

**Race 5**

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| <b>6</b> | <b>TRANSPARENT</b> – Bargain claim by Martin barn romped last three routes and favorable pace set-up again.             |
| <b>3</b> | <b>SOARING CID</b> – Powerful finish in sprint to defeat pair of next-out winners but no match for top pick previously. |
| <b>8</b> | <b>WENDY WEND</b> – Faded after setting rapid fractions at Monmouth; wired talented group locally and in peak form.     |
| <b>4</b> | <b>HARPOON</b> – Terrific record this season but faces difficult task; might revert to rating tactics with Pennington.  |

**Race 6**

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| <b>6</b> | <b>TALE OF E DUBAI</b> – Led throughout four days ago at Belmont after \$40,000 Spa claim; capable of controlling pace. |
| <b>7</b> | <b>GRAVES ISLAND</b> – Determined score in “open” company and also big effort previously; outrun by top pick in April.  |
| <b>3</b> | <b>THOROUGHbred FUEL</b> – Broke slowly vs. talented rivals in second race after layoff; conqueror next won stake.      |
| <b>4</b> | <b>MR. ROMANCE</b> – Powerful closing punch at times and freshened after poor showing; needs aid of pace set-up.        |

**Race 7**

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| <b>3</b>  | <b>AGONISTIC</b> – Only four lengths behind in classy Jersey field after layoff and numerous big local efforts in past.  |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>FEARTHEFALCON</b> – Sidelined since November but ample turf talent and experience; likely to be ready.                |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>MERRY’S HONOR</b> – Veteran lost a few steps and on losing streak but too good turf sprinting in past to dismiss yet. |
| <b>11</b> | <b>MAKE MY SATURDAY</b> – Speedy gelding capable on different surfaces and just failed to last twice at Delaware.        |

**Race 8**

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| <b>1A</b> | <b>TARPY’S SURPRISE</b> – Battled talented rival at Delaware after crushing state-breds locally; contested pace helps. |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>TRILOGY</b> – Captured last pair on turf and dirt with energy remaining in tank; dangerous with similar showing.    |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>BARRACUDA WAYNE</b> – Strong rally behind talented duo in Penn National sprint; rare test of stamina.               |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>MOE TROUBLE</b> – Faltered in stake on road trip but excellent local form despite two losses as odds-on chalk.      |

**Race 9**

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| <b>1</b>  | <b>ROYAL CURRENT</b> – Lost ample ground behind talented rivals in debut and gets Lasix dropping into claimer.       |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>NOT LEAVING</b> – Chased heavy favorite in June debut at Laurel when finishing behind pair of experienced rivals. |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>YOU’RE DREAMIN</b> – Heavily-backed when runner-up to longshot winner in Delaware bow; obvious threat.            |
| <b>10</b> | <b>SONG OF JOY</b> – Roughed up at break then steadied on backstretch in brutal trip; progress anticipated.          |



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### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

**Best Bets: READY FOR SUMMER (3<sup>rd</sup>)-- TARPY'S SURPRISE (8<sup>th</sup>)**

#### Race 1

- 2** BLUEGRASS EXPRESS – Used up in quicker company last pair and impressive upset after layoff here earlier.
- 5** MIDWAY PLAYA – Competed well behind runaway winner after slow start from inside; second outing since March.
- 1** FACTOR THIS IN – Returns home where he beat solid field decisively in July; works out good trip from inside.
- 4** REFUNDED – Stopped after half mile when claimed but prior outings encouraging; brisk final work in preparation.

#### Race 2

- 5** JUST LISTEN – Good form since Pearce claim and more competitive than anticipated with solid group in July.
- 3** QUASANTE – Usually fires and back sprinting where she scored locally; fits nicely with good early position.
- 6** BETTER THAN RUBIES – Drew away after dueling against two-time winners; threat again for new connections.
- 1** KRISTINITE – Overcame poor break against lesser; slow fuse but brisk works seem encouraging.

#### Race 3

- 2** SUNSHINE MARK – Eventful trip when overmatched at Penn National; long losing skid but finds logical spot.
- 1** HONEST – Failed turf experiment again but plunges below level of claim in return to main track as threat.
- 7** THIS MIGHT BE – Pulled away from two-time winners in July and serious contender with realistic next step.
- 9** OK NOW – Draws extreme outside post again seeking third straight and back after one week.

#### Race 4

- 3** READY FOR SUMMER – Very determined in Spa route score and showed sprint prowess locally; Klesaris re-claimed.
- 12** PINK PRINCESS – Rapid mare effective on various surfaces and difficult to catch if draws in from also eligible list.
- 2** LITTLE STELLA – Overmatched against colts at Penn National and three race turf sprint winning streak last year.
- 8** OFFICER BUNS – Shipper racing into shape again and drops notch; merits attention despite ages since last victory.