3rd to Kentucky Derby favorite Tiz the Law in the 9-furlong Grade 1 Florida Derby. Trainer Patrick Biancone has Florent Geroux in to ride. **4 SHIVAREE** proved he could handle a distance of ground when he rallied at 80-1 to finish 2nd in the mile and an eighth Grade 1 Florida Derby. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo handling the turnback to a mile. **7 SOLE VOLANTE**, whose only previous race locally was a 3rd place finish in the 1-mile Mucho Macho Man, returns after winning the Grade 3 Sam Davis 2 starts back, and was 2nd to impressive King Guillermo Grade 2 Tampa Bay Derby. Trainer Patrick Biancone has Luca Panici in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-7**RACE 10:**

6 THIRD ARMY is plunging to the \$8,000 level after facing \$25,000 types, on both turf and dirt, before going on the shelf during March. Trainer Jose Gallegos has Edgard Zayas handling the dropdown. **5 SULTRY SAMURAI**, now in the Elizabeth Dobles barn, the 4-year-old makes his first start since defeating \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimers here going 6 ½ furlongs during early March; Hector Berrios rides.

9 SNAP HOOK moved to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim after coming up empty – as the favorite – at this level and distance last out. The new connections, 23% with new claims, have Paco Lopez trying to uncork a rebound performance.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-9**BEST BET: RACE 7 – 6 GESTURE****LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 4 PRECOCIOUS PEACH**