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Best Bets: HERAWAY (3rd)-- GURT BOYS (9th)

Race 1

- 1** FIVE MORE MINUTES – Pressed eventual winner and continued gamely after arriving from Canada for Linder barn.
- 6** JOE SPECS – Improved with Lasix in mud when finishing in front of top choice; obvious threat with similar try.
- 8** RISQUE'S AFFAIR – Opened long lead when setting pace this far with routers; stamina issues persist.
- 7** PAPPA ROX – Yet another Canadian imported by Linder showing numerous eventful trips at Woodbine.

Race 2

- 1** WHEELBARRELBROTHRS – Improved then sat out "jail" after Pino claim from "key" race; blinkers likely to help.
- 3** OFFENDER – Pressed eventual winner long way this yardage in mud; flatter when conqueror repeated.
- 1A** BORDER AGENT – Finished well ahead of second choice with previous best showing over Meadowlands turf.
- 9** BRILLIANT WORTH – Set pace but retreated again and yet to duplicate effort in turf debut in June.

Race 3

- 6** HERAWAY – Easily second best behind impressive winner ink bow and appears softer version this time.
- 2** GLINDA – Sharp and taken from last pair for \$20,000; Noble claim tries blinkers while avoiding tag.
- 5** THE CIRCLE GAME – Faded after dueling repeat winner as favorite and bought for \$30,000 from previous start.
- 4** MARY'S JEWEL – Rookie with some encouraging works at Pimlico and ample preparation; merits attention.

Race 4

- 6** LOST PRINCESS – Still in contention with classier in route when too bad step and stumbled; might fire this level.
- 8** BILLY NO SABAY – Rallied behind loose pacesetter and might like extra furlong; often forms bottom of exacta.
- 5** BATMITZVAH – Hit board in seven of last eight and competed nicely again for new connections.
- 2** ANISSA – Advanced too late for lower tag and probably needs aid of contested pace scenario.

Race 5

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| 4 | LOVE IS YOUR NAME – Weakened late as odds-on chalk when taking drop and claimed; could end losing skid. |
| 3 | PINATUBO – Forced pace this far after nearly six month's absence and competes with tag first time. |
| 8 | CARDCOUNTER – Dueled to late stages when changing hands then idle two months; good form early in career. |
| 5 | SHOCK TREATMENT – Captured debut for this amount then absent nearly four months; fits well if ready. |

Race 6

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| 10 | BOURBON IN BED – Humbled by smashing newcomer in bow and takes realistic drop with progress anticipated. |
| 6 | FIREY AND GORGEOUS – Just behind top pick after competing seven times in Canada; Brown barn stays hot., |
| 11 | LORDEN'S LOVE – Bid behind runaway winner when plunged to this level; appears suited by distance. |
| 2 | SHE MAKES ME SMILE – Improved but no match for Servis barn winner in route retains "triple bug" pilot. |

Race 7

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| 7 | VALIANT SPIRIT – Late energy over muddy surface in second race after layoff; brutal trip in previous outing. |
| 8 | UPANDCOMING – Competed well on occasion and back against own kind; needs to put pair together. |
| 9 | BRANDON'S LAW – Hard-earned score vs. maidens in tenth attempt; very eventful trip in prior defeat. |
| 6 | GINA'S HONEY – Used up dueling quicker opposition in longer test; possibility but stamina woes continue. |

Race 8

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| 6 | GOLDEN GALA – Failed to offer true measure when given Lasix after encouraging effort in prior debut. |
| 5 | DIAMOND N SIMON – Improved with blinkers when battling long way against heavy favorite; Mosco barn 18%. |
| 7 | NEW JERSEY – Signs of life when stretched out first time with addition of Lasix; could fire at square odds. |
| 2 | MOLLY MCGEE – Yet to run to excellent pedigree but \$200,000 purchase tries blinkers and could progress. |

Race 9

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| 2 | GURT BOYS – Cruised by lesser despite early trouble and may continue improvement in sizzling Zulueta stable. |
| 8 | MIDNIGHTCHARLY – Fired in all four attempts and trounced easier group in November; obvious danger again. |
| 1 | DANCING BULL – Survived strong early pressure to defeat next-out winner; lightly raced but very capable. |
| 5 | TALLY MO – Determined effort in narrow loss and disqualified previously at Penn National; seems in peak form. |

Race 10

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| 4 | BERBERSLILBRIEBRIE – Dull on road trip and disliked wet footing as usual in prior local try; significant drop. |
| 6 | MERCY – Very quick but likely needs to shake loose to prove most effective; shorter distance to her advantage. |
| 8 | BETTY'S FAVORITE – Altered running style lately and closed gap again vs. similar; chance with further progress. |
| 1 | RACHEYBULLBAH – Dominated single-winners when changing barns; factor with speed along rail. |