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Best Bets: EMILY'S ON FIRE (3rd) -- EMIRATES AFFAIR (7th)

Race 1

- 5** MY MAN WOODY – Prominent to final furlong in better field at Penn National; puts it all together.
- 6** BORRACHO CONCHO – Speedy gelding failing to justify heavy backing but racing cheapest yet.
- 1** CHASIN' WHISKEY – Step forward when closer than odds predicted with similar; upset shot.
- 2** SCAMP WALKER – Prone to slow starts but rallies late and Padilla-Preciado stable sizzling.

Race 2

- 6** CORONA CAMPIONE – Competed well but overmatched in last; romped in previous attempt.
- 4** DOROTHY'S THE BOSS – Advanced behind runaway winner and fired last pair with similar.
- 3** WILDCAT GIRL – Used up chasing huge favorite and drops notch in third race since layoff.
- 2** AZTEC BAY – Flashes of interest but winless in 11 outings this season; weight off for this.

Race 3

- 1** EMILY'S ON FIRE – Hard used dueling in tougher version in finish decided by front-runners.
- 3** SNOW LAKE – Good speed against routers following claim and familiar with role of runner-up.
- 4** SEEYOUATTHEHOP – Swung wide rallying behind decisive heavy favorite at Delaware.
- 6** TWIST HER – Back sprinting on main track after testing various surfaces and distances.

Race 4

- 3** HEY WHAT'S UP – Set pace before weakening and one to catch taking significant drop.
- 4** SURFBOARD – Remote third in compact field but fits well despite long losing skid.
- 6** FREE BIRD BORDO – Came up empty as 8-5 chalk but threat contributing to lively pace.
- 1** DREAMWITHINADREAM – Defeated bottom maidens in 17th try then absent couple months.

Race 5

- 8** STRAND ROAD – Lone outing on turf at Saratoga and back home; likely better suited this level.
- 3** KIMBALL UNION – New York shipper out of stakes-winning dam; works offer few clues.
- 2** REELIN N DEALIN – From first crop of million earner Pat On the Back; guessing race.
- 4** RIVER'S GAMBLE – Sire won 2019 Santa Anita Derby and Tyler Servis barn clicking at 22%.

Race 6

- 5** MARVELOUSMOONDANCE – Overmatched in stakes prep last week; close vs. better previously.
- 3** KICK STARTNESS – Exits pair of wide-margin scores at Delaware; remains eligible as 3-year-old.
- 6** FERRARI KID – Lightly raced but significant drop and threat this level if ready; worked quickly.
- 1** RABBIT – Poor showing with better last week but back with own kind as possibility.

Race 7

7	EMIRATES AFFAIR – Powerful score after hiatus in best effort yet; ready to tackle classier foes.
3	RECLUSIVE – Upset winner in stake at Monmouth at 34-1 after shipping from Texas; likely chalk.
1	TALK TO THE JUDGE – Failed to offer true measure on road trip; won three of four local races.
6	EARLY EDITION – Closed big gap in just second outing since October after paddock shoe repair

Race 8

7	PEYTON'S COLLEGE – Stretch-runner fired in three straight and sufficient early targets help.
8	FAIRY DREAMS – Roughed early vs. better on road trip and numerous game local outings.
6	PEACELOVENKARMA – Very slow fuse but showed closing kick in last; merits some attention.
4	PEARLS AND HEELS – Hard used chasing winner at Penn National; close locally after hiatus.