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## SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019

Best Bets: RED BOMBER (4<sup>th</sup>)-- JEMROSE (8<sup>th</sup>)

### Race 1

- 5** LILY AIN'T FOOLIN – Claimed from encouraging debut when breaking slowly; adding Lasix and blinkers.
- 6** AMERICAN ALI – Dueled to final yards in good effort this level; all three attempts over wet surfaces.
- 4** HERAWAY – Plunges from top maiden ranks and serious threat if able to duplicate debut outing.
- 3** GRAND BLUE HARBOR – Prominent throughout as usual but had 18 chances; Farro barn heating up.

### Race 2

- 2** MAMBO AT THE GYM – Easily second best this spot following Moore claim and romped earlier for higher tag.
- 4** ARTISTIC DRIFTER – Veteran popular at claim box and captured four races last year; sat out “jail” for this.
- 7** VIBE – Dueled to final, yards against similar and likely outside stalking trip as possibility.
- 3** ONE SIZED – Hard-earned victory and steps up within same claiming tag; should be gaining late.

### Race 3

- 6** ELEVATED – Battled heavy favorite this spot and conqueror just missed next time despite stepping way up.
- 3** D T GOODIE – Defeated solid field of “open” company in route and sprint success early last season.
- 5** THESE BLUES – Overmatched in last and just behind top choice in prior start; must put it all together.
- 2** MR. ROMANCE – Latest discouraging but often shows closing kick and defeated top pick in November.

### Race 4

- 4** RED BOMBER – Runner-up to New York shipper despite severe early trouble and finds cure for seconditis.
- 7** RIGEL'S HALO – Bothered early but managed to take over after half mile in nice effort; yet to handle top pick
- 1** UNPARALLELED – Plunges after competing in New York and likely to lead long way from inside.
- 3** IF YOU ONLY KNEW – Far behind top pair after early excuse and signs of life before at Woodbine.

**Race 5**

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| <b>7</b> | <b>AWESOME ALAINA</b> – Chased eventual Breeders Cup winner in debut after wide trip; handles these if ready. |
| <b>1</b> | <b>DANCINGTHEHNYDAWAY</b> – Ran into tigrass as 7-5 chalk at Penn National; faced talented local rivals.      |
| <b>5</b> | <b>YELLOW CHICK</b> – Edged on road trip and returns to amount od debut claim; Zulueta barn on a roll.        |
| <b>8</b> | <b>STORM BABE</b> – Speedy filly exits nice effort but hampered by stamina woes; switches to “bug” rider.     |

**Race 6**

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| <b>7</b> | <b>FLIPPED</b> – Forced pace and held on determinedly in first try for Klesaris stable; repeats with logical next step. |
| <b>1</b> | <b>COUNTRY SQUIRE</b> – Marching through conditions seeking third straight and offers speed along rail.                 |
| <b>2</b> | <b>INFORMALITY</b> – Good recent form at Laurel but yet to achieve much locally; chance with renewed confidence.        |
| <b>4</b> | <b>YOUSHOULDBEDANCING</b> – Overmatched at Penn National after capturing two of last three locally.                     |

**Race 7**

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| <b>2</b>  | <b>HONORABLE SERVICE</b> – Failed to give true measure when claimed after trouncing rivals this yardage previously.   |
| <b>10</b> | <b>ROCKIN COWBOY</b> – Strong recent outing at Laurel but prone to early trouble and often difficult to guess.        |
| <b>11</b> | <b>TEXAS TWO STEP</b> – Possibility if disregard last; veteran usually formidable and Coletti barn had terrific year. |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>SMOOTH DON B</b> – Sluggish break for new connections and walloped easier in prior attempt.                        |

**Race 8**

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| <b>7</b> | <b>JEMROSE</b> – Cruised past loose pacesetter in impressive score and tackles next rung on allowance ladder.     |
| <b>5</b> | <b>AFLEET TIZZY</b> – Game mare nearly always fires and sharp this spot as even-money chalk; obvious threat.      |
| <b>2</b> | <b>SAINT MAIN EVENT</b> – Decisive score vs. capable state-breds and also from Servis barn; five local victories. |
| <b>3</b> | <b>PEACH ALLEY</b> – No match for third selection but usually hits board and chance with best showing.            |

**Race 9**

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| <b>9</b> | <b>DEBONAIRE MAN</b> – Led routers this far in improved showing and could end losing skid with soft opposition.  |
| <b>6</b> | <b>SEA SWAP</b> – Lacked rally during wide trip on sloppy footing following Zulueta claim; merits consideration. |
| <b>8</b> | <b>CAPE COD SUN</b> – Advanced late this spot after bearing out in prior loss; dangerous if runs straight.       |
| <b>4</b> | <b>KELLY’S SILVER</b> – Used up dueling in latest and tends to weaken in stretch but speed to pose factor.       |