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Best Bets: TO THE FLAG (6th)—HIDE A ROSE (7th)

Race 1

- 5** TREASURY STOCK – Absent since early December claim but posted double-digit victory here in November.
- 6** CAPE COD SUN – Just four lengths behind after wide trip and third and seventh finishers scored next time.
- 7** TEW WAYS – Signs of interest since local arrival and drops for third attempt following hiatus.
- 1** RESOLUTIONARY – Used up early for higher tag and offers speed inside while racing into shape again.

Race 2

- 1** GLOWING STAR – Overmatched after claim but perfect for Pino stable earlier; can handle soft opposition.
- 5** BRANDON'S LAW – Survived constant pressure when rebounding from poor outing; logical next step.
- 2** GEMODIXIE – Improved as extreme longshot when returning to sprint; possibility with further progress.
- 3** BETTY'S FAVORITE – Weakened early in slop but rallied from off pace previously; must put it all together.

Race 3

- 6** AMERICAN GREATNESS – Closed with rush behind runaway winner when claimed and adding blinkers.
- 2** E J'S REVENGE – Forced pace this far in solid route and finished length ahead of top choice in prior start.
- 7** FOREST RIVER – Vied to late stages for higher tag in race captured by stretch-runner; threat this level.
- 4** SILVER ASSAULT – Easily second best behind shipper as 3-2 chalk this spot; seemingly tougher version.

Race 4

- 4** CONSCIENCE – Veteran popular at claim box and DeMasi stable been heating up; seven weeks rest might help.
- 10** THE GEMINI MAN – Retreated after half mile vs. quicker after claim; makes key third start since layoff.
- 7** MATTER OF FACTOR – Hampered by stamina issues but takes plunge and can't dismiss yet with this kind.
- 11** SECRET SECRET – Overcame extremely wide trip from far behind in 15-1 score; sufficient early targets.

Race 5

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| 2 | LI'L DUDE L DO IT – Easily second best behind runaway winner this spot; speed nearest inside. |
| 5 | A J'S WAY – Closer than anticipated against rapid sprinters and should be prepared to test route. |
| 1 | CONTINGENT PAYMENT – Exploded past maidens in return over surface that favored his running style. |
| 3 | NOVUS – Aimed too high in Laurel mud but defeated Aqueduct maidens previously; barn successful last year. |

Race 6

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| 2 | TO THE FLAG – Romped following Taylor claim in confidence builder and likely repeater after just one week. |
| 8 | DEAN'S TICKET – Hampered by trouble at top of stretch against impressive winner; tigress at Finger Lakes. |
| 9 | AGGREGATOR – Outrun against quality field at Penn National and chased formidable rival last local try. |
| 6 | FOLK MAGIC – Led this far under pressure in route and merits chance if able to adjust to rare sprint. |

Race 7

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| 7 | HIDE A ROSE – Battled throughout when claimed in another good effort; effective in front or from off pace. |
| 1 | DANCIN DEBBIE – Rebounded nicely for new barn when defeating top pick; terrific 10-for-33 lifetime. |
| 6 | IWISHIRISH – Strong closing punch lately despite eventful trips and possible favorable pace set-up. |
| 9 | BRAZILIAN SYMPHONY – Veteran exits poor showing in route; capable of much better and won this yardage. |

Race 8

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| 5 | PROMISED STORM – Captured this spot by wide margins last pair and facing very similar opposition again. |
| 3 | HELL OF AFIRE – Nice effort behind top pick from difficult post and makes just fourth start since last summer. |
| 6 | HOLA PRINCESS – Runs big race on occasion but no match for top choice in last; crushed January field. |
| 1 | SPECIAL INCLUDED – Advanced behind first selection during wide trip but failing to run to heavy support,. |

Race 9

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| 7 | HIDDEN BAMBOO – Prominent this far vs. much tougher in route; usually close and return to sprint helps. |
| 3 | BILLY JEANS MYBOY – Dueled to final sixteenth this spot and McCaslin barn has them firing recent months. |
| 5 | GRAN FORTRESS – Bit difficult to guess but upset chance if disregard latest; hit board in 11 of 19 starts. |
| 4 | JONATHAN MCD – Signs of life against pair of smashing winners at Laurel; competing at seventh venue. |