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Best Bets: BARCODE (5th)-- EXTRASEXYMAZZERATI (6th)

Race 1

- 1** FANCY IS MY NAME – Competed well against odds-on winner in local bow despite show repair in paddock.
- 7** KWIK E – Hampered by stumbling start following series of determined efforts; favorable early position.
- 5** KITTEERY – Probable ability edge but shelved since November; obviously major contender if ready.
- 4** AWESOME EGO – Another absentee with sufficient talent and couple encouraging works; merits attention.

Race 2

- 7** ITSJUSTAGAME – Prepped with solid sprinters following nine month layoff; progress anticipated in route.
- 6** CAR FIFTY FOUR – Improving stretch-runner closed strongly with state-breds and fits nicely at this level.
- 2** THESE BLUES – Used up chasing rocket in recent sprint and regally-bred gelding captured three of last five.
- 1** D T GOODIE – Broke through gate prior to start in return; removes blinkers and several good efforts in past.

Race 3

- 4** IREDELL – Ran down favored loose pacesetter at Laurel and developed well since claim; appears well-spotted.
- 5** PERCOLATOR – Battled classy group in sprint and back at amount of March claim; question of stamina.
- 7** PHILLY COMPLETELY – Flashes of ability lately and tries route again; upset winner after arriving from Canada.
- 1** UNION RIVER – Improved as longshot behind decisive winner and back for tag as possibility.

Race 4

- 6** BROADWAY BAY – Boasts terrific record and continued success after Wyner took; defeated similar last month.
- 5** DOUBLE WHAMMY – Talented and versatile Maryland shipper appears in peak form and key threat this spot.
- 3** SOURCESANDMETHODS – Faltered behind runaway winner but pushed top choice to limit in game prior outing.
- 1** CLOWNEY – Crushed lesser over track and prior loss in New York stake; loads of success in Farro barn.

Race 5**5****BARCODE** – Set pace and held on determinedly against capable Md. invader this yardage in best yet.**6****BANG THE DRUM** – Newcomer from DeMasi barn by excellent sire Jump Start; worked “bullet” at five furlongs.**8****ELECTRIC STORM** – Heavily-backed but stopped in Oklahoma debut last September; pedigree to develop.**7****JEDDO** – Recently claimed for \$30,000 from ninth attempt; tries sprinting in initial sprint outing.**Race 6****4****EXTRASEXYMAZZERATI** – Closed with rush too late when heavily supported in sprint bow; should like distance.**8****LOVE IS YOUR NAME** – Dueled eventual winner in game try despite traffic woes; gets blinkers and stretches out.**2****MAGNOLIA MOUNTAIN** – Encouraging try at Gulfstream despite long absence; son of top runner Quality Road.**6****MISTER HENRY LEE** – Progressed with blinkers but sidelined since October; John Servis barn has them firing.**Race 7****8****ICE KAUFY** – Pulled away eagerly despite under severe pressure early; capable of repeating after Pino claim.**3****IT DOESNT END WELL** – Often victim of poor starts but ample ability and could benefit from contested pace.**5****SEVE** – Veteran crushed easier group and threat again with further progress; very competitive field.**9****AIKEN PREP** – Failed as always on wet surface but drops moving to Guerrero barn and runs big on occasion.**Race 8****7****PONYTAIL** – Shelved since November but impressed locally last season with powerful closing punch.**6****LONGWING LILY** – Narrowly missed in initial defeat at Keeneland after pair of Tampa scores; serious threat.**5****DISCO ROSE** – Vied long way then no match for runaway repeat winner; drops notch on allowance ladder.**4****RED RIVER HEIDI** – Close up despite traffic problems when claimed from Tampa finale; career case of seconditis.**Race 9****2****BETTER THAN RUBIES** – Gave up early in quicker company but game and versatile in previous attempts.**7****NOT TONIGHT BERTA** – Shipper holds talent advantage but shelved since August and might need a race.**4****FEISTY MADAM** – Trounced soft field in debut despite bearing out in stretch; meets better but must respect.**9****FAIRE MI** – Moves turf to dirt and showed closing kick before; sharp locally this distance in March.