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Best Bets: A TRUE GENTLEMAN (1st)-- SWEETEST YET (5th)

Race 1

- 10** A TRUE GENTLEMAN – Hampered by early problems in last faced better entire last season at Laurel.
- 1** BABELINE – Speedy with stamina issues in New York; plunges moving to Linder barn as key threat.
- 2** RIDE ON FAITH – Passed numerous rivals following Pino claim and might appreciate additional yardage.
- 9** INSIDER – Chased loose pacesetter this spot and defeated single-winners in prior outing; likely gaining late.

Race 2

- 7** AIMED – Drops seeking third straight victory for hot Joe Taylor barn; only cost this amount in October.
- 1** NINETYEIGHTOCTANE – Perfect trip behind dueling leaders in longer test; captured 7 of 20 attempts.
- 2** UNDER THE GRAYDAR – Strong runner-up in latest and third finisher has won twice since stepping up.
- 4** ADUMATO – Lost rider at start and takes significant drop; speedy and terrific 8 for 18 locally.

Race 3

- 1** FLIPPITY FLOP – Big effort from difficult post behind even-money favorite; moves inside and usually fires.
- 3** SISTER PATRICIA – Nice rally to front and continued willingly just behind top pick for new connections.
- 4** CREATIVE PRINCESS – Absent three months but racing cheapest ever and shown success over this course.
- 6** INLAND EMPIFRE – Far behind in local bow in mud after competing with tougher on West Coast.

Race 4

- 10** CASE DISMISSED – Formidable at times and excellent record this distance; likely picking off rivals late.
- 9** IWISHIRISH – Gained despite bad start when changing hands again; perfect in three tries this distance.
- 3** WILDLY GOOD LOOKIN – Cruised past easier after lacking room and extra yardage might prove helpful.
- 4** HIDE A ROSE – Veteran seeks 10th local victory while making 57th career start with much success for Lake barn.

Race 5

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| 6 | SWEETEST YET – Late energy when changing barns again and could benefit from hotly-contested fractions. |
| 1 | CONGRESSIONALSTORM – Old grey mare edged similar field in 20-1 surprise and merits attention again |
| 4 | LOU'S CHARDONNAY – Hard used setting pace in finish dominated by stretch-runners; popular at claim box. |
| 7 | DAN'S GIRL – Game mare overmatched in last but speedy and determined; fits well this spot. |

Race 6

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| 9 | CARDIO COWBOY – Absent nearly five months since claim but ample ability and not entered with tag. |
| 1 | DRAXHALL WOODS – Narrowly missed this level in typical good effort; 10 local victories and \$490,714 in bank. |
| 8 | CREDO – Battled throughout when Aristone took and effective in front or from off pace. |
| 4 | HEY JABBER JAW – Faced tougher last pair and excellent lifetime record; might need to shake loose. |

Race 7

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| 1 | FLASHNDYNAMITE – Extremely game pushing odds-on winner to limit after capturing four straight. |
| 7 | LIL MISS HOTSHOT – Soundly beaten by top choice on wet surface but game and consistent on fast tracks. |
| 1A | TEUFLES AND ROSES – Closed nicely behind solid sprinters and likely prefers this yardage; tough entry. |
| 5 | MOTHER GINGER – Remote third behind top selection after crushing lesser when claimed; knows how to win. |

Race 8

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| 4 | TRUTH IN THE LIES – Rallied despite stumbling start in return; versatile and contested pace should help. |
| 2 | CELESSE – Pulled away after dueling in impressive score; peak form and fired this spot earlier. |
| 1A | SWEET MAGGIE MAE – Exploded past entire field when adjusting well to sprint; should be flying late. |
| 1 | JEMROSE – Bargain claim with powerful late punch; ran down loose pacesetter in December score. |

Race 9

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| 10 | COUNTY CORRECTIONS – Classy in past and another good effort despite brief traffic trouble in stretch. |
| 8 | CONTROLLED FURY – Dueled in game try against heavily-favored repeat winner; switches to “bug” rider. |
| 2 | BATTLE READY – Easily second best behind decisive winner at Laurel; competitive in local events. |
| 5 | RING NECKED – Numerous convincing victories over years and back with routers as upset possibility. |