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Best Bets: TIZ A KITTEN (1<sup>st</sup>)-- HODOR (8<sup>th</sup>)

### Race 1

- 1** TIZ A KITTEN – Late energy behind repeat winner again sprinting and showed route prowess last summer.
- 7** B B'S BUSTED – Overmatched in return as “weak half” of entry but fitter now and figures close this spot.
- 6** SILVER EXCESS – Finished mid-pack recently in failed blinker experiment; contender with best effort,
- 3** STELLA B. – Decisive score when taking steep drop in return and changed hands; back up claiming ladder.

### Race 2

- 6** STAYNSIDETHECIRCLE – Roughed on first turn after breaking from difficult post when easily second best this spot.
- 10** GOTTA GET AWAY – Overmatched again after Montoya re-claimed and forms bottom portion of exacta.
- 4** BANKER'S ISLAND – Used up dueling and finished ahead of top choice before; favorable post scenario.
- 9** MY PIRATE – Far back sprinting vs. vastly tougher in first try for Carlos Guerrero barn but threat this level.

### Race 3

- 1** CHASING MY HALO – Dueled eventual winner and held on nicely at loftier level; claimed for lower amount.
- 6** CLEAR PROSPERITY – Exits pair of strong efforts and defeated top pick in December; hot rider aboard.
- 5** BRIO MAN – Failed to give true measure after changing barns again; freshened and formidable on best.
- 3** THESE BLUES – Lacked rally against routers but overran sprinters in prior try stamping contender.

### Race 4

- 5** ASK CHUCK – Rediscovered ability in decisive score 36-1 upset and second finisher romped in next outing.
- 1** SMOOTH DON B – Prone to excuses but runs big race on occasion; switching to apprentice rider.
- 2** CORSARIO – Close up in blanket finish when plunged to this level; threat with moderate progress.
- 10** TEMPESTUOUS ANGEL – Dueled to final yards this spot and possibility if manages to shake loose.

**Race 5**

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| <b>5</b> | PRESTONS PRINCESS – Racing into shape again following long absence and likely aided by shorter yardage. |
| <b>7</b> | MISSES KNIGHT – Weakened under pressure for higher tag; speedy and seeks tenth career victory.          |
| <b>6</b> | RORAIMA DOS – Hard used chasing runaway winner and returns from “open” to “beaten” company.             |
| <b>2</b> | LA CANDELITA – Flashes of ability in recent months and good record this distance as contender.          |

**Race 6**

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| <b>5</b> | CARRY YOUR HEELS – Caught by stretch-runner late after repelling numerous challenges in game effort.    |
| <b>4</b> | IMPERIAL LADY – Overmatched in last and prevailed after hiatus previously; dangerous in logical spot.   |
| <b>8</b> | ENCHANTABULL – Won twice locally at 9-1 in November then outrun on road trip; threat if ready.          |
| <b>1</b> | SAVANNAH ROXANNA – Closed gap at Penn National but last local try discouraging; likely speed from rail. |

**Race 7**

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| <b>6</b> | BOW TOWN CAT – Significant drop after another sharp try at lofty allowance level; remains above amount paid. |
| <b>7</b> | PINKOUT – Just over length behind top pick in second race after layoff; faced classy opponents in past.      |
| <b>5</b> | NATURAL WARRIOR – Ages since last victory but capable of threatening this level as in September.             |
| <b>2</b> | DEAN’S TICKET – Blocked and steadied at top of stretch in latest; much success before at Finger Lakes.       |

**Race 8**

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| <b>4</b> | HODOR – Crushed similar types this spot and likely repeater at short odds again for Pino stable.     |
| <b>7</b> | KING KOA – Outrun by solid group after claim and romped previously with Pennington aboard.           |
| <b>6</b> | TRY FLYING – Freshened since failing to give true measure; explosive rally in prior attempt.         |
| <b>2</b> | D T GOODIE – Battled throughout vs. odds-on winner and crushed lesser in previous race when claimed. |

**Race 9**

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| <b>8</b> | FLASHNDYNAMITE– Nearly perfect since Moore claim and appears capable of adjusting to sprint.           |
| <b>6</b> | LIL MISS HOTSHOT – Game and versatile filly from hot Brown barn but couldn’t handle top one last pair. |
| <b>1</b> | NOT LEAVING – Developing nicely this season with pair of victories; faces major test with this kind.   |
| <b>2</b> | SWEETEST YET – Versatile mare sharp and claimed from last three attempts; should be gaining late.      |

**Race 10**

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| <b>10</b> | DEEP CANYON – Fired in four of last five starts and could be aided by outside stalking trip in competitive field. |
| <b>7</b>  | I CRIED A TEAR – Chased heavy favorite in improved outing and familiar with runner-up role; figures close.        |
| <b>5</b>  | TOO MUCH DRAMA – Rallied to edge first selection for place money following series of poor showings.               |
| <b>1</b>  | GRAND BLUE HARBOR – Contributes to anticipated lively pace and shortens up as possibility.                        |