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Best Bets: DREAM CHASER (3rd) -- PACHELBEL (8th)

Race 1

- 3** NICOLE'S KING – Defeated trio of shorter priced rivals in Jersey finale; returning sooner a plus.
- 1** SUPREME DOMINANCE – Fair showing at Laurel following claim; humbled by top pick prior try.
- 4** ASCRIBE – Romped twice during summer but failed to fire as 7-5 chalk compact Delaware field.
- 11** SCAMP WALKER – Offers late energy at times and stretching out again from difficult post.

Race 2 2024 PARX HALL OF FAME HORSE – RUBY BLEU

- 3** OPTIMISTIC NATE – Hard used dueling first local try in finish dominated by stretch-runners.
- 5** WHOOSH – Gained late behind huge favorite in sprint but remains maiden after 22 attempts.
- 6** AVES MAKIN' WAVES -- Pressed top choice this spot but hampered by stamina issues.
- 4** TRIPLE WORD SCORE – Long losing streak vs. state-breds in New York but chance this level.

Race 3 2024 PARX HALL OF FAME SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT – JACK LAMAR

- 3** DREAM CHASER – Big effort when trying blinkers despite ducking out start; stakes-placed.
- 2** ALCALA – Lightly raced absentee terrific here in past and flying in morning for return.
- 4** PRINCESS CUPID – Speedy mare finished ahead of top choice with better trip; threat again.
- 1** SUNDRIA – Powerful very wide rally on turn then outfinished by deep-stretch runner solid try.

Race 4 2024 PARX HALL OF FAME SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT – RICHARD ROMANO

- 5** RECONCILE – Rapid shipper hampered by poor start in tough company and capable of wiring.
- 3** VODOO YOU DO – Rushed to contention after early roughing when heavily-backed; danger.
- 8** BEAUTIFULCRAZYGIRL – Overran promising group of maidens; edged prior try despite excuses.
- 7** SPENCER TIARA – Encouraging form elsewhere and competed well in similar spot Delaware.

Race 5 THE \$75,000 M.P. BALLEZZI APPRECIATION MILE

- 3** CELESTIAL MOON – Romped at Delaware after \$32,000 claim by Ness; racing into peak form.
- 1** CONCEALED CARRY – Dueled to final furlong in rich stake; competes better than odds suggest.
- 6** ADERO – Tremendous heart and ability with 8-for-18 record; threat with outside stalking trip.
- 7** MAGIC MICHAEL – Ran into tiger in marathon and amazing 10-for-15 locally; excellent field.

Race 6

- 8** FREEDOM ROAD – Road warrior won pair locally by combined 17 ½ lengths; 10-for-24 lifetime.
- 3** SPEEDY BOLT – Overmatched lately but might regain closing kick behind lively fractions.
- 4** PRACTICAL COACH – Gives his best every time for high percentage Ramirez barn; fits well.
- 1** LOOKIN AT ROSES – Veteran rarely sprints but likes to win and worked quickly for return.

Race 7

1	ANALOG JONES – Signs of ability all three outings and tries route adding blinkers from inside.
9	REELIN N DEALIN – Rallied strongly behind formidable rival despite slow start in stake debut.
3	GUN TRADER – Solid effort in first route try at Delaware; just ahead of top pick previously.
10	DREAM TALK – Battled throughout after sluggish break in debut on Pa. Derby undercard.

Race 8

2	PACHELBEL – Series of solid but frustrating losses vs. talented foes; set up well this yardage.
10	BELLA BETTINA – Veteran with major earnings in Maryland; should be flying late this distance.
1	LOVELY CHARM – Stretch-runner progressed rapidly this season; shown liking for local course.
8	AMBITIOUSLY PLACED – Crushed lesser after Pino barn re-claimed in 12 th local score; 14 wins.

Race 9

1	TRADERS LUCK – Extremely quick and game and might shake loose; among top claims locally.
2	VEESON – Usually closer than odds suggest and in best form of career for Padilla-Preciado barn
6	NINETYPERCENTMADDIE – Dueled and continued gamely with similar; rare losing streak.
5	TWISTED RIDE – Determined as they come but anticipated better in last; always dangerous.

Race 10

2	IRISH MAXIMA – Perfect twice elsewhere since layoff; trains locally and adding Lasix for Servis.
7	MAJESTIC CREED – Led long way before tiring when overmatched in Beldame; \$40,000 claim.
5	EVERYONELOVESLINDA – Excellent record with classy opposition in New York; obvious threat.
1	FOGGY NIGHT – Step forward in just second race since return and terrific record last season.