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Best Bets: FLASHONFORTY (5th)-- IZZADORA BELLA (9th)

Race 1

- 6** FLIPPITY FLOP – Keeps firing and competed well when Zulueta claimed; pair from that race won next time.
- 1** RESONATE – Easily second best behind heavy favorite this level; formed bottom of exacta eight occasions.
- 3** ONLY ESSA – Crushed maidens in confidence booster after losing initial 14 starts; realistic next step.
- 7** SUGAR INCLUDED – Bore out on turn behind second choice after layoff; showed ability last season.

Race 2

- 7** DEEP CANYON – Fired in four of last five starts and may respond to rating tactics in speed-filled test.
- 6** I CRIED A TEAR – Chased heavy favorite in improved outing and familiar with role of runner-up; figures close.
- 2** TOO MUCH DRAMA – Rallied to edge top selection when making progress; flattered when conqueror scored again.
- 1** GRAND BLUE HARBOR – Contributes to anticipated lively pace and shortens up as possibility.

Race 3

- 1** COUNTY CORRECTIONS – Nine-year-old very capable in past and changed barns again; handles wet if necessary.
- 6** DUNK A DIN – Circled field with bold rally to upset lesser; much shorter gap between starts appears plus.
- 2** PLEIADIAN – Set pressured fractions to late stages in finish dominated by stretch-runners; speedy contender.
- 8** TERRY'S CHARM – Last pair far from his best but freshened and drops; can't dismiss yet this level.

Race 4

- 6** STAYNSIDETHECIRCLE – Roughed on first turn after breaking from difficult post when easily second best this spot.
- 2** GOTTA GET AWAY – Overmatched again after Montoya barn re-claimed and handles various surfaces.
- 4** BANKER'S ISLAND – Used up dueling and finished ahead of top choice before; chance to shake loose.
- 7** MY PIRATE – Far back sprinting vs. vastly tougher in first try for Carlos Guerrero barn; lures Carmouche as threat.

Race 5

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| 3 | FLASHONFORTY – Much closer than anticipated in classier spot despite very slow start; finished first previously. |
| 1 | BIG LIE – Used up dueling when overmatched and showed life in tough route previously; upset possibility. |
| 7 | CATCH FIRE – Less than two lengths behind top pick in East Coast bow after layoff; boasts Del Mar victory. |
| 6 | PAWN IT BACK – Responded favorably to drop in decisive maiden score after losing 23 straight. |

Race 6

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| 2 | DRAXHALL WOODS – Failed to offer true measure at Laurel and often sharp locally; nears half million in earnings. |
| 7 | ELEVATED – Another talented veteran but failed vs. state-breds last pair; drops seeking 14 th career triumph. |
| 8 | HE'S COTTON – Defeated lesser despite constant pressure when re-claimed by Moore stable; fits well again. |
| 10 | ADUMATO – Hard used chasing formidable winner in another good effort; pushed to his limit this level. |

Race 7

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| 7 | LUXICHARM – Prominent throughout this spot in return and merits edge with likely improvement for top barn. |
| 5 | WHITNEY COVE – Chronic early trouble but powerful finish with similar last out; danger with clear sailing. |
| 1 | MADAME BARBARIAN – Eventful trip after returning from New York and should be gaining through stretch. |
| 8 | ANNIKA GOLD – Speedy mare shelved since September but returns to preferred sprint; factor if ready. |

Race 8

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| 8 | AGUJERO – Captured this spot in local bow in just second race since September; seems capable of repeat. |
| 2 | JEFAZO – Runs big race on occasion and stretching out again; gets Pennington in competitive event. |
| 4 | OPTIC WAY – Rapid and determined gelding with speed to control pace; romped in mud in November. |
| 1 | HALITE – Failed at short odds behind pair above and previous success this spot; part of strong coupling. |

Race 9

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| 5 | IZZADORA BELLA – Firing every start and won impressively in softer field; daughter of solid sire Hey Chub. |
| 8 | GOTTA BE STRONG – Defeated top selection decisively when claimed two months ago for \$50,000; dangerous. |
| 3 | DIAMOND N SIMON – Battled solid state-breds at Aqueduct following powerful local maiden score in slop. |
| 4 | STREGA NONNA – Good form last year and outran first choice in December; stamina tested in return. |

Race 10

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| 9 | SPECIAL RISK – Exits strong effort in January and sharp with “open” company previously; outside stalking trip. |
| 2 | RIO VISTA – Logical next step within same claiming tag after ending losing streak; threat with renewed confidence. |
| 7 | TIN N LINT – Ample ability but drops in just second race since October; DeMasi barn has them firing. |
| 6 | SHE LOVES LEATHER – Signs of progress lately and nice try this spot in latest; contested pace would aid. |