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Best Bets: FAST MOTION (2nd)-- BARTLETT (8th)

Race 1

- 3** LOST LOVE – Limited success at top meets elsewhere; moves to Guerrero barn vs. soft rivals.
- 1** ALMA BRILHA – Chased numerous runaway winners this season; often forms bottom of exacta.
- 8** CALLIE RAE – Moving nicely when clipped heels and lost rider; stretching out again.
- 5** LADY AETHELFLAED – Finished behind second pick when voided claim; prior loss small field.

Race 2

- 3** FAST MOTION – Outdueled next-out winner in better field and should shake loose early.
- 1** SUNDRIA – Significant drop after very poor start; making third start since layoff.
- 6** AMY MULE – Narrowed gap again at Monmouth but likely very slow fuse this yardage.
- 2** ONE OF THE ONES – Overmatched in last and romped previously when claimed; fits nicely.

Race 3

- 2** JSK LUCKY'S PUSHPA – Usually close and exits solid score around two turns; likely repeater.
- 6** CLOUDY TIMES – Trounced easier group last month and main threat with logical next step.
- 5** BOHEMIA BABE – Often quick and sprang 31-1 upset earlier but hampered by stamina issues.
- 4** GORMLEY GIRL – Competed well in routes but winless locally and at this distance.

Race 4

- 6** MELODY'S KISS – Bold move on turn when crushing maidens; third race following hiatus.
- 7** FANCY SCEPTER – Drops after far back twice on turf since return; removes blinkers.
- 4** LIL' LATE LUCK – Humbled by smashing winner and often hits board but just 1-for-21 log.
- 2** KHOZY COLBY – Fair showing when claimed as beaten 6-5 chalk; success in past elsewhere.

Race 5

- 3** MAJOR CAM – Advanced strongly when easily second best to heavy favorite; ends loss streak.
- 2** I'M NOT A BABY – Rebounded from poor showing with decisive score against single-winners.
- 1** MISTER MOORE – Far behind in Jersey after fair try behind top pick locally; must progress.
- 5** CARNIVORE – Outrun last three and rarely justifies heavy support; two victories from 40 tries.

Race 6

- 1** HE'S INCREDIBLE – Difficult to like or ignore plunge for terrific veteran with 17 lifetime scores.
- 7** SEA TRIDENT – Very popular at claim box but failed to fire with lesser last month; threat on best.
- 3** LIBERTY STAR – Never involved at Monmouth but several strong local outings stamp danger.
- 4** JOVA – Better in past and show fuse this distance; needs help with contested fractions.

Race 7

5	DESIGNATED – Close with similar despite very wide trip and ample early targets appears plus.
4	DIANE'S MERLOT – Weakened under pressure in longer test and familiar with runner-up role.
2	KOKOPELLI GIRL – Speedy filly shown signs of progress and poses upset possibility.
1	EMILY'S ON FIRE – Eliminated by stumbling start this spot after wiring maidens previously.

Race 8

5	BARTLETT – Impressive romp after nine month's absence and tackles tough opponent this spot.
1	TALKIN PHAROAH – Rapid gelding just missed in very game effort; serious threat from inside.
3	MUST BE LOVE – Close in blanket finish at Laurel after handling softer locally for leading barn.
2	TOP OF THE STREET – Hard-earned score with slightly easier; Dunn stable clicking at 30%.

Race 9

2	TUSKEGEE AIRMEN – Big effort at Delaware after layoff and deserves nod if switched to dirt.
10	ELOQUIST – Hampered by traffic problems in another strong outing; entered for dirt only.
6	AMITY ROAD – Improving for present connections and exits double-digit score at Penn.
8	LAYTOWN – Game gelding handles various surfaces and excellent record for Solis stable.

Race 10

6	JEEPER – Major plunge after absent couple months; holds obvious ability advantage for Ness.
5	SECRET ALLIANCE – Strong wide bid against more numerous winners; key threat this spot.
8	UNCLE WATER FLOW – Overmatched last pair after decisive score earlier; should be flying late.
2	RUNYONESQUE – Hit board four straight and stretching out again; must put it all together.