



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**2 THIS RUN'S FOR YOU** is wheeling back in seven days and turning back to 6 ½ furlongs after surrendering a late lead when finishing second vs \$8,000 conditioned claimers going a one-turn mile. Peter Walder has Edwin Gonzalez managing the short turnaround.

**3 ALL ABOUT LUCKY** is stretching out after setting the pace and getting caught late to finish second going six furlongs. Jena Antonucci has red-hot jock Miguel Vazquez rationing out the gelding's speed.

**5 GOLDEN SKULL** moves to the Joel Santiago barn via the claim hoping to sit in the catbird seat behind what looks like a quick pace in the opener. Shaun Bridgmohan rides the colt.

**SELECTIONS: 2-3-5**

## RACE 2:

**3 UNCAPTURED DOVE** is stretching out to a mile and seventy yards on Tapeta after knocking on the door in a pair five-furlong turf sprints. Todd Pletcher is 20% with the surface switch. **6 CAIRNHILL** is stretching out around two turns for the first time after shaking off trouble at the start to finish second vs \$50,000 maiden optional claimers going 5 ½ furlongs on the all-weather surface. Trainer Keri Brion boasts a 19% average on the Tapeta.

**1 SWEET CHARITY** is trying a route on the Tapeta again after threatening to break her maiden going five furlongs on the grass. Trainer Anthony Margotta has Paco Lopez negotiate the added distance.

**SELECTIONS: 3-6-1**

## RACE 3:

**2 PROVERB**, a four-time winner at the distance, stretches out after drawing clear to score impressively vs similar quality going seven furlongs. Saffie Joseph Jr is 22% with horses stretching out in distance.

**6 SUPER CURIOSO (ARG)** is back locally after using his speed to defeat a pair of next-out winners going a mile and a sixteenth at Tampa. Amador Sanchez has Marcos Meneses named on the two-time local winner at the distance. **5 WIND NINETY NINE** moves to the Kelly Breen barn via the claim hoping the new surroundings help improve the recent pair of subpar performances. The late-closing gelding should get a perfect setup with all the speed signed on the compete in this race.

**SELECTIONS: 2-6-5**

## RACE 4:

**2 LADY CHA CHA** moves to the Laura Cazares barn via the claim after returning from a layoff to finish a better than it appears on paper fourth – beaten two noses for second – vs \$50,000 starrer optional claimers going a mile on the grass. The three-year-old daughter of Vino Rosso should sit a perfect trip behind the speed of some of older horses in the field, which includes **1 BUSY MORNING**. The latter moves to the Jorge Abreu barn via the claim for owner Rohan Crichton after stalking early and drawing clear late to defeat \$35,000 two-lifetime claimers going 7 ½ furlongs. Luca Panici rides the five-year-old daughter of War Dancer.

**7 CHICKEN PARM** moves to the Fernando Abreu barn via the claim after getting fanned seven-wide when finishing third behind Busy Morning. The new connections, 27% with new claims, has Leonel Reyes named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 2-1-7**

**RACE 5:**

**2 VAYESTA**, who is 3 for 4 in the money on the Tapeta, albeit sprinting, returns to the all-weather surface after facing better going long on the turf. Julie Stormfelt has Edwin Gonzalez managing the surface switch.

**5 LUCEVAN LA STELLE** is dropping to the \$12,500 level and debuting on the Tapeta after pressing the pace and fading to finish seventh vs \$25,000 maidens going a mile on the turf. She should be part of the pace if she puts her best effort forward. **1 TIME MISS** should be ready to offer more after returning from the layoff to set the pace and finish second at this level and distance. Trainer Ron Spatz has apprentice Jon Rivera playing catch me if you can.

**SELECTIONS: 2-5-1**

**RACE 6:**

**3 SAND DANCER** is turning back to a mile and seventy yards after his three-race win streak ended when he was outfinished when third in a \$16,000 starter handicap going nine furlongs. Marty Drexler has Edgard Zayas at the controls. **1 GRAND DAVID** will try \$20,000 open claimers in the first race since taking them gate to wire when defeating \$35,000 conditioned claimers going around two turns on the Tapeta during November. Victor Barboza Jr, 22% with this type of layoff, has Emisael Jaramillo going for two in a row.

**4 BRINGER OF RAIN** must bring more for the stretch drive after finishing second behind Sand Dancer when they knocked heads on March 17. Jose D'Angelo has Miguel Vazquez managing the rematch.

**SELECTIONS: 3-1-4**

**RACE 7:**

**6 BONUS MOVE** is stepping up to face winners after responding to both the addition of Lasix and the move to the turf with an impressive 6 ¼-length maiden victory. Mark Hennig has Joe Bravo atop the son of Twirling Candy. **2 SPLIT STRIKE**, listed as a gelding, the son of Goldencents makes his sophomore debut for Christophe Clement the first start since finishing a stalk-the-pace and weaken fifth in the six-furlong Atlantic Beach at Aqueduct in November. Christophe Clement adds Lasix and Paco Lopez to do the riding. **1 APOLLO TEN**, another from Christophe Clement, makes his first start since finishing a closing fourth in front of his stablemate in the Atlantic Beach. Emisael Jaramillo rides.

**SELECTIONS: 6-2-1**

**RACE 8:**

**5 ACADEMY CHOICE** is hoping to make amends after finishing a head behind repeat winner Mr Narcissistic – as the favorite – at this level. Anthony Thomas rides.

**4 LIEUTENANT STAN** has his claiming tag cut in half after finishing a worker like third vs \$50,000 two-lifetime claimers going five furlongs on the Tapeta. **2 IRON MAN JIMMY**, now in the Joe Orseno barn, the gelding debuts locally in the first race since drawing clear to defeat \$30,000 maidens going six furlongs on the Turfway Tapeta. Paco Lopez will manage the turnback to 5 ½ furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 5-4-2**

**BEST BET: RACE 3 – 2 PROVERB**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 4: 2 LADY CHA CHA**