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SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017

Best Bets: MISS LAUREN ANN (5th)-- DUVAL (8th)

Race 1

- 6** LOUIE LUNCHBOX – Dueled this far in longer test when runner-up on Monday; outran key rival here in prior outing.
- 5** LETHAL SHOT – Drops again after battling top choice as 8-5 chalk; all previous six losses at top maiden level.
- 7** DUEL AT DUSK – Speedy Gulfstream invader handles various surfaces and actually finished first on one occasion.
- 4** FRIO FACTOR – Retreated in debut just 11 days ago but could benefit from experience and addition of Lasix.

Race 2

- 1** SHE'S HOLY – Overmatched on road trip after crushing local rivals; wet footing would further aid chances.
- 2** SHE'S SASSY – Humbled by runaway winner this spot and posted 10-1 upset here in January.
- 3** ZAFIRO AZUL – Stretch-runner rallied from extreme outside post with similar and needs help of pace set-up.
- 8** PLAY IT FORWARD – Signs of interest in sprints and effective at times going long; must put it all together.

Race 3

- 9** ROSIE MY WAY – Re-claimed soon as possible by Pino barn and romped there previously; 7 for 18 local mark.
- 8** COCHITA RICH – Sweeping last to first rally six weeks ago and game mare dangerous again on best,
- 7** IS SHE HOT – Crushed routers last pair and changed hands; won sprinting couple times at Belmont.
- 6** PERSUASIVE GIRL – Hampered by terrible start in route after claim when possibly best; slow fuse this yardage,

Race 4

- 3** GAME BREAKER – Significant drop after failing to threaten in return; pedigree to progress around two turns.
- 8** FLASHONFORTY – Decent try against capable sprinters and merits attention in first test of stamina.
- 1** THE X MAN – Wide advantage this spot in latest but nailed late when easily second best; speed from inside.
- 2** RUBY BLEU – Came up empty in stretch again but encouraging efforts earlier during nine attempts

Race 5

5	MISS LAUREN ANN – Competed well in first start of season when claimed; recently became eligible for this spot.
1	NATALIE LA ROSE – Sidelined since taken for higher amount in October and obvious key threat if ready.
3	HOUSE WINE – Late gain when narrowly missing in seemingly softer version; stuck this spot long time.
10	TINA'S NOTE – Traffic problems in stretch after layoff at Penn National and sharp locally in September.

Race 6

7	LOVE RULES – Ran into tiger this spot and fired all three starts this year; edge in very competitive field.
6	TWO WEEKS OFF – Settled wide when forcing pace long way in route and faced very classy rivals in past.
8	DISCREETLY PLACED – Placed first via disqualification in return when claimed; fits nicely despite seconditis.
1	THOMAS KNIGHT – Edged by Kentucky invader in game try this spot and defeated top choice; merits attention.

Race 7

8	SO YOU KNOW – Always fires and drew away eagerly in final furlong; tackles next rung on allowance ladder.
5	FLATTER ME ZANJA – Closed powerfully too late and versatile mare gives her best; danger in excellent field.
4	PINKOUT – Stretch-runner racing into peak form again and ample early targets to aid finishing kick.
2	TRUSTY ROLL – Led throughout in confidence booster against state-breds and crushed “open” company before.

Race 8

2	DUVAL – Hard used in blistering duel but continued gamely; loves to win and runs big fresh for Guerrero,
3	GRASSHOPPIN – Overmatched in graded stake at Laurel but upset top selection earlier with favorable set-up.
6	EIGHTY THREE – Road warrior with numerous strong races and making key third start after layoff as contender.
4	COCKED AND LOADED – Edged solid group on wet surface in Maryland but no match for top pick before.

Race 9

12	MORE HUNDRED ACRE – Distant fourth in route when hampered by eventful trip and post could prove favorable.
8	PERI WHAN – Nearly ran down loose pacesetter when rebounding from poor route showing; extra furlong may aid.
7	UNTAMED – Wide late surge in blanket finish following awkward break; shorter time between starts likely plus.
10	MIDNIGHT TRYST – Faltered in latest but formidable in past and freshener might help; deserves second look.