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Best Bets: BEEN REAL BUSY (7th) – PONTIFFANY (8th)

Race 1

- 5** HEY BROTHER – Solid effort behind runaway Aqueduct winner despite sidelined since August.
- 4** TRACK OF MY TEARS – Rapid gelding claimed by Pino and aided by shorter yardage; gets Paco
- 6** AARAJ – Cruised past single-winners in confidence booster after series of runner-up finishes.
- 2** BOBBY'S CANDY – Responded well to plunge to this spot after absent four months; dangerous.

Race 2

- 6** STREETS OF PARIS – Shelved since November after competing on tough Kentucky circuit.
- 3** BELLA ESTRELA – Humbled by smashing winner after stumbling badly at start in return.
- 5** CHARM OF THE SONG – Came up empty this level and yardage as 3-5 chalk in local debut.
- 1** MOMMA PIC – Fair showing when dropped to this spot and progress likely with blinkers added

Race 3

- 4** CALLIE RAE – Easily second best to heavy favorite and finds soft company in 11th attempt.
- 3** KEYSTORMRISING – Improved in recent sprint and soundly outrun by top pick on wet footing.
- 1** LA DE PELUCHE – Benefits from recent victory and stretching out again after 16 defeats.
- 2** HER TICKET TO RIDE – Disliked wet surface and usually far behind but prior try encouraging.

Race 4

- 5** OLD HEAD – Overmatched in last after capturing three straight; should outrun this group.
- 3** DESIGNATED – Big effort on occasion and major threat this level; much success with Wolfson.
- 4** JEZEBEL JADE – Seen better days but re-claimed by Arce barn; slow fuse but can't dismiss.
- 1** KHOZY COLBY – Might shake loose from inside and race void of early speed; knows how to win.

Race 5

- 4** NEIGH DUDE – Game veteran often beaten better in past; voided claim here in December.
- 1** POWER AGENDA – Good effort after breaking through prior to start; very capable here in past.
- 7** ROB THE RICH – Hard-earned score as huge favorite when Carlos Guerrero took back; threat.
- 3** HOTPOT – Edged bulky field for Rosado barn after claimed from five consecutive outings.

Race 6

- 8** STAY FUNNY – Rapid gelding showed improved stamina; eight mile shorter yardage seems plus
- 1** UNSWAYED – Prominent throughout this spot and faced classier in past; rail helpful recently.
- 3** OMAHA EIGHT – Sufficient ability but shelved since summer and ample preparation.
- 2** CHINESEIAM – Close up with similar when DeMasi took for this amount; lone win with Gonzalez.

Race 7

8	BEEN REAL BUSY – Crushed single-winners and captured both local races by combined 12 ½.
4	MISS CINNAMON – Dueled to final furlong in route and set up nicely for this elongated sprint.
5	THEARCHERORTHEPREY – Less than two lengths in route despite sidelined since summer.
6	JESS'S MOMENT – Good form at this yardage and competing better than odds predict.

Race 8

4	PONTIFFANY – Speedy and determined mare boasts 10-for-24 local mark; Pino took back again.
3	MON PETIT CHOU – Perfect here and seeks third in row with realistic next step for Padilla.
2	HALEIGH B – Usually close but numerous losses lately at short odds; Ness-Sanchez combo.
7	LA CIENEGA – After third in row and excellent 7-for-20 lifetime; much success for Velazquez.

Race 9

7	COCOA'S VIVIAN – Raced in closest pursuit of eventual winner in first race since April.
6	BUSTIN DOWN DOORS – Shelved since crushing Jersey-breds at Monmouth; likely ready.
5	PACHELBEL – Latest discouraging but numerous big efforts previously; late kick anticipated.
3	ALCALA – Dueled to late stages in solid field at Aqueduct; several game local outings in 2024.

Race 10

4	TAKE TIME TO DREAM – Progressed last pair and edged despite early trouble with similar.
2	MISS M M – Gam try this spot after facing more frequent winners in prior two attempts.
1	FROSTED DIAMOND – Never involved in route but likely to be gaining late this distance.
7	BRIGHT KOHANA – Used up after stumbling start in last and speed to pose threat on best.