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Best Bets: YOUR SECRET'S SAFE (7th)-- COWBOY NIGHT (8th)

Race 1

2	ALWAYSLOOKEYE– Rushed to contention after slow start when runner-up to longshot winner this spot.
6	IRON LION– Hard to support off latest but just behind top pick in prior outing; good record as juvenile.
4	CAPE MAY STYLE– Improved over wet surface in second start and heavily-backed in debut for high percentage barn.
1	IMPACTFUL– Dueled then edged away from soft field of maidens; \$250,000 auction purchase.

Race 2

3	BOURBON IN BED– Added blinkers and set pace in game try for higher tag at identical distance.
9	ZENSATIONAL DIXIE– Easily second best when dropped to this level but far behind top choice previously.
4	IWASBORNAWINNER– Flashes of ability in 10 attempts and hits bottom; sneaks into trifecta at square price.
6	SPICY CURRY– Poor showing as favorite after arriving from West Coast but tries blinkers and capable of better.

Race 3

6	BACKSTRETCH GEORGE– Pulled away from routers with energy in reserve when claimed; retains Bracho as pilot.
1	CARD COUNTER– Used up dueling in classier company and major threat this spot with speed along inside.
4	NOTABLE– Sidelined since October but boasts pair of wide margin scores and dangerous if ready.
5	LET'S GO MICK– Competed at top meets but exclusively on turf and synthetic footing; switches to Ness barn.

Race 4

5	LUTOCOMO– Lost all chance at break when hitting side of gate causing rider to lose irons as 9-5 favorite in debut.
3	HELOTES– Prominent throughout this spot when adding blinkers and Carlos Guerrero stable won pair on Tuesday.
4	DANCINGTHEHNYDAWAY– Fired twice this level and changed barns in February; speed to pose threat.
10	TERPEYE– Numerous losses at short odds in 11 outings but figures close with clear sailing outside.

Race 5	
6	HARLEY Q – Exits pair of strong showings at Aqueduct and chased graded stakes winner in debut here last July.
2	NEOM – Rookie from Servis barn with ample preparation and encouraging works; \$275,000 auction buy.
1	DIVA DRAMA – Racing into shape again after several big outings here as juvenile; dangerous on best.
3	KEEPMYEYEONTHEBOYS – Early trouble when distant fourth in New York after nice effort as longshot in route.
Race 6	
5	ALMIGHTY STORM – Rapid mare battled classier in past and appears capable of wiring this kind.
1	ONE TOUGH ANGEL – Stopped after pressing pace when overmatched in route; captured two of last three sprinting.
3	STROLL ACTION – Just two lengths behind for higher tag after edging weaker previously; fits nicely.
9	CONGRESSIONALSTORM – Significant drop after gaining in first-tier state-bred allowance test; can't ignore.
Race 7	
1	YOUR SECRET'S SAFE – Advanced late behind runaway winner when claimed; ample early targets appears plus.
5	TEMPESTOUS ANGEL – Led and continued gamely when runner-up to New York shipper; tiring in late stages.
4	FIRE SPARX – Changed hands in return when finishing behind second pick; factor despite losing streak.
8	WATCH YOUR WORDS – Won this spot as 6-5 chalk when competing notch higher than necessary; tougher version.
Race 8	
1	COWBOY NIGHT – Pulled away from lesser in convincing victory and likely repeater in another logical spot.
2	OPTIC WAY – Speedy and game Jersey-bred defeated top choice in November and remains in peak form.
4	ALPHA TEAM – Strong rally when stretched out again and possibility at nice price behind contested fractions.
5	LOVE IS YOUR NAME – Very wide again behind smashing winner in sprint; talented but rare test of stamina.