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Best Bets: GEEBERT (7th) -- SUMMER'S GIFT (9th)

Race 1

- 4** SHADOW MAN – Battled throughout in good effort for higher tag; Pino stable 23% off claims.
- 6** SHOULDHAVEBEENGONE – Easily second best behind heavy favorite in Jersey; back home.
- 1** CODE ENFORCER – Overmatched in last but edged next-out winner previously; new trainer.
- 7** MAJOR CAM – Chased runaway winner this spot and narrowed gap prior try; just 2-for-29.

Race 2

- 5** THAT'STONY'SISTER – Strong try against big favorite sprinting and double-digit romp earlier.
- 4** SECRET TEMPTATION – Led throughout twice on pair of road trips but just 1-for-12 locally.
- 3** CONNELMAURA – Failed at short odds after hiatus; fitter now and faced classier in past.
- 6** GORMLEY GIRL – Closer than anticipated lately but humbled by top choice here in June.

Race 3

- 5** CHASING STARDOM – Significant drop and at best when reaches front early; Dunn barn 33%.
- 4** WARRIOR'S VOW – Prone to early trouble but solid try at times; ahead of top choice in latest.
- 1** GO EAST – Sufficient ability but sidelined since December; able to avoid claiming tag.
- 6** SIR CUPID – Upset slightly softer in second race after layoff; retains Lopez as possibility.

Race 4

- 5** PYLON – Narrowly missed in quicker field at Monmouth despite traffic trouble; 7 local scores.
- 1** SIX WHIPS – Pulled away from three-time winners when back on dirt; realistic next step.
- 4** THE ANGRY MAN – Offered closing kick in last three and contested fractions can help.
- 6** PETULANT DELIGHT – Poor showing on road trip after pair of nice tries locally; upset shot.

Race 5

- 7** MORE RANSOM- Crushed routers last week and Soto-Martinez barn hitting at 24% rate.
- 3** BUCKS SOME – Nine-year-old mare with \$398,825 in bank seen better days but still threat.
- 4** FAST MULE - Drops and returns to rare main track sprint; nearly always heavily-backed.
- 6** CICI UNIFIED – Bit difficult to guess but last stamps contender; Irving Rodriguez barn hot.

Race 6

- 7** STARLORD – Latest discouraging but drops and showed ability previously; should fire this spot.
- 5** HEAT ALERT – Set pace to stretch in route debut and claimed; set up well for this yardage.
- 4** WHY STOP THERE – Edged by heavy favorite when claimed last week; retains hot “bug.”
- 6** I CAN DO MAGIC – Dueled this far following hiatus in route; shorter break appears plus.

Race 7

1	GEEBERT – Veteran stretch-runner drops notch and should offer late kick behind lively pace.
7	HE'S INCREDIBLE – Amazing 18 victories, 16 over this course; steps up for new management.
6	ENFORCER – Third behind pair of tigers when taking step forward; racing into peak form.
2	EASY DAY – Far from his best this season but drops and 11-time winner can't be dismissed.

Race 8

3	SAVAGE DRAGON – Eventful trip on turf after sharp effort locally in return; third race of year.
2	CARBONITE – Improved behind decisive winner this spot; threat despite long losing skid.
6	SIR MI TOLEE – Excellent speed at Delaware and threat in first local try; back in with tag.
4	GAME SEVEN – Last two defeats in mud and turf and runs big race on occasion.

Race 9

5	SUMMER'S GIFT – Defeated huge favorite including pair of next-out winners after layoff.
2	REE NEE'S SIX – Chased smashing winner this spot after \$25,000 claim; nearly always fires.
6	SISTER SUPREAM – Trounced easier group at Delaware after Ness re-claimed; lures Lopez.
7	UNDICI – Defeated state-breds after humbled by top pick; needs to continue progress.

Race 10

3	AHSAD – Used up in taxing duel then faded this spot; improves with more patient handling.
1	VISUAL ARTIST – Formidable in past and hard to like or ignore drop; on rare losing streak.
4	TRENDING UP – Lagged far behind then rallied mildly as 9-5 chalk; needs aid of pace set-up.
11	EL HERMANO- Stretch-runner knows how to win and sharp after voided claim in May.