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Best Bets: BIG MUDDY (6th)-- GOTTA BE STRONG (8th)

Race 1

- 3** TRUST THE PROCESS – Began career at top maiden level and showed life in turf route; idle but scores if ready.
- 5** AMI'S ARTIE – Competed at Gulfstream and obvious threat but failed earlier on bottom at Fort Erie.
- 2** LEFT FOR DEAD – Humbled by runaway winner in sprint but could be ready for route; progress anticipated.
- 6** ROYAL MELBOURNE – Improved behind loose pacesetter as major longshot; making 15th attempt.

Race 2

- 3** BON HEIR – Overmatched in road return but speedy and capable of wiring these at suitable distance.
- 5** THATTA BOY GIRL – Used up dueling at loftier level following Carlos Guerrero claim; speed to pose threat.
- 6** CONGRESSIONALSTORM – Plunges from state-bred allowance ranks; likely to be gaining late.
- 4** SPECIAL RISK – Rallied from last to first in upset after White stable took; back against “beaten” company.

Race 3

- 3** CITY SIEGE – Unruly prior to start when Pino re-claimed soon as possible; sat out “jail” awaiting this spot.
- 4** BROTHER TEZ – Easily second best in improved effort and conqueror ran well again in quicker company.
- 1** CAPE MAY STYLE – Mild rally behind rival above but could benefit from possible wet surface.
- 7** ALWAYSLOOKEYE – Failed to justify 8-5 backing against similar but prior outings stamp contender.

Race 4

- 4** SILVER EXCESS – Dueled eventual winner throughout in route and romped previously; can adjust to sprint.
- 3** BERTRANDA – Ran into odds-on tigress this spot and faced classier opposition in past; threat despite loss skid.
- 1** JOYCEE'S SPIRIT – Ducked out at start from outside post when claimed in return by hot Soto stable.
- 6** IF YOU ONLY KNEW – Improving filly pushed to her limit but deserves second look at square price.

Race 5

8	TEAM RIBOT – Significant drop to realistic spot and shorter break between races appears plus; regains confidence.
4	SEMI EXCITED – Son of Curlin cruised past maidens when stretched out and dangerous again for Lake.
1	INFURIATED – Probable pacesetter again and improved stamina lately; tends to drift out in stretch.
7	PETULANT DELIGHT – Racing into shape in key third start after layoff; close in route a year ago.

Race 6

8	BIG MUDDY – Sharp following hiatus at Aqueduct for new management; gets blinkers and should progress.
1A	BACKSTRETCH GEORGE – Pulled away from single-winners with speed to spare; threat following claim.
1	LI'L DUDE L DO IT – Completes coupling from Rodriguez barn after pair of sharp efforts including victory.
2	NINJA BOYS – Fired twice since Curry claim and captured latest decisively; logical next step.

Race 7

5	COLD HEARTED PEARL – Benefits from sprint attempt following layoff; excellent form here last season.
7	MOTHER JONES – Survived long duel to prevail when Ness took and runner-up has competed strongly since.
6	ELNATH – Bid to front then weakened late against similar when Pino claimed; impressed here last summer.
1	I'M NOT JOKING – Gained hard-earned victory when Taylor took and factor again while stepping up.

Race 8

2	GOTTA BE STRONG – Powerful acceleration in convincing score; claimed for \$50,000 earlier by Ness barn.
1	NEW JERSEY – Trounced maidens in display of talent and lost rider earlier; key threat if able to behave.
4	ISABELLA SMILE – Boasts back-to-back last to first victories and now faces “open” company.
3	STIFLING – Sidelined since September and nearly won stake at Woodbine; switches to Servis stable.

Race 9

7	POGEY – Led as usual before fading in tougher company but seems capable of wiring this kind from outside.
4	MISS RAGE – Passed top choice when distant third and often forms bottom portion of exacta.
3	WAY OVER BUDGET – Stopped after half mile under pressure in local bow; racing cheapest ever.
6	RIGEL'S HALO – Faded chasing heavy favorite but faces even more severe pressure in early stages.