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This is not a selection sheet in the traditional sense. An upgrade means that the horse has recently been performing better than it appears to handicappers without access to XB Grades figures. He has either tried to close ground in a race (or races) favoring speed, or was placed near the early lead in a race (or races) favoring stretch runners. A downgrade means the horse has recently raced with a style aided by track bias (BIAS) and/or race shape (FLOW).

This report will **not** tell you whether today's placement is realistic, the surface & distance are suitable, or if the expected pace scenario will be favorable. In short, you still have to handicap!

You will see more upgrades than downgrades on most cards. A **bold** upgrade or downgrade is issued when a horse has been running under exceptionally unfavorable or favorable conditions, usually in multiple recent races. XB Grades has a neutral rating of any runner not listed as an upgrade or downgrade.

Today's Upgrades & Downgrades

Track	Race	Upgrades	Downgrades
Aqueduct	1	None	None
Aqueduct	2	5	3
Aqueduct	3	None	None
Aqueduct	4	2	None
Aqueduct	5	None	None
Aqueduct	6	None	5
Aqueduct	7	2	1, 7
Aqueduct	8	7	None
Gulfstream	1	None	8
Gulfstream	2	5, 7	None
Gulfstream	3	None	None
Gulfstream	4	7, 9	None
Gulfstream	5	2, 5	None
Gulfstream	6	2, 6, 12	1, 3

Gulfstream	7	None	10
Gulfstream	8	None	None
Gulfstream	9	None	None
Gulfstream	10	None	11, 14
Los AI (TB)	1	1	None
Los AI (TB)	2	None	None
Los AI (TB)	3	3	None
Los AI (TB)	4	5	4
Los AI (TB)	5	None	3
Los AI (TB)	6	None	None
Los AI (TB)	7	5	3
Los AI (TB)	8	4	None
Los AI (TB)	9	None	None

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