



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**3 MISSING LINK** is debuting on the turf for trainer David Fawkes after hitting the board in 2 of 3 sprints on the dirt at the \$25,000 level. The daughter of Kantharos, bred to respond favorably to the surface, will have red-hot Hector Berrios at the controls. **1 PATRICK'S LASS** is a daughter of Adios Charlie making her career debut on the turf for trainer Gilberto Zerpa, who is 27% with his freshman runners; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

**2 I AM THE BOSS**, a daughter of Street Boss, is dropping to the \$40,000 level on the grass after tracking the pace and fading in her special debut in the slop, a race that produced a pair of next-out winners, including Go Jo Jo Go, who won the Desert Vixen Stakes in her next start.

**SELECTIONS: 3-1-2**

## RACE 2:

**5 TOP BOSS** is stretching out slightly to 5 ½ furlongs after responding to the dropdown in competition with a set-the-pace-from-the-rail 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish vs \$50,000 maidens going five-eighths of a mile. **8 BASTIEN LE BROWN** will be outfitted with blinkers after getting checked after the start, and taking the overland route, when finishing 4<sup>th</sup> behind Top Boss in his career debut. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael handling the rematch. **7 COME SEE ABOUT IT** is a gelded son of Graydar debuting for trainer Tim Hamm with a slew of solid Palm Meadows workouts showing. The barn, 5 for 14 (36%) with debut maiden claimers, tab Victor Lebron to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 5-8-7**

## RACE 3:

**1 TOWN POLICY** moved to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim after responding to a dropdown in competition by the previous connections with a slow starting 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at this level and distance. The new connections have Emisael Jaramillo handling the inside draw.

**2 SOVEREIGN IMPACT** is free-falling into this \$8,000 dated claimer after stepping up off the \$16,000 claim by Armando De La Cerda and failing to earn a check when 5<sup>th</sup> vs \$25,000 optional claimers going 5 furlongs in race moved from the turf to dirt. **8 FLORIDA COTTON**, another from trainer Jorge Delgado, is making his first start since showing speed and weakening vs \$16,000 optional claimers here 374 days ago; Miguel Vazquez rides this intriguing possibility.

**SELECTIONS: 1-2-8**

## RACE 4:

**1 NEW YORK COMMANDER** will try a 1-turn mile on the dirt again after chasing the pace and tiring to finish 5<sup>th</sup> vs \$12,500 maidens going a 2-turn mile on the turf. Trainer Sandra Matier is 2 for 8 (25%) going turf to dirt. **5 DARESCA** is wheeling back after showing marked improvement with the addition of blinkers when she rallied to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – at 65-1 – at this level and distance last out. Trainer Cathy Roundtree has Leonel Reyes returning.

**8 CAPTURED LIGHT** is dropping to the \$10,000 level, and stretching out to a mile, after back-to-back 5<sup>th</sup> place finishes sprinting vs \$25,000 maidens; Angel Arroyo rides.

**SELECTIONS: 1-5-8**

## RACE 5:

**4 AERODYNAMIC** has her claiming tag sliced in half after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$25,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile on a firm course. Trainer Amador Sanchez has Edgard Zayas handling the class relief.

**2 MILLEFIORI** moved to the Jose Gallegos barn via the claim after prompting the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> when facing similar -going a mile and a sixteenth – while in the Todd Pletcher barn. The new connections tab Angel Arroyo to ride, as Edgard sticks with the top choice.

**7 LIL BIT DANGEROUS** can live up to her name when the 6-year-old mare stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth after finishing a workman-like 3<sup>rd</sup> vs this familiar competition going a mile on a good turf.

**SELECTIONS: 4-2-7**

**RACE 6:**

**6 LONDON WEREWOLF** moved to the Marcial Navarro barn via the claim, and turns back to 6 furlongs (6-1-2-1), after compromising his chances when he stumbled badly at the start prior to finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs similar quality going a mile. The barn is 26% with a limited sampling of new claims.

**2 DECKOLOGY** is stepping up to the next level after responding in the first race after the claim by Jose D'Angelo with a total turnaround performance in which he set the pace and never looked back when defeating \$6,250 '2-lifetime' foes by 6 lengths. **7 HERO TIGER** moved to the Julio Cartagena barn via the claim after drawing clear to defeat a pair of next-out winners in a \$10,000 '2-lifetime' claimer going 5 ½ furlongs. His back class must be respected.

**SELECTIONS: 6-2-7**

**RACE 7:**

**2 COLONELS DAUGHTER**, a 5-time winner on the turf, is going back to the grass, and looking to make amends, after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>, before getting disqualified and placed 6<sup>th</sup>, in a race moved from the lawn to a mile on a wet track listed as good. Trainer Juan Avila has Leonel Reyes handling the surface switch. **5 HOPONTHEBUSGUS** will try to make it 2 in a row after returning from the layoff to defeat many of these at this level and distance. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas going for 2 in a row.

**8 LILLIE'S HEAT** is stepping up the competition after bringing the heat when she returned from the layoff and never looked back when defeating \$12,500 '3-lifetime' claimers going a mile. What made it more impressive she did it from a tough outside post (11).

**SELECTIONS: 2-5-8**

**RACE 8:**

**7 REBELDE** is dropping to the \$50,000 level again after dueling throughout and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> going a mile vs \$75,000 optional claimers last out. Trainer Terri Pompay has Santiago Gonzalez handling the outside draw. **5 LIKE YOU** will try this level of competition after posting a competitive speed figure when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> to 'off the turf' specialist Crea's Bklyn Law in a race moved from the grass to a good main track. Trainer Ron Spatz has Miguel Vazquez up. **4 AVANT GARDE** is stepping up the competition after posting his 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive victory when following his maiden score with a \$25,000 claiming victory going 7 furlongs on a good main track.

**SELECTIONS: 7-5-4**

**RACE 9:**

**8 KUNAL** is dropping to this level, for trainer Louie Roussel, after 'hitting the board' in 1 of 2 local turf outings at the \$35-32,000 levels. The Fair Grounds shipper is spotted perfectly in the nightcap. **3 KEEPSAKEKITTEN** will try to make it 2 in a row, for leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr, after returning from the layoff to defeat this level of competition at this 1-mile distance; Edgard Zayas rides. **11 VERDICT IS IN** will break from an outside post after shaking off early trouble to finish a closing 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Keepsakekitten last out. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Samy Camacho handling the rematch.

**SELECTIONS: 8-3-11**

**BEST BET: RACE 9 – 8 KUNAL**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 2 COLONELS DAUGHTER**