

**Race 5**

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| <b>6</b>  | <b>BURNTWOOD</b> – Responded favorably to drop at competitive Churchill meet and switches to Zulueta stable.       |
| <b>10</b> | <b>HELLOITSME</b> – Easily second best as 3-5 chalk when plunging and changing hands; hot rider aboard in Rivera.  |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>BUD FOX</b> – Nice try in local bow when shipped from New York and claimed but conqueror fared poorly next out. |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>SUNSHINE WILD</b> – Roughed early then bore out on turn this yardage; possibility for new connections.          |

**Race 6**

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| <b>1A</b> | <b>PRESTONS PRINCESS</b> – Ran into tigress which stepped up and romped again; Ness claim battled colts previously.   |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>DISTINCTIVE LADY</b> – Ducked out early and bumped repeatedly when finishing in front of top pick; obvious threat. |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>SCOTLAND BAY</b> – Prevailed at Monmouth and closed strongly behind runaway winner last local appearance.          |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>TO THE FLAG</b> – Speedy mare drops from second-tier allowance level and proven valuable claim by Lake.            |

**Race 7**

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| <b>8</b>  | <b>RUSSIAN GREEK</b> – Dueled eventual winner throughout and drops another notch with shorter time between starts.     |
| <b>11</b> | <b>OLIVER RUSH</b> – Offers powerful closing kick on occasion and takes realistic drop; Martin stable has them firing. |
| <b>12</b> | <b>STAND AND SALUTE</b> – Stretching out with perfect record at this distance; extreme outside post possible obstacle. |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>GROUPTHINK</b> – Crushed three-time winners in confidence booster but facing quicker group for same claiming tag.   |

**Race 8**

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| <b>6</b> | <b>AIKEN PREP</b> – Full of run too late in shorter event and fired twice in Carlos Guerrero barn; appears well-spotted. |
| <b>5</b> | <b>IT DOESNT END WELL</b> – Gained through stretch in blanket finish and dangerous despite long losing streak.           |
| <b>1</b> | <b>OBSESS</b> – Amazing 10-year-old with 20 victories ships from Penn National for high percentage barn; must respect.   |
| <b>2</b> | <b>THE MORNING GUYS</b> – Runs big race at times and re-claimed earlier on raise by Moore barn; upset possibility.       |

**Race 9**

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| <b>1</b>  | <b>SYNCHRONOUS</b> – Pressed winner and continued gamely this spot; might rate moving inside in solid field.            |
| <b>12</b> | <b>TIPYOURWAITERWELL</b> – Rapid gelding seeks third straight for Farro barn picking up four pounds vs. similar.        |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>R JOLLEY DREAMER</b> – Cruised past slightly softer field when claimed again in May; Beato retains mount.            |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>PORTENT</b> – Appears in peak form for Joe Taylor barn and contributes to anticipated lively pace; merits attention. |

**Race 10**

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| <b>8</b>  | <b>CHILL PHIL</b> – Narrowly missed again when nailed by drop-down favorite; rallied from well off pace in prior attempt. |
| <b>10</b> | <b>SERGEANT J W R</b> – Quick from gate and not far behind top selection; ran into tiger here in May.                     |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>AFTER THE GOLDRUSH</b> – Signs of ability in 13 defeats and moves to hot John Servis barn; quick Jersey works.         |
| <b>12</b> | <b>FAMILY CREST</b> – Yet another front-runner with stamina issues but could benefit from race over track.                |



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**MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017**

**Best Bets: PRESTONS PRINCESS (6<sup>th</sup>)-- AIKEN PREP (8<sup>th</sup>)**

### Race 1

- 11** RICHIE'S RICH – Hard used dueling when changing hands again; third start since layoff with stalking trip.
- 5** YOUARETRUE – Battled eventual winner and held on gamely in improved showing; ages since last victory.
- 1** NO MORE STRIPPERS – Sharper in past but claimed from race in which top pair won next time; can't dismiss.
- 7** AVALANCHE ROCK – Made up ground again despite stumbling start and sat out "jail" after Rodriguez claim.

### Race 2

- 2** HENNESSY FIRE – Powerful finish despite severe early trouble and upset heavy favorite in previous attempt.
- 3** RETURN OF A GIANT – Continued gamely in solid version of this spot and overmatched in prior outing.
- 8** RUN DIXIE RUN – Primed for elongated sprint dueling throughout in route; conqueror stepped up and repeated.
- 7** TAKE THE STROMBOLI – Drops again in claiming tag but steps up facing two-time winners with one-for-21 mark.

### Race 3

- 1A** NIMS – Good effort following layoff in "key" race at Delaware and gets blinkers with progress anticipated.
- 5** J.J.'S CANDY – Only four lengths behind in stake and actually finished first twice but lost via disqualification.
- 7** JONES TAXI – Excellent showing in return and avoids claiming tag this time; Machiz stable has them firing.
- 4** UNION BLOCKADE – Broke poorly when failing to run to backing in debut; must adjust to turf and added distance.

### Race 4

- 3** SMOOTH B – Bet down to 8-5 in debut but raced greenly in capable field; worked quickly since and experience aids.
- 5** SUPER ARTIST – Rookie by Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver cost \$200,000 at auction and stable sizzling.
- 6** TATTERED – Goldberg newcomer by Union Rags and another hefty purchase this year for \$225,000.
- 4** AMERICAN TALENT – Sire tends to get quick ones and worked "bullet" at Delaware; might come out flying.