

**Race 5**

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| <b>3</b> | <b>BEST CHOICE</b> – Less than five lengths behind in better field at Monmouth despite traffic woes; blinkers off again. |
| <b>2</b> | <b>MY UNCLE AL</b> – Good form since claim and crushed maidens; usually close and handles various distances.             |
| <b>6</b> | <b>BURNTWOOD</b> – Overmatched on road trip and chased smashing winner previously when changing hands.                   |
| <b>5</b> | <b>TAKE THE STROMBOLI</b> – Dull in just second start since April and long losing streak but battled quicker in past.    |

**Race 6**

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| <b>10</b> | <b>KACY LAUREN</b> – Wore down loose pacesetter in Jersey and good effort in key race locally for Vera stable.       |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>SUPERLING</b> – Rallied behind runaway winner on main track and also handles turf; closing kick anticipated.      |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>BABE'S RULER</b> – Back on turf where she has banked \$126,675 with five grass victories; nosed here last season. |
| <b>11</b> | <b>TALLER SISTER</b> – Offers c losing kick at times and Nunn barn excels shipping here; chance to surprise.         |

**Race 7**

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| <b>4</b> | <b>BAJAN SUMMER</b> – Lightly raced but impressed here in May romp when switching to Farro stable; scores if ready. |
| <b>2</b> | <b>RETROGRADE</b> – Walloped single-winners when Farro took for \$25,000; dangerous again while well-spotted.       |
| <b>7</b> | <b>RAGING CHAMPION</b> – Edged this level on sloppy track when making just second start since November; dangerous.  |
| <b>3</b> | <b>HELLOITSME</b> – Disappointed on wet footing after powerful score in prior outing; best effort necessary.        |

**Race 8**

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| <b>1</b> | <b>MAXIMUS MERIDIUS</b> – Retreated after trouble in Boston after winning locally despite eight month's absence.        |
| <b>9</b> | <b>INDIAN DEFENCE</b> – Back on turf after main track comeback served as prep; drops and runs big race at times.        |
| <b>4</b> | <b>RAPO</b> – Possibility if disregard latest and captured this spot in June; excellent 5 for 16 lifetime on grass.     |
| <b>5</b> | <b>UNCLE DAVE</b> – Tigerish in past but far from his best since return; returns home and can't dismiss yet this level. |

**Race 9**

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| <b>5</b> | <b>MINE THE STORE</b> – Favorable response to plunge when defeating pair which have scored since; repeats in new barn. |
| <b>1</b> | <b>AMACE</b> – Early problems at Monmouth then drops after sitting out "jail"; Navarro barn broke record recent meet.  |
| <b>4</b> | <b>PRODIGIOUS</b> – Close up in blanket finish when changing hands in July; often outran classier in past.             |
| <b>7</b> | <b>ELEVATED</b> – Terrific at one time but many losses at short odds this season; crushed slightly softer in June.     |



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### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

**Best Bets: NOT A CHANCE (4<sup>th</sup>)-- BEST CHOICE (5<sup>th</sup>)**

#### Race 1

- 9** COURTAGE – Edged next-out winner in compact field at Penn National but also faced tougher locally in past.
- 8** MEGAN'S MUSE – Wore down favorite when defeating two-time winners, rebounding from poor showing in prior try.
- 2** SARATIAGO – Crushed lesser on wet footing on road trip and rallied well locally since arriving from New York.
- 3** FREQUENTLY – Retreated at Delaware after encouraging local outing; needs to run pair alike.

#### Race 2

- 1** KENDRICKS – Faded against more frequent winners for new connections following hiatus after firing in this spot.
- 12** EL POTRO – Possible pacesetter stretching out while competing cheapest ever but must overcome outside post.
- 4** SALEM LOOP – Humbled by smashing winner at Delaware and closing kick here in past; could fire at price.
- 8** TRY FLYING – Sufficient ability and serious contender but shelved since May and could be overbet.

#### Race 3

- 5** G.I. GIRL – Posted upset this yardage only previous local start and should continue improvement this spot.
- 7** MIDDAY PRAYER – Overmatched at Monmouth after decisive score at Delaware and fits nicely this level.
- 1** MY MUSIC – Runs well on occasion but winless in 10 tries this season; Zulueta claim should be gaining late.
- 4** GIA ALEXA – Better earlier in her career but returns home and removes blinkers after failed wet track attempt.

#### Race 4

- 10** NOT A CHANCE – Frequently close in classier company and takes significant drop for successful turf stable.
- 3** UNBRIDLED GIFT – Absent three months and untested on turf but very quick and capable dropping into claimer.
- 8** ONE EYED RAY – Returns to preferred surface and prevailed with Esquivel aboard at Monmouth; threat on best.
- 1** FINAL ENCORE – New Yorker drops and draws favorable inside seeking state-bred bonus; may be one to catch.