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Best Bets: DIAMOND SQUARE (2nd)-- CARDIO COWBOY (8th)

Race 1

- 4** MARCH SCREAMER – Strong maiden victory after returning from Florida for new management; stretches out again.
- 8** SPEED SYNDROME – Rallied with similar when making just second start since November; likely gaining late.
- 7** BIG LIE – Retreated against sprinters but competed better than odds predicted at this yardage earlier.
- 6** INFURIATED – Much improved stamina in latest and speed to shake loose early again as possibility.

Race 2

- 6** DIAMOND SQUARE – Rediscovered ability in second race after layoff and appears capable of handling raise.
- 5** BURNTWOOD – Closed with rush after trailing early and formed bottom part of exacta five times this yardage.
- 7** ARTISTIC DRIFTER – Looked bit like old self when surviving early pressure; very popular at claiming box.
- 2** MACH TRIAL – Easily second best to rival taking steep drop as odds-on chalk; frequently changes barns.

Race 3

- 6** TWO WEEKS OFF – Lightly raced but ample ability and Guerrero barn can get them ready; 6-for-15 locally.
- 3** HODOR – Formidable at times but disappointed as 6-5 favorite; trio of victories since Pino stable claim.
- 4** WENDY WEND – Speedy and determined veteran prevailed after hiatus on road trip and one to catch again.
- 5** GET THE W – Bargain claim drops but not at his best last pair; series of big efforts here during winter.

Race 4

- 6** HAY BOY – Used up dueling for higher tag and sharp against big favorite in prior outing this level.
- 5** QUENCH MY THIRST – Signs of interest after shipping from Florida and fair at times earlier in Canada.
- 7** HE'S INCREDIBLE – Progressed in final pair at Gulfstream and moves turf to dirt in first try for White barn.
- 1** LAWYER ROY – Very quick but hampered by stamina issues; drop and shorter distance should help.

Race 5

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| 8 | MANIPULATE – Prominent throughout when adding Lasix at Aqueduct after chasing rocket in local route. |
| 7 | POWERFULLY BUILT – Battled experienced odds-on opponent as runner-up in New York bow; serious threat. |
| 5 | SHACKLED ROMANCE – Hard used dueling next-out winner in debut; \$120,000 son of Preakness winner. |
| 1A | WAR TOCSIN – Soundly beaten by top choice on road trip but prior two attempts encouraging. |

Race 6

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| 8 | GOTTA BE STRONG – Strong showing despite difficult trip in route; gets blinkers returning to sprint. |
| 6 | NEW JERSEY – Crushed easier in impressive style after unlucky earlier; avoids claiming tag this time. |
| 1 | SHE'S PRIMO – Rapid filly back home seeking third straight but no match for top pick earlier in route. |
| 2 | NEVA'S GAL – Trounced bulky field of easier types and further progress anticipated for Zulueta barn. |

Race 7

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| 4 | QUEEN NEKIA – Excellent form at various venues including strong showing in pair of Gulfstream outings. |
| 5 | HOLA PRINCESS – Closed gap behind streaking odds-on winner and threat with home court advantage. |
| 3 | HELL OF AFIRE – Outrun by second pick but racing into shape again following layoff; long losing streak. |
| 1 | SILVER EXCESS – Pulled away from lesser in confidence booster and shorter break between races a plus. |

Race 8

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| 10 | CARDIO COWBOY – Crushed cheaper when rebounding from dull outing and claimed by sizzling DeMasi barn. |
| 6 | HE'S COTTON – Strong rally to contention after early trouble; claimed from three previous starts. |
| 2 | NINETYEIGHTOCTANE – Upset similar from extreme outside post with wide trip; moves inside as danger. |
| 5 | CREDO – Rah into tiger two months ago and formidable on best; effective in front or from off pace. |

Race 9

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| 3 | CAPTAIN SAM – Quickly clear as always and increased margin against state-breds; difficult to catch again. |
| 1 | LIL MISS HOTSHOT – Split pair of frequent winners as longshot and nearly always gives her best as threat. |
| 5 | OLDFASHIONED STYLE – Overcame excuses in January score at Gulfstream; graded stakes-placed 2017. |
| 6 | CRAZY DAISY – Hard-earned victory in slightly softer company and Penalozza barn had winner here on Saturday. |

Race 10

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| 6 | LEGACY'S PRINCE – Significant drop after chasing state-bred allowance types on road trip; should handle these. |
| 2 | MIAMI TIGER – Idle couple months and heavily-traveled but moves to Danny Velazquez barn with quick local work. |
| 3 | DIAMOND SETTER – Closed big gap this spot in latest and runner-up won last week; contested pace would aid. |
| 8 | LOCO LOBO – Led early before yielding to stretch-runner when taking plunge; sat out "jail" following claim. |