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Best Bets: PEAK A WOO (4th)-- KISS ME KENZIE (6th)

Race 1

- 6** GEMONADE– Signs of progress in recent starts and third behind favored duo in tougher version of this spot.
- 3** FOR LATER– Roughed on turn but closed well when responding well to drop; must put it all together.
- 1** DRAGON TATTOO– Retreated on muddy footing but closer than anticipated in prior start against solid company.
- 4** POPPY'S SHADOW– Far behind in open company but meets older opponents first time and must improve.

Race 2

- 5** CHASING TWILIGHT– Prominent throughout on preferred wet surface after eased previously; can wire this kind.
- 2** MAGIC HARBOR– Appeared to take bad step into stretch in better field and always threat at this level.
- 7** BELLY DANCER– Gave up early in latest but speed to pose threat on best for hot Pino stable.
- 6** STREET SPICE– Faltered this level as odds-on favorite but runs big on occasion and may revert to rating tactics.

Race 3

- 1** BROTHER BOBO– Vied then edged away in decisive score; runner-up from that race romped here on Tuesday.
- 2** NO MORE STRIPPERS– Failed to justify heavy support following claim but drops again and dangerous this level.
- 5** JOE FRANKLIN– Set clear pace to stretch in good effort but strongest showing of season in Maryland.
- 4** GANADOR– New York veteran takes plunge and shipped well to Laurel earlier; merits attention with these.

Race 4

- 6** PEAK A WOO– Nearly wore down loose pacesetter after claim as heavy favorite; shorter break between starts.
- 1** SWEET BEATRICE– Finally gained maiden victory in long drive and third finisher won easily here next time.
- 7** WINK AT ME– Stopped after half mile for higher tag at Aqueduct and claimed twice from just four outings.
- 3** MAJESTIC KOA– Ages since lone success but flashes of interest recent months and can't dismiss.

Race 5

8	FREQUENTLY – Failed to offer true measure on very sloppy surface and sharp following layoff in prior attempt.
7	THEA'S REIGN – Led throughout after Carlos Guerrero claim and threat again with realistic next step.
1	MODERN HARMONY – Hit board last three starts this level but absent nearly two months; dangerous if ready.
4	STEPH GOT EVEN – Competed well in last two starts and third behind pair of drop-downs on wet footing.

Race 6

1	KISS ME KENZIE – Dominating scorer at similar yardage when dropping in return and likely repeater this level.
2	LITTLE MISS MISS – Rallied wide on turn then weakened late in better company following re-claim by owner.
4	HAZY DAISY – Just lasted when overcoming slow start after hiatus and speed to pose threat again.
3	MISS STEFFI – Dueled long way with classier rivals in route and better suited this distance with one week off.

Race 7

2	LOUIE LUNCHBOX – Pulled away eagerly despite early pressure in decisive maiden score just six days ago.
7	EL TOCAYO – Lightly raced but showed ability in February defeating rival which next prevailed by double-digits.
6	TRUE TO HIS WORD – Responded favorably to plunge crushing bottom maidens when claimed; fits for new barn.
1	CASS IN STONE – Drops again after disappointing try as 1-2 favorite; on decline but formidable at times.

Race 8

6	METAL MAGIC – Chased impressive winner for higher tag and racing into peak form following long absence.
8	MADE OF STEEL – Finished just behind top choice after walloping single-winners in previous outing.
2	MR. HAMILTON – Set pace farther than this before fading in route; suited this yardage but stamina woes continue.
5	ONLY THE TRUTH – All out to defeat softer opposition but logical next step; no match for second selection in past.