



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

3 MAQUIAVELO is hoping for a clean trip after encountering trouble on the turn when finishing a wide 3rd – as the favorite – at this level and distance. **2 SWINGIN ON A STAR** is wheeling back after breaking outward at the start, pressing the pace, and finishing 2nd in front of the top choice – at odds of 63-1 – last out. **1 COLD WARRIOR** exits the same roughly run affair as the top two looking to break smoother, and finding clear sailing throughout.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-1

RACE 2:

3 SON OF A BEAST is a son of The Big Beast debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with a string of half-mile workouts showing both locally, and at Palm Meadows. Red-hot leading jockey Edgard Zayas will be in the irons. **6 HOT BLOODED** is a son of Declaration of War debuting for the sizzling Carlos David barn with a steady work tab showing on both turf and dirt at Palm Meadows. The barn, 20% with their freshman runners, have Cristian Torres named to ride. **1 TIGER** is a son of Dialed In debuting for trainer Juan Alvarado with a series of sharp 3-furlong workouts showing, which includes the bullet out of the gate; Emisael Jaramillo handles in the inside draw.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-1

RACE 3:

1 DIZZY GILLESPIE is turning back to a 1-turn mile after dueling for the lead and finishing 3rd vs similar going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Peter Walder has Miguel Vazquez handling the usually fruitful 3rd start back from the layoff. **3 CREA'S BKLYN LAW** moved to the Fausto Gutierrez barn via the claim after shipping down from New York to finish 2nd vs \$16,000 claimers here while in the Peter Walder barn. The 2nd start over the track can be a winning affair.

4 CONGRATS THIS moved to the Monica McGoey barn via the claim, and steps up, after failing to fire when trying \$8,000 claimers on a sloppy track. Watch the skies and bet accordingly.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-4

RACE 4:

7 THE GREEN MO'STER is dropping to the \$25,000 level, and returning to his preferred surface, after rallying to finish 2nd vs \$40,000 '3-lifetime' claimers in a race moved from the turf to a mile on a sealed sloppy track. Trainer Monica McGoey has Leonel Reyes handling the surface switch.

9 MACHIAVELLI is stretching out to 8 ½ furlongs after rallying to come within a neck of defeating \$20,000 '3-lifetime' runners going a mile. Trainer Mark Casse has Edgard Zayas handling the 3rd start of the gelding's current form cycle.

6 SOUPER COURAGE goes back to the turf, and stretches out to his best distance (6-2-1-1), after tracking the pace and finishing 2nd in a rained out '3-lifetime' claimer going a mile in the slop. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Samy Camacho up.

SELECTIONS: 7-9-6

RACE 5:

2 RASPBERRY BALLET is going back to the turf, and stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, after rallying to finish 2nd in front of 4 next-out winners in a monster 'key' race going 7 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. The longshot special will have Leonel Reyes handling the surface switch. **5 BASELINE DRIVE** is a 3-year-old daughter of Point of Entry debuting for trainer Chad Brown with 12 morning workouts showing in preparation for her first start; Edgard Zayas rides the logical favorite.

3 AIZU, a well-meant 2nd on the turf going a mile during March, is going back to the lawn after prompting the pace and finishing 3rd in a race moved to a mile and a sixteenth on a fast track.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-3

RACE 6:

8 BASELINE, who won 3 consecutive races on the dirt at Parx before debuting locally and failing to handle dated-claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf, goes back to the main track to get the call. **1 TWO STEP SLEW** is cutting back to a 1-turn mile after chasing the pace and finishing 2nd vs similar going a mile and a sixteenth on a sealed sloppy track. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Leonel Reyes named on the 3-time winner at the distance. **6 DESERT GENERAL** is a late-running type who always seems to grab a share of the exotic wagers vs this caliber of competition. Trainer Gerardo Quiroz has Mario Fuentes named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 8-1-6

RACE 7:

3 VEGAS KITTEN, a reclaim by Gary Barber and trainer Mark Casse, turns back to a mile after setting the pace and finishing 2nd vs this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth on a 'good' turf.

6 TROPICAT, a 5-time turf winner, which includes 4 local victories, makes his first start since finishing 3rd vs \$25,000 starter optional claimers going a mile during March. Trainer Ralph Nicks spots the gelding perfectly vs time-restricted claimers. **5 COLONIST** is plunging to the \$35,000 level, and returning to the turf, after taking a cruise around the track when finishing a distant 3rd behind 2 rivals in a \$100,000 optional moved to a mile on sealed sloppy surface. Trainer Todd Pletcher takes the blinkers off for this assignment.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-5

RACE 8:

5 MINTZ moved to the Robert Falcone Jr barn via the claim, and makes his first start since finishing 4th in a fruitful \$25,000 '2-lifetime' claimer during February that produced impressive next-out winners Atthepearlygates, who received an 88 Beyer for his 9 ½ length victory, and Island Tap, who got an 81 Beyer for his score.

6 KORCZAK, now in the Elizabeth Dobles barn, the gelding makes his first start since flashing ability vs this caliber of competition before going to the sidelines. **1 QUALITY ON TAP** is dropping to the \$16,000 level after returning from the layoff to finish a stalk-and-fade 7th vs \$25,000 claimers going a mile on the dirt. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell spots the sophomore perfectly today.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-1

RACE 9:

1 SUGAR BOLT will break from the rail after setting the pace and finishing 2nd when facing \$16,000 '3-lifetime' claimers going 5 panels on a 'good' turf course. Emisael Jaramillo will handle the inside draw for trainer Dave Fawkes. **4 HERA** is debuting at this abbreviated 5-furlong distance after facing state-bred allowance optional claimers going longer, on both turf and dirt, before the layoff. The red-hot Carlos David barn worked the mare twice on the turf - at a half-mile - to get her ready for this shorter distance. **3 TRUE HEIRESS** is a consistent 5-furlong turf sprinter looking to rebound after taking the overland route and finishing a 6-wide 3rd vs \$12,500 claimers last out.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-3

RACE 10:

8 FIRST IN LINE moved to the Larry Pilotti barn via the claim, and drops to the \$12,500 level, in the first race since finishing 3rd - as the favorite - vs \$16,000 maidens during April; Miguel Vazquez rides.

12 SWEET GIANT will have a giant task ahead when he breaks from the tough outside post after a trio of 2nd-place finishes vs similar (2 on turf & 1 on dirt). Trainer Juan Avila has apprentice Joseph Trejos in the irons. **10 MOUNTAIN BREEZE**, who was a well-meant 2nd in his only previous turf race at this level and distance, goes back to the lawn after the pair of chase-and-fade outings vs \$16,000 maidens going a mile on the dirt.

SELECTIONS: 8-12-10

BEST BET: RACE 7 - 3 VEGAS KITTEN

LONGSHOT: RACE 5 - 2 RASPBERRY BALLET