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Best Bets: CISCO KID (4th) – GET SET (9th)

Race 1

- 3** FACTOR U AND ME IN – Speedy gelding lightly raced but nearly won return drifting out badly.
- 4** BOBBY THE TANK – Contributes to lively pace and shorter yardage provides some relief.
- 10** FINANCIAL STRENGTH – Rebounded nicely after over three month's absence; ample targets.
- 7** WHY STOP THERE – Prominent to midstretch with similar and captured two of last four outings.

Race 2

- 5** HEAT ALERT – Battled throughout when edged by Ness runner; drops notch at same distance.
- 4** BAD ADVICE – Flashes of interest and much shorter time between races; lures Carmouche.
- 8** MAGICAL ROAD – Rallied to front then outfinished as 1-2 chalk when claimed; merits attention.
- 6** MUCHO MAGNIFICO – Private purchase closed big gap in Woodbine finale; making 14th try.

Race 3

- 1** BE MY QUEEN – Sidelined since summer but very quick and should wire these from inside post.
- 3** NORHO'S GAMBLE – Faded after dueling eventual winner but good earlier; making 18th try.
- 5** KATES WARRIORHEART – Newcomer from top Reid barn offers few clues but need not be much.
- 8** MOPSY – Rookie worked "bullet" earlier when best of 26 at half mile; dam won five races Brazil.

Race 4

- 9** CISCO KID – Easily second behind streaking winner in best yet; overcame traffic woes prior try.
- 2** SUNDAY SPIRIT – Bargain claim seeks third straight but must adjust to sprint; barn heating up.
- 3** TRY HARDER – Bothered early when soundly outrun by top pick; chased streaking winner.
- 6** I FEELUCKY TONITE – Kept talented company lately and closer than odds predicted in latest.

Race 5

- 8** SUMMARY JUDGMENT – Faltered with tougher in slop and most effective when reaches front.
- 6** AMY MULE – Good form with tougher last pair; drops but remains above amount of claim.
- 9** CATTI LA BELLE – Strong recent form and taking logical next step as threat; classy in past.
- 5** RUMINT – Walloped lesser opposition last month and Ness stable on usual hot streak

Race 6

- 3** AWESOME FOR SURE – Just missed when seeking five straight; ideal stalking trip anticipated.
- 10** GUAPONESS – Big effort against drop-down winner when claimed; often forms part of exacta.
- 1** BOOK RUNNER – Re-claimed by Padilla barn in November and back sprinting as threat.
- 11** NIFTY – Slow fuse but drops notch and should be gaining late at this distance and level.

Race 7

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| 4 | NATURE'S CANDY – Ran into tigress in stake on muddy surface; numerous strong races prior. |
| 2 | RACEY RUBY – Bargain claim by Catalano finally tackling state-breds; obvious danger. |
| 8 | PLEASANT DREAMS – Failed to offer true measure on wet footing; powerful late kick before. |
| 9 | PLUS SIZED COURAGE – Getting back in shape after year layoff; began career with promise. |

Race 8

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| 3 | ANNIEWORKSTOOMUCH – Overmatched in New York; showed speed and determination here. |
| 5 | TAKE TIME TO DREAM – Decisive score in mud and takes logical next step with hot “bug” up. |
| 11 | SHAKE IT BABY – Winless long time but competing cheapest ever for Ness; merits attention. |
| 13 | MISS M M – Rallied despite early trouble when facing more numerous winners for same tag. |

Race 9

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| 1 | GET SET - Used up against solid rivals in mile test at Laurel; powerful local score prior outing. |
| 2 | YOUNG SQUIRE – Ample ability but tends to hurt chances at start; draws near rail but threat. |
| 5 | MEET ME AT MUNDIS – Late rush behind favored Ness winner in November; claimed for \$32,000 |
| 6 | PRINCE OF RAIN – Stretch-runner with ample ability but sidelined year; edged in local stake. |

Race 10

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| 3 | BETWEEN DREAMS – Veteran with good record and improved when getting fast surface again. |
| 6 | MON PETIT CHOU – Difficult to like or ignore after claimed for twice this amount at Aqueduct. |
| 12 | WISHING ON A PRAYER – Latest discouraging but won this spot in past; Soto-Martinez 21%. |
| 5 | ROAD TO DREAMS – Improved behind heavy favorite at loftier level as extreme longshot. |