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**Best Bets: YOU'RE NO SAINT (8<sup>th</sup>)-- BOW TOWN CAT (9<sup>th</sup>)**

### Race 1

<b>7</b>	PRETTY VENEZUELA – Strong rally to front before yielding to New York shipper; contested pace should aid.
<b>1</b>	KENDYL ELIZABETH – Adjusted nicely to route in hard-earned victory; runner-up fired again next time.
<b>8</b>	ISLAND GETAWAY – Failed to offer true measure in mud after wearing down loose pacesetter in prior outing.
<b>4</b>	HANNA DUE – Crushed single-winners when able to control fractions and faced vastly better in past.

### Race 2

<b>6</b>	BABY CAT – Good form in higher ranks since Taylor claim and overcame early trouble in prior victory.
<b>1</b>	RING NECKED – Veteran with 14 victories makes rare attempt in sprint but loads of success at similar levels.
<b>8</b>	MACH TRIAL – Frequently claimed runner failed at short odds when testing wet footing; usually fires fast tracks.
<b>9</b>	NINETYEIGHTOCTANE – Past numerous rivals in shorter test and captured trio of races last year in Ness barn.

### Race 3

<b>6</b>	JENNIFER'S DREAM – Overmatched in graded stake at Aqueduct after pair of encouraging races at Laurel.
<b>2</b>	IZZADORA BELLA – Chased talented duo following \$40,000 claim and merits attention stretching out.
<b>4</b>	COLLOQUIUM – Lightly raced filly hard used dueling when outrun by top choice; developing well in Guerrero barn.
<b>5</b>	SHE'S PRIMO – Weakened chasing pair of favorites in solid sprint; won both times able to reach front early.

### Race 4

<b>4</b>	BUZZ WITH ALEX – Held on willingly despite prolonged duel in best yet; additional yardage possible obstacle.
<b>6</b>	VOW'S SON – Significant drop after failing on road trip and runs good race on occasion; often part of exacta.
<b>3</b>	BEST CHOICE – Dueled to late stages at Penn National in softer field; needs to put it all together.
<b>5</b>	SPEEDY A.P. – Ran off prior to start when remote fourth in tougher field; Joe Taylor barn has them firing.

**Race 5**

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| <b>8</b> | <b>DOC MO'S DAUGHTER</b> – Pressed pace and battled as 8-5 chalk; could work out better scenario this time.  |
| <b>9</b> | <b>BLAZE STAR</b> – Advanced late when finishing ahead of top pick and usually fires as key threat.          |
| <b>6</b> | <b>LUCKY STASH</b> – Wired two-time winners when rebounding from dull outing after claim; logical next step. |
| <b>7</b> | <b>RIVER MISS</b> – Ducked out early when chasing runaway winner in better field; may continue progress.     |

**Race 6**

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| <b>9</b>  | <b>GORSE</b> – Romped taking plunge when re-claimed by Sillaman barn where he achieved success before.           |
| <b>10</b> | <b>COUNTY CORRECTIONS</b> – Bold move to front then fought hard to defeat cheaper; classy runner in past.        |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>HIGH MOON</b> – Fits well this level and speedy type showing ability on various circuits; deserves attention. |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>CAR FIFTY FOUR</b> – Drops and effective closing kick on occasion; best races last season on wet footing.     |

**Race 7**

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| <b>3</b> | <b>HAMMERS VISION</b> – Vied and continued with determination in route; displayed sprint prowess in October.       |
| <b>9</b> | <b>BRIO MAN</b> – Ended losing skid and changed hands for third consecutive race; threat with renewed confidence.  |
| <b>7</b> | <b>FAST RUNNER</b> – Terrific late punch at times and posted 22-1 surprise this yardage; lively pace in his favor. |
| <b>4</b> | <b>BUZZKILLINGTON</b> – Improved gelding won four of last six attempts and factor again despite raise.             |

**Race 8**

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| <b>1</b>  | <b>YOU'RE NO SAINT</b> – Nine-year-old cruised past similar for 19 <sup>th</sup> career victory; tigerish with rating tactics. |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>EMOTICON</b> – Rallied from last to first circling field and dangerous again regardless of surface.                         |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>DIRT IN YOUR FACE</b> – Sharp runner-up vs. top selection and slight weight shift in his favor; one victory in 2018.        |
| <b>11</b> | <b>SEAT OF HONOR</b> – Lacked true measure in tougher spot in mud and formidable on best.                                      |

**Race 9**

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| <b>3</b> | <b>BOW TOWN CAT</b> – Exceptional speed when runner-up to heavy favorite; romped this yardage earlier last season.    |
| <b>7</b> | <b>NORMA'S CHARM</b> – Less than four lengths behind this spot in New York after narrow local loss; dangerous.        |
| <b>2</b> | <b>CRAZY DAISY</b> – Upset first choice last month but inside post often tricky from chute; best effort required.     |
| <b>6</b> | <b>CARAMEL CREAM</b> – Early trouble on road trip and close locally in blanket finish; just third start since summer. |

**Race 10**

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| <b>4</b>  | <b>TIZ SUPER</b> – Used up pressing eventual runaway winner and boasts several wide-margin scores; capable of wiring. |
| <b>11</b> | <b>RIO VISTA</b> – Ran into tigriss in good effort and signs of progress lately; clear sailing outside might help.    |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>HERSISTERISACHUB</b> – Decent showing in slightly softer version this spot; chased smashing winner previously.     |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>LONDIE LOU</b> – Canadian descends claiming scale for new management and gets blinkers as serious contender.       |