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Best Bets: ARTISTIC DRIFTER (7th)—KING KOA (8th)

Race 1

- 7** VIXSINFANTASTKFOX – Realistic drop in tenth attempt and could benefit from outside stalking trip.
- 6** ACE NINE NINE – Quick works for high percentage Pino barn but \$35,000 auction buy debuts for \$20,000.
- 3** ARTYOUGLAD – Dueled long way with eventual repeat winner after arriving from Florida; shorter yardage suits.
- 2** SIMPLETON – Reveals little in local works but sire was top sprinter on this circuit; must guess first out.

Race 2

- 5** MIDNIGHT BOUNTY – Improved try following claim and plenty of success in prior routes this course.
- 4** MARNESIA BIG GIRL – Fired in three straight and should be picking off rivals behind contested pace.
- 3** MOON SHOCK – Overmatched on road trip but speedy and versatile locally; just second race since early December.
- 1** ZAFIRO AZUL – Veteran stretching out again and shown affinity for wet surfaces in recent months.

Race 3

- 4** AMERICAN GREATNESS – Narrowly missed for higher tag and conqueror competed well in classier field since.
- 9** SEA SWAP – Used up dueling in longer test and might revert to rating tactics; usually gets close.
- 2** REFUNDED – Battled throughout when just missing and Lake barn has them firing; just third start of year.
- 6** TU EXAGERES – Rallied late after steadying near far turn; slow fuse and yet to prevail locally.

Race 4

- 11** RESONATE – Sat out “jail” and drops following Pino claim and finds cure for seconditis despite tricky post.
- 4** WEE MISS DOROTHY – Failed with clear lead as 6-5 chalk sprinting; claimed and softer fractions may help.
- 9** BREW BY YOU – Lightly raced but sufficient ability; chasing runaway winner which romped here on Sunday.
- 3** OUR JULIET – Prominent throughout this spot but winner of that event trailed here over weekend.

Race 5

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| 4 | TRAPPE PLAY – Used up chasing heavy favorite after ducking out at start; upset chance with soft company. |
| 2 | OUR FIRST CANDY – Serious contender if disregard last and likes this distance and wet footing. |
| 7 | RIVER MISS – Not much following claim but runs well on occasion with closing kick. |
| 6 | LUCKY MEETING – Passed rivals after stumbling start and hit board 10 of 15 tries at this yardage. |

Race 6

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| 10 | GLOBAL POSITIONING – Chased runaway winner in tougher version this spot; ready to end losing streak. |
| 4 | SUNSHINE SPERRY – Hard used dueling around two turns which sets up nicely for elongated sprint. |
| 3 | STUDENT UNION – Steadied opening quarter when runner-up to solid favorite; frequently part of trifecta, |
| 1 | NO MORE STRIPPERS – Far from his best lately but earner of \$365,271 can't be dismissed yet. |

Race 7

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| 4 | ARTISTIC DRIFTER – Looking like old self lately and seeks third straight bouncing back after two weeks. |
| 7 | FARA'S KID – Powerful finish despite early trouble and extremely wide trip; Brown stable remains hot. |
| 9 | WARCRAFT – Speedster very popular at claim box and exits sharp try in race dominated by stretch-runners. |
| 6 | MY PIRATE – Pressed pace long way for new connections when defeated by top choice; winless locally. |

Race 8

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| 3 | KING KOA – Overmatched in stake at Aqueduct but impressed locally in two of last three attempts with Pennington. |
| 4 | FIERY OPAL – Hampered by stumbling start when favored vs. top choice; very formidable on best. |
| 5 | RUBY BLEU – Shelved after rare poor showing and ample success in Taylor barn; dangerous if ready. |
| 6 | HODOR – Retreated behind favorite as 6-5 favorite last month but obviously capable of much better. |

Race 9

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| 4 | NATURAL WARRIOR – Battled talented favorite after layoff and faced classy rivals in past; very quick prep. |
| 2 | TO THE FLAG – Dueled long way in New York stake after romping twice locally; terrific career record. |
| 1 | HIDE A ROSE – Gave her best as usual behind speedy repeat winner; crushed solid field in prior outing. |
| 3 | FOLK MAGIC – Wired lesser group when claimed and contributes to lively fractions as possibility. |

Race 10

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| 1 | RUNS FOR LUCK – Signs of interest lately in better company and capable in past with \$417,173 in bank. |
| 6 | SIR SIDNEY – Dueled in much longer test and excellent record this yardage; tries to shake loose and wire. |
| 5 | ASK CHUCK – Chased runaway winner in latest and faced tougher version previously; figures close again. |
| 2 | FLEET GOLD DIGGER – Remote fourth behind smashing winner after Lake took; must put it all together. |