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Best Bets: REIGNING FIRE (4th)-- HOLA PRINCESS (6th)

Race 1

- 3** CARDCOUNTER – Led to final stages in vastly better company over surface that favored stretch-runners.
- 7** BIG LIE – Competitive for half mile when overmatched in allowance field; prior loss to runaway route winner.
- 2** FLASHONFORTY – Humbled by smashing winner after changing barns again; often hits board.
- 6** LITTLE VINNIE – Disliked wet footing as usual and good on occasion with clear sailing outside.

Race 2

- 1** SUNSHINE SPERRY – Appeared certain winner but caught late this spot; conqueror ran big again Saturday.
- 6** RECANTED – Kept classy rivals in past and back around two turns; veteran threat in soft version.
- 7** BILLY BADPAY – Hard to support off latest but drops and couple encouraging outings earlier,
- 1A** BELLY DANCER – Moved to contention then weakened late; eligible for even easier condition.

Race 3

- 6** CHILL FACTOR – Ran into tiger in December sprint and close in earlier route; speed to control fractions.
- 5** DADDY'S PLACER – Sharp again when second best this spot and Dunn stable off to good season.
- 2** YOUSHOULDBEDANCING – Closed huge gap after slow start and few additional yards in his favor.
- 4** INFORMALITY – Steadied into first turn in disappointing try after defeating single-winners at Laurel.

Race 4

- 1** REIGNING FIRE – Advanced through slop after slow start in Maryland debut; progress anticipated in route.
- 3** MOLLY MCGEE – Improved chasing decisive winner when trying blinkers; \$200,000 daughter of top sire.
- 2** GOLDEN GALA – Forced pace in good effort when rebounding from dull outing; shorter time between races,
- 7** DIVA DRAMA – Sufficient ability and determined in first route attempt but absent since second week of November.

Race 5

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| 3 | DENNIS' DIAMOND – Takes significant drop and runs big race on occasion; back against state-breds. |
| 6 | REPENTANT – Led to final yards this spot in longer test and speed to shake loose again as threat. |
| 2 | FARA'S KID – Overcame traffic problems in ninth career victory; claimed six times in past year. |
| 1 | MR. ROMANCE – Used up early with similar and bit difficult to guess; seems to prefer rating tactics. |

Race 6

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| 2 | HOLA PRINCESS – Pulled away from capable claimers and appears capable of handling raise for new barn. |
| 4 | CARAMEL CREAM – Closed gap in sprint despite early trouble and racing into peak form again. |
| 3 | FRIDAY MASS – Failed at short odds last pair but fits well on best and Dandy stable has them firing. |
| 1 | TIZ FAIR – Prepped in sprint for new management following six months on shelf; progress anticipated. |

Race 7

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| 1 | FINISHING SCHOOL – Improving filly works out favorable inside trip adding blinkers and Pennington. |
| 5 | IZZADORA BELLA – Fired in every start over various surfaces and distances; outran top pick in latest. |
| 7 | LIGHTS DOWN LOW – Decisive score with lesser in sprint when Linder took; sharp vs. first choice before. |
| 6 | COLLOQUIUM – May have needed race after two month's absence and prior outings encouraging. |

Race 8

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| 6 | APPEALING FUTURE – Continues series of battles with second pick including Claiming Crown at Gulfstream. |
| 1 | BROTHER CHUB – Game as always in narrow route defeat and edged top choice previously at equal weights. |
| 8 | FAST RUNNER – Terrific closing kick and exits second-tier allowance tests; lively pace scenario helpful. |
| 3 | DRAXHALL WOODS – Nine-year-old nearing half million in earnings but no match for top pair last month. |

Race 9

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| 9 | MIDNIGHT BOUNTY – Major drop in class but remains above amount paid in September; can overrun these. |
| 6 | BANANA ANNA – Sat out "jail" after Pino claim for higher tag and 10-time winner better than last suggests. |
| 1A | VIVA NEVADA – Ran down loose leader this spot in December upset; needs to put pair together. |
| 3 | MRS. REMBRANDT – Idle nearly three months but several convincing scores; Lake barn won twice Saturday. |