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Best Bets: HIDE A ROSE (7th)-- CHAMPAGNE CHUCK (8th)

Race 1

- 6** SERENGETI CAT – Used up dueling as heavy favorite when claimed from Woodbine finale; barn won here recently.
- 3** SALUTELUTE – Exits sharp effort at Laurel and closed big gap in prior outing; speed earlier on West Coast.
- 7** SEMI EXCITED – Competed for higher tag sprinting in debut; progress likely stretching out for son of Curlin.
- 2** LUCKY LOVER BOY – Finished mid-pack against quicker group and close up all three previous starts.

Race 2

- 1** JUMPIN JETT – Trounced three-time winners at Penn National and shows pair of local route scores.
- 2** ZAFIRO AZUL – Improved zip when battling throughout in sprint; should regain closing kick.
- 5** QUEENA ESTHER – Drops to bottom tag after fair showing at Penn National; far behind last local try.
- 7** THUMP – Difficult wide trip after breaking slowly; good effort as longshot behind streaking winner previously.

Race 3

- 8** CONTROLLED FURY – Strong effort vs. quicker company despite wide trip; capable of leading throughout.
- 7** CINCO Y CINCO – Overmatched after claim but fits here and sharp this distance in February.
- 3** VEGAS STRIP – Hit board last pair this spot with moderate rallies; some big efforts last season.
- 2** BLUEGRASS DEMON – Changed barns then sat out “jail” and moves from “open” to “beaten” company.

Race 4

- 2** ALLEGRETTO – Failed to fire in mud and overmatched in previous route; nice late energy in January debut.
- 1** FAMILY FORTUNE – Making progress and closed well when easily second best; threat in 11th attempt.
- 8** IRISH JONAH – Returns to amount of debut claim after poor recent showing; stable clicking at 25% rate.
- 7** SILVER WITCH – Stretching out first time after soundly outrun by second pick; sire was sprint specialist.

Race 5

2	MAXIMINUS THRAX – Prominent long way on Gulfstream turf after competing well over synthetic English surface.
6	CATCH FIRE – Dueled and continued willingly in race taken by deep stretch-runner; serious contender.
7	PAWN IT BACK – Wide rally before tiring late as longshot and improved in last two outings.
1	REBEL VOW – Faltered under pressure when claimed but offers speed inside at suitable yardage.

Race 6

2	OCTOPYTHIUS – Steady progress since local arrival and defeated next-out winner in decisive score.
3	ARCH CONTENDER – Overmatched following claim but survived bad start when romping previously.
6	COUNTRY SQUIRE – Faded after dueling when Pino barn took; captured three straight here during winter.
7	BEST CHOICE – Distant fourth when changing hands this level; possibility on preferred fast track.

Race 7

6	HIDE A ROSE – Crushed rival which stepped up to win next time; claimed again seeking 15 th lifetime victory.
4	TEUFLES AND ROSES – Realistic drop and formidable on occasion; may benefit from contested pace.
3	DAN'S GIRL – Powerful score last week and dangerous again for new barn appearing in peak form.
2	ATINA SALSA – Speedy filly hit board in all 10 tries over main track; faces pressure but merits attention.

Race 8

2	CHAMPAGNE CHUCK – Awarded for leading seven victories last season here; might wire these from inside.
8	TERRY'S CHARM – Rated off leaders then cruised to front when taking drop; threat again for new barn.
6	EMOTICON – Made up ground behind capable duo then absent couple months; often shows late kick.
7	DANNY O – Far behind in return but four-time winner here last year and can't dismiss this level.

Race 9

5	DRAXHALL WOODS – Very rough trip when changing hands and usually fires; nearly half million in earnings.
3	BRIO MAN – Closed gap very wide in just second start of season; dangerous Zulueta-Pennington combo.
7	TIGHTEN UP – Overmatched after Lima barn re-claimed for \$25,000; much success here in past.
8	WICKED MACHO – Trounced compact field of state-breds at Aqueduct; speedy threat and likely favorite.

Race 10

7	LUVINMEISEASY – Stopped in classier field after crushing three-time winners in prior start; aggressive drop.
2	TO THE VICTOR – Closer to pacesetters than anticipated before weakening; might revert to rating tactics.
6	PEGASUS RED – Flashes of interest at Laurel and won locally in December slop; must be considered.
8	NO DRINKING RULES – Mild rally behind "open" company following hiatus; good record at this distance.