

Race 5

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| 6 | LARCO MAR – Dueled eventual odds-on winner in tough version of this spot; possible stalking trip from outside. |
| 2 | REPENTANT – Pair of excellent efforts since claim and speed to pose threat again with logical next step. |
| 5 | RED DOCTOBER – Lightly raced but ample heart and ability; 11 local victories and Vazquez barn heating up. |
| 3 | BARRACUDA WAYNE – Chased smashing winner in Penn National slop; outrun by top choice previously. |

Race 6

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| 10 | STONE BANDIT – Pressed rapid eventual winner when showing turf prowess; must overcome early pressure. |
| 5 | SPRINGERS POINT – Led routers long way in second start of season and sharp previously this yardage. |
| 3 | THROUGH APPALACHIA – Very quick and consistent shipper sharp this spot at Penn National from outside post. |
| 7 | MIDTOWNCHARLYBROWN – Nearly captured \$100,000 state-bred stake despite poor start; turf is new. |

Race 7

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| 5 | TRIPOCHA – Drops again after chasing opponent which stepped up and romped again; contested pace helps. |
| 6 | HIDE A ROSE – Returns to preferred surface where she has been formidable recently; won this spot in April. |
| 7 | PARTY ROCK – Failed to offer true measure on turf after crushing three-time winners over wet footing. |
| 1 | MASTIC – Dominated cheaper despite stumbling start and claimed again; success with tougher in past. |

Race 8

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| 8 | MR. JORDAN – Faced classy opposition in Florida and excellent local form in past; progress anticipated. |
| 6 | DUVAL – Collared on turn then battled to finish in very game effort; dangerous but might prefer shorter. |
| 3 | LIFE IN SHAMBLES – Strong showing again when claimed for \$80,000 at Belmont; one length back in graded stake. |
| 7 | RED RAZZO – Chronic slow starter but terrific closing kick as displayed in May; ample early targets again. |

Race 9

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| 1 | DUEL AT DUSK – Improved stamina when dropped to this level and might shake loose as lone speed in field. |
| 5 | TRAPPEZIO – Woke up in second start as extreme longshot and gelded since; likely suited by distance. |
| 2 | MOTHERLAND – Fair on Delaware turf after missing three months and removes blinkers as serious contender. |
| 6 | CONGRATS TO AVIE – Professional maiden with 25 defeats but closes well at times and can't be dismissed. |



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TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017

Best Bets: LENAPE RIM (4th)-- LARCO MAR (5th)

Race 1

- 1** ROL AGAIN QUESTION – Good effort in just second try over main track when 17 lengths ahead of third finisher.
- 2** LAPSE – Hampered by early trouble on turf and heavily-backed in prior debut at Gulfstream for Pletcher barn.
- 4** JEDDO – Often hits board but failed again vs. state-breds and had 13 chances; claimed for \$30,000 earlier.
- 3** PRIMARY TARGET – Made up ground after trailing early and tries blinkers; scratched from softer spot Saturday.

Race 2

- 4** FANCY IS MY NAME – Caught late by stretch-runner after repelling early challengers; edged next-out winner before.
- 6** APPEALING MISS – Pressed heavily-favored winner in game try this level; usually forms part of exacta.
- 5** APPEALINGMAGIC – Dueled top choice long way in just second start since comeback; racing into peak form.
- 3** WHIRLYBIRD – Absent since first of May following series of determined efforts; likely pushed to her limit.

Race 3

- 6** LUTE AND SWEET – Unruly prior to chasing runaway winner at Monmouth; should handle soft opposition.
- 2** SAVANNAH'S DREAM– Closed gap behind loose pacesetter and hit board three of last four attempts.
- 1** MAGGIE LAINE – Back on main track with bottom tag and heavily-backed in prior outing after layoff.
- 3** SASSY HUMOR – Far behind in Belmont return when adding Lasix but chance to progress this spot.

Race 4

- 4** LENAPE RIM – Old grey mare chased streaking winner in return and boasts \$583,360 in career earnings.
- 9** ULTIMATE AVARY – Improved effort against repeat winner over course and handled solid fields in past.
- 2** SUPERLING – Strong finish to defeat sprinters when Vazquez took but just second attempt over grass.
- 6** SO GOOD TO GO – West Coast runner sidelined since November but capable when right; dangerous if ready.