



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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RACE 1:

7 MADAME MOON is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and wearing blinkers, after responding to the dropdown with an improved 3rd place finish vs \$50,000 maidens. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Luis Saez up. **11 BEE WINGS** is hoping to get away from the starting gate in a timely fashion after clipping heels at the start prior to finishing a rallying 2nd at this level and distance. Trainer Brendan Walsh has Paco Lopez named to ride. **2 BUSINESSINDUBAI** is stretching out to a mile after returning from the 2-month respite to finish a troubled 4th (taken up ¼-pole) going 5 furlongs. The daughter of Feb Biz should be a major part of the pace when stretching out around 2-turns.

SELECTIONS: 7-11-2

RACE 2:

11 FOLLOWHISFOOTSTEPS will depart from the outside after breaking from the rail, dueling for the lead, and finishing 3rd behind repeat winner Cabre, and in front of next-out winner Killa Dee at this level and distance during January. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr is 33% with this type of layoff. **4 VERY AMUSING** is hoping to find more firepower for the stretch drive and chasing the pace and finishing 2nd to repeat winner, and common thread Killa Dee, at this level and distance. **8 RAYO MY KING** is hoping to make amends after setting the pace and weakening to finish 3rd – as the tepid favorite – behind Killa Dee last out.

SELECTIONS: 11-4-8

RACE 3:

7 OHANZEE is dropping to the \$25,000 level after returning from the extended layoff to finish 2nd behind next-out allowance winner Camp Randall in a \$40,000 maiden test at the distance. Trainer Jane Cibelli has Paco named to ride.

11 OROSCOPO is another dropping a notch after rallying to finish 4th behind the top choice last out. Trainer Tom Bush tabs Reyly Gutierrez to ride the gelded son of Orb. **8 ISLAND SONG** is making his first start since hitting the board in 2 of 3 turf sprints vs maiden special weight company in Kentucky last summer. Trainer Eddie Kenneally has the gelding working sharply for this assignment.

SELECTIONS: 7-11-8

RACE 4:

1 BLAKEY, an okay 2nd at this level and distance 2 starts back, drops after tracking the pace and fading when facing \$16,000 claimers in race moved from the turf to 8 ½ furlongs on a 'good' main track. Luis Saez rides for Mike DePaulo.

2 STRATEGIC OUTLOOK has his claiming tag carved in half after showing some early speed and fading to finish 4th in a \$16,000 claimer moved from the lawn to a mile on a fast track. **6 RATTLE'M** will try to stretch his speed to the wire after setting the pace and finishing 2nd – at 63-1 – at this level and distance. Journeyman rider Gary Bain is back in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-6

RACE 5:

4 SISTER OTOOLE is hoping to break trouble free after having to take up at the start prior to finishing a rallying 3rd in her turf debut at this level and distance. Trainer Graham Motion has Javier Castellano in the saddle again. **9 TYNAN** will depart from the outside after setting the pace and finishing a game 2nd in front of Sister Otoole last out. Trainer Dane Kobiskie has strong front-running jock Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

8 AIZU, a daughter of Japan, is debuting on the turf in the first start since finishing 3rd in a \$50,000 maiden test going a mile and a sixteenth on a sealed sloppy track during December. The sophomore, trained by Michelle Nihei, is bred for the grass.

SELECTIONS: 4-9-8

RACE 6:

2 BALLIE'S DREAM is stepping up to the next level after following her hard-fought maiden victory with a score vs \$14,000 '2-lifetime' claimers last out. Trainer Laura Cazares has Edgard Zayas going for the hat trick. **1 CAT'S ASTRAY** is hoping to finally notch this 3-lifetime condition after back-to-back 2nd place finishes. Trainer Juan Arias has Miguel Vazquez handling the inside draw.

4 PAULA ANDREA; who has been stuck in this 3-lifetime condition since mid-December, will try to close the gap after finishing 3rd behind Cat's Astray last out; Luis Saez rides.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-4

RACE 7:

6 BLUE BUFF is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after the sharp score vs this caliber of competition in which he drew clear on a 'good' surface to win by 6 lengths at a mile. **4 GRAY BEAU**, a 3-time winner at the distance, stretches out, and steps up, after rallying from 8 lengths 'off the pace' to finish a wide 3rd vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers going a 1-turn mile.

3 YES I SEE is stretching out to 8 ½ furlongs (13-3-0-1) after rallying to finish 3rd behind Blue Buff when they hooked up at a mile last out. Trainer Peter Walder has Paco Lopez named to handle the rematch.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-3

RACE 8:

1 JOST SAYIN, now in the Carlos David barn, the mare debuts locally after threatening to notch this '2-lifetime' condition in 5 consecutive turf outings at Tampa. Trainer David has Tyler Gaffalione trying to improve on the current also-ran status.

8 TOO MUCH WAR should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the 14-month layoff to finish a troubled 7th (steadied) vs this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Danny Gargan has Luis Saez named to ride.

9 ELITE APPEAL is wheeling back after making what looked like a winning move and settling for 3rd at this level and distance. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Paco named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 1-8-9

RACE 9:

8 MIHOS, who won the 1-mile Mucho Macho Man over classy Trophy Chaser going a mile here last January, returns from the layoff with blinkers added, after facing some of the best 3-year-olds in the country before going to the sidelines in September. Trainer Jimmy Jerkens has the 4-year-old training sharply at Palm Meadows. **1 SOLDADO** will break from the rail again after the impressive return for trainer Todd Pletcher in which he drew clear at the distance to score as the even-money favorite.

2 BELLE TAPISSERIE moved to the Joe Orseno barn via the claim after dueling from start to finish and holding sway to defeat \$50,000 claimers at the distance; Dylan Davis rides.

SELECTIONS: 8-1-2

RACE 10:

1 PEACOCK FEATHERS is dropping into this 'non-winners of 3-lifetime' turf outing in the first race since finishing 5th in a 'key' \$35,000 starter-optional claimer going a mile during January. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr, who claimed him 2 starts back, has Luis Saez named to ride. **11 THE MIGHTY JUDGE**, a well-meant 3rd on the turf, at this level and distance, 2 starts back, moves to the Jane Cibelli barn via the claim after failing to fire – as the favorite – in a race moved from the turf to a 'good' main track.

9 DEVOTED KITTEN is dropping back into the conditioned claiming ranks after stepping up off the claim and finishing a sightseeing 7th vs \$25,000 starter optional claimers last out. Trainer Amador Sanchez has go-to jock Hector Berrios at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 1-11-9

BEST BET: RACE 5 – 4 SISTER OTOOLE

LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – TOO MUCH WAR