

**Race 5**

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| <b>6</b>  | HE'S COTTON – Strong rally past pacesetters then caught late by deep stretch-runner in big try after Pino claim.    |
| <b>5</b>  | ICE KAUFY – Very game in defeat at Delaware and third finisher frequent winner; re-claimed previously by Velazquez. |
| <b>10</b> | MALIBU SUNSET – Formidable in past but came up empty plunging when Lake took; one to catch with blinkers.           |
| <b>1</b>  | DREAMING OF NENO – Weakened at loftier level in Jersey after troubled trip locally when losing as huge favorite.    |

**Race 6**

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| <b>1</b> | GIOIA STELLA – Just over three lengths behind this spot at Saratoga in just second outing since November.    |
| <b>4</b> | BERTRANDA – Impressed locally in past and handles various surfaces; often competes better than odds suggest. |
| <b>5</b> | UNTOUCHABLE U – Strong finish behind heavy favorite this level locally in July; dangerous if disregard last. |
| <b>3</b> | COOL – Nice showing in Suffolk stake after wiring “key” race at Monmouth; John Servis barn has them firing.  |

**Race 7**

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| <b>3</b> | CLUBMAN – Improving stretch-running shipper from Maryland appears well-spotted again; perfect with Russell up.     |
| <b>9</b> | VINCEREMOS – Very determined effort in last and flattered when conqueror scored Sunday; threat despite loss skein. |
| <b>7</b> | LANGDARMA – Rallied despite trouble at Delaware and ample success earlier at competitive Oaklawn meet.             |
| <b>5</b> | DEGROM – Closer than anticipated on road trip and shorter time between starts could prove plus.                    |

**Race 8**

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| <b>10</b> | IRISH COLONEL – Moved last to first with terrific late kick and appears set to handle even classier group.          |
| <b>1</b>  | FLASHY KYEM – Caught late by deep stretch-runner after rallying boldly to front this spot; serious contender again. |
| <b>11</b> | GORGEOUS CHARLI – Scored with energy in reserve despite half mile duel; idle since June but obvious threat.         |
| <b>6</b>  | PEOPLE'S CHAMP – Difficult to figure since return but maiden victory in July too powerful to dismiss.               |

**Race 9**

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| <b>5</b>  | BESTBANDEVER – Raced very sparingly but faced vastly tougher in past and chance at square price if ready.   |
| <b>9</b>  | RETURN OF A GIANT – Fits nicely if disregard last and speedy and game earlier in season; wide-open event.   |
| <b>12</b> | TRUE TO HIS WORD – Distant fourth in race switched to main track at Penn National after romping locally.    |
| <b>8</b>  | MY COTTON JONES – Humbled by smashing winner at Suffolk and defeated single-winners here; merits attention. |



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### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

**Best Bets: HE'S COTTON (5<sup>th</sup>)-- GIOIA STELLA (6<sup>th</sup>)**

#### Race 1

<b>1</b>	EXTRASEXYMAZZERATI – Taking significant plunge and most recent sprint conqueror scored by seven on Saturday.
<b>6</b>	RIAN – Runner-up to capable newcomer at Delaware when finishing far in front of odds-on favorite that day.
<b>4</b>	STAYNSIDETHECIRCLE – Humbled by drop-down repeat winner when claimed last month; pedigree to improve.
<b>5</b>	NEW ROAD – Used up dueling in longer test following layoff; flashes of ability previously in New York.

#### Race 2

<b>3</b>	ACTIN TIZ– Battled throughout when edged by repeat winner; lightly raced but holds talent advantage.
<b>9</b>	CHAKOTAY – Drew away with speed to spare over sloppy surface and threat taking logical next step.
<b>1</b>	BILLY LION HEART – Speedy and faced classier in past but failed at short odds lately with stamina issues.
<b>8</b>	WIND SPIRIT – Prominent throughout at Suffolk and game on occasion locally; deserves some consideration.

#### Race 3

<b>5</b>	MIDNIGHT POKER – Rookie by Smarty Jones from sizzling John Servis barn with top pilot Carmouche listed.
<b>6</b>	PEYTON PLACE – Breen stable cooler here than in past seasons but by capable sire Petionville; works reveal little.
<b>4</b>	RUDY'S BOY – New Yorker moves turf to dirt and plummets from top maiden ranks; dangerous but likely overbet.
<b>1</b>	HILLS POND – Outran only one rival in Monmouth debut but gets Lasix and drops into claimer for Allard.

#### Race 4

<b>10</b>	COUZIER – Only two losses could be attributed to turf and slop and well-bred colt taking steep drop for good barn.
<b>8</b>	INDY STRIKE – Raced sparingly and had 10 chances but facing softest group yet and likely to be prepared.
<b>4</b>	BENEFICIAL RISK – Humbled by runaway winner at Monmouth after limited success on New York circuit.
<b>6</b>	DYNASMART – Distant third in July and yet to justify heavy backing while prone to trouble; can't dismiss yet.