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TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017

Best Bets: DAY BY DAY (7th)-- VIBRANT GINGER (8th)

Race 1 HURDLES

- 8** DYNIFORMERSREQUEST – Competed nicely in first jump test despite shelved since October; leading hurdle stable.
- 6** MUTIN – Recovered well from poor showing with dominating early speed at Fair Hill; likely one to catch.
- 4** WING FOOT – Pair of encouraging hurdle efforts after two year layoff; rider won aboard longshot on Saturday.
- 9** MOGAZ – Rallied strongly in U.S. bow after absent 11 months; steps up but progress anticipated.

Race 2

- 3** I LOVE YOU HONEY – Hard used stalking rapid fractions at loftier level for new connections; formidable at times.
- 1** QUALITY INTEREST – Series of good efforts with lone exception over wet surface; local success in past.
- 4** WELLINGTON WIZARD – Victim of loose pacesetter in game try when changing hands; six victories over track.
- 7** HE'S SO FINE – Remote third this level following Noble's claim and humbled by top selection in May.

Race 3 HURDLES

- 5** MUTASAAWY – Easily second best in jump debut and classy performer in past; high percentage rider named.
- 6** LAWN RANGER – Dueling for lead when fell at final jump and could pose threat at square price for Hall of Famer.
- 2** METEOROID – Ample ability but extreme case of seconditis during career; chased favorite in fifth race handicap.
- 1** OTHER CHEEK – Bit erratic but offers closing kick at times and must respect all Jack Fisher runners.

Race 4

- 7** HERECOMESKAT – Overmatched after claim and fired last route attempt; edge at price in wide-open event.
- 4** MEGAN'S MUSE – New Yorker plunges from "open" company switching to Farro barn and serious contender this level.
- 1A** GADWALL – Steadied along on first turn when failing as 6-5 chalk but Vazquez barn heating up again.
- 5** RODEO DRIVE DIVA – Ran down single-winners then sat out "jail" for Farro barn; consistently offers late kick.

Race 5 HURDLES

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| 4 | AL – Cruised past rivals following layoff in U.S. debut when testing jumps; fitter now for required raise in class. |
| 2 | FANTASTIC SONG – Failed to give true measure in latest after prevailing in previous start in major comeback. |
| 9 | DAPPER DAN – Excellent since return and possibility with continued progress; first time with blinkers. |
| 7 | ABLE ARCHER – Victim of spill in last hurdle attempt and romped previously; chased repeater at Penn National. |

Race 6

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| 7 | MY COUSIN LOU – Rallied behind talented duo in possibly tougher version of this spot; needs best in solid field. |
| 10 | BELIEVE IN LUCK – Closed gap as favorite in blanket finish and threat behind contested fractions. |
| 8 | PETE'S PLAY CALL – Edged capable group in East Coast bow after hiatus; dangerous again for 22% barn. |
| 2 | VINCEREMOS – Determined effort with similar and speed nearest inside enhances possibility of setting pace. |

Race 7

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| 3 | DAY BY DAY – Dueled long way then nailed late in big effort at Monmouth; might shake loose and wire these. |
| 1 | AFLEET TIZZY – Carried out by bearing out opponent on turn and showed talent during Gulfstream meet. |
| 9 | SCHEMA – Ran into rocket after layoff at Belmont and progress likely adding blinkers; also close at Tampa. |
| 7 | COMFORTABLE CAT – Speedy filly sharp again after claim against big favorite; presses top choice early. |

Race 8

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| 4 | VIBRANT GINGER – Pulled away very impressively and tackles next rung on allowance ladder for hot stable. |
| 3 | EXTRASEXYEXOTKMINX – Battled classy West Coast invader in game effort and back against solid state-breds. |
| 1 | EASY MONEY – Wired easier sprinting at Penn National after long absence; initial try around two turns. |
| 6 | KEYSTONE KELLY – Stumbled then retreated when competing notch higher than necessary; terrific at times. |

Race 9

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| 6 | TAZKEYA – Widened advantage with speed to spare when adding Lasix in return; fitter now facing tougher types. |
| 10 | POLITE PEARL – Crushed talented claimers in confidence booster and close this spot before; comes out flying. |
| 9 | MISS AVALON – Outrun by quality opponent in route which next placed in stake; trounced sprinters in prior outing. |
| 1 | KRISTA'S PERSONA – Hampered by brutal trip following Ness claim and decisive score in previous attempt. |

Race 10

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| 1 | BETTER THAN RUBIES – Failed turf experiment and overmatched at Delaware but romped this yardage locally. |
| 10 | HAVEANICEWEEKEND – Easily second best in “open” company after Vazquez took and shown liking for this track. |
| 4 | NAVAJO KITTEN – Ages since last victory but drops and switches from turf route to dirt sprint and capable in past. |
| 8 | ILGETHEPARTYSTARTD – Survived early trouble to upset single-winners and possibility with logical next step. |