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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. The horse has either tried to close ground in a race (or races) favoring speed, or it 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 will 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
Tampa	1	None	None
Tampa	2	4	6
Tampa	3	None	None
Tampa	4	None	8
Tampa	5	1, 4, 8, 9	None
Tampa	6	6, 7	10
Tampa	7	None	1
Tampa	8	8	None
Tampa	9	None	3

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