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Best Bets: DON VITO'S KITTY (4<sup>th</sup>)-- BOW TOWN CAT (7<sup>th</sup>)

### Race 1

<b>8</b>	<b>SECRET LIES</b> – Used up chasing favored winner after misbehaving prior start; first time with blinkers.
<b>4</b>	<b>MIDNIGHT HONEY</b> – Began career at top maiden level and idle since outrun by top choice in December.
<b>6</b>	<b>FORT APACHE</b> – Severely bothered start when adding Lasix and blinkers; threat in just third attempt.
<b>3</b>	<b>LEFT FOR DEAD</b> – Failed to recover after roughed at break and close up earlier as extreme longshot.

### Race 2

<b>10</b>	<b>WHAT THE CHUB</b> – Sat out “jail” after re-claimed by Moore stable and nine-year-old with impressive record.
<b>9</b>	<b>ASK CHUCK</b> – Rediscovered ability when outrunning top pick but lost via disqualification; serious contender.
<b>8</b>	<b>I WANDA WIN</b> – Speedy veteran with 15 victories hits bottom again after chasing tiger; suitable by yardage
<b>6</b>	<b>SALT IT HERE</b> – Dueled heavy favorite and continued gamely; wired prior outing at Penn National.

### Race 3

<b>7</b>	<b>LOAN ME YOUR EAR</b> – Menacing move then weakened behind runaway winner in route; may prefer this distance.
<b>3</b>	<b>FIVE MORE MINUTES</b> – Big effort in narrow defeat when changing barns; threat on raise with blinkers.
<b>9</b>	<b>VIXSINFANTASTKFOX</b> – Chased impressive winner with blinkers aiding progress; fits well in eighth attempt.
<b>4</b>	<b>AIR QUALITY</b> – Rallied behind second choice in longer test; possibility with contested fractions.

### Race 4

<b>8</b>	<b>DON VITO'S KITTY</b> – Set up nicely for elongated sprint chasing solid routers following hiatus; drops into claimer.
<b>4</b>	<b>TERPEYE</b> – Easily second best this level after slow start in tenth defeat; removes blinkers and gains late.
<b>9</b>	<b>BOURBON IN BED</b> – Outrun by stablemates last pair and same scenario possible; comes out flying.
<b>12</b>	<b>SILVER WITCH</b> – Lost ground in return and competed than odds predicted in prior start; clear outside trip.

**Race 5**

<b>1</b>	<b>PRESTONS PRINCESS</b> – Racing into shape again following long absence and likely aided by shorter yardage.
<b>7</b>	<b>MISSES KNIGHT</b> – Weakened under pressure for higher tag; speedy and seeks tenth career victory.
<b>8</b>	<b>RORAIMA DOS</b> – Hard used chasing runaway winner and returns from “open” to “beaten” company.
<b>5</b>	<b>LA CANDELITA</b> – Flashes of ability in recent months and good record this distance as contender.

**Race 6**

<b>10</b>	<b>GLOBAL POSITIONING</b> – Hampered by traffic problems in stretch last pair; closer early in race lacking speed.
<b>8</b>	<b>YOUR SECRET’S SAFE</b> – Rallied from last to first then caught late by another stretch-runner; back on bottom.
<b>3</b>	<b>FLEET GOLD DIGGER</b> – Responded favorably to drop when runner-up to capable absentee; should fire again.
<b>9</b>	<b>TO THE VICTOR</b> – Slow fuse and idle since claimed for twice this amount but can’t dismiss yet this level.

**Race 7**

<b>8</b>	<b>BOW TOWN CAT</b> – Significant drop after another sharp try at lofty allowance level; remains above amount paid.
<b>4</b>	<b>PINKOUT</b> – Just over length behind top pick in second race after layoff; faced classy opponents in past.
<b>7</b>	<b>NATURAL WARRIOR</b> – Ages since last victory but capable of threatening this level as in September.
<b>6</b>	<b>AGGREGATOR</b> – Finished behind first choice and ran into tigress previously; good winning percentage.

**Race 8**

<b>5</b>	<b>FLASHNDYNAMITE</b> – Nearly perfect since Moore claim and appears capable of adjusting to sprint.
<b>4</b>	<b>LIL MISS HOTSHOT</b> – Game and versatile filly from hot Brown barn but couldn’t handle top one last pair.
<b>2</b>	<b>CELESSE</b> – Exits talented field at Laurel and victim of suicidal pace locally; almost always gives her best.
<b>1</b>	<b>DOCTORSOFMISCHIEF</b> – Altered running style with late advance to beat second-tier allowance rivals.

**Race 9**

<b>5</b>	<b>WAY OVER BUDGET</b> – Weakened under pressure in Aqueduct race won by heavy favorite; new barn and blinkers.
<b>1</b>	<b>AMERICAN ALI</b> – Fired twice this spot and contributes to lively pace with inside speed; absent two months.
<b>4</b>	<b>RATTLESNAKE BITE</b> – Showed life final two starts at Woodbine; long series of works at Belmont.
<b>10</b>	<b>JUSTENUFF HOPE</b> – Humbled by smashing winner in 13 <sup>th</sup> attempt and heads back up claiming ladder.