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Best Bets: GIRVIN'S PRINCESS (8th)-- IT'S GAME TIME (9th)

Race 1

- 5** JACOHARE – Retreated in Jersey route but fired this level and yardage locally after layoff.
- 1** SHANGHAI SUPERFLY – Capable in past with 7-for-36 record here and signs of life lately.
- 8** BAD GUY – Overmatched on turf but prior try encouraging; chance with soft opposition.
- 6** CAPTAIN CHAZZ – Probable pacesetter but hampered by stamina issues; hot apprentice up.

Race 2

- 4** GRYPHON'S WINGS – Rallied behind runaway streaking winner and handled route before.
- 6** LIAM'S KISS – Easily second best this spot and flattered when conqueror scored again.
- 2** CULPA BLANCO – Claimed from three of last four outings; romped in May vs. single winners.
- 3** KESTENNA – Slow fuse but often hits board and close as major longshot here in April.

Race 3

- 5** SEPARATE WAYS – Drops in third race after layoff and seems able to wire this kind for DeMasi.
- 3** WHY STOP THERE – Often quick early and distant third in better version this spot; key threat.
- 1** STAR OF CAESAREA – Back sprinting at cheapest level yet; draws inside with Pennington.
- 8** PACIFIC STATES – Numerous losses at short prices in 18 attempts but merits some attention.

Race 4

- 6** TEXAS AIR FORCE – Couple good efforts in Florida and Gulfstream invaders excelling locally.
- 8** MY BROTHER CHARLIE – Easily second best on road trip and conqueror just missed Saturday.
- 4** WHOOSH – Dull with routers but rallied despite trouble this level and yardage earlier.
- 1** MY BOY TULLIO – Gave up early when claimed but Padilla-Preciado barn clicking at 21% rate.

Race 5

- 6** SEA TRIDENT – Frequently claimed veteran faded as 3-2 chalk but should end losing streak.
- 5** HOLDTHEFLIGHT – Shown little since \$20,000 claim but can't dismiss against this kind.
- 7** BIG BROWN SHOES – Weakened at Delaware as odds-on chalk after wiring Penn opposition.
- 4** CADDY MAN – Trailed compact group on road trip but all three victories over this track.

Race 6

- 1** PAPA LAPA – Heavily-backed but victim of eventful trip in debut; Reid barn with juvenile tigers.
- 6** LIGHT THE WAY – Overmatched at Saratoga but often close at Aqueduct; speed to pose threat.
- 2** PILOTE COMETE – Making progress and addition of blinkers helped; son of top sire Munnings.
- 5** KHOOLZAN – Faltered in stretch at Delaware in return; fitter now and fired twice at Gulfstream.

Race 7

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| 8 | MAKABIM – Advanced strongly this spot when Pino took; pair of wide margin scores earlier. |
| 5 | SECRET PATH – Hard to like or ignore plunge after Ness claimed for \$15,000; obvious danger. |
| 4 | ASSEMBLY POINT – Solid effort on occasion and back in Abrams barn with Lopez aboard. |
| 7 | TEEWINOT PASS – Closed gap again in sprint and decisive score in earlier route; upset shot. |

Race 8

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| 1 | GIRVIN'S PRINCESS – Exits pair of stakes since hiatus and good form at Tampa; well-spotted. |
| 6 | DREAM CHASER – Raced sparingly but ample ability and back in dirt sprint; back in for tag. |
| 8 | I BELIEVE IN MAGIC – Pulled away from more numerous winners in Jersey return; fits nicely. |
| 7 | FROSTED DIAMOND – Good effort against slightly softer company; must put it all together. |

Race 9

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| 1 | IT'S GAME TIME – Veteran takes aggressive drop seeking 16 th career score; speed along rail. |
| 8 | KINGSVILLE – Seven race losing streak but 9-year-old threat this level; \$314,571 in bankroll. |
| 2 | IRISH HONOR – Edged as longshot at Penn National and sharp drop in third race since return. |
| 6 | GREENER PASTURES – Midwest invader often taken for much higher tags; several local works. |