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Best Bets: ANNIKA GOLD (3rd)-- LIGHTS DOWN LOW (5th)

Race 1

- 5** PINATUBO – Numerous losses at short odds and fails to run to excellent pedigree but edge with significant drop.
- 7** CLASSIC LINES – Prominent throughout this spot after Wyner took and likely favorable outside stalking trip.
- 6** BILLYJEANSMYBOY – Very quick but hampered by occasional stamina woes; Farro claim probable pacesetter.
- 4** ACCOLADE – Road warrior from hot Lake barn failed as always in mud and faced classier in past.

Race 2

- 4** BETTY'S FAVORITE – Shown ability to adjust prior front-running style and gained behind heavy favorite.
- 1** BATMITZVAH – Rallied behind top choice after slow start for new connections; runs big race at times.
- 7** VALIANT SPIRIT – Traffic problems in “key” race at Penn National from which top pair won next time.
- 2** CLIMB THE LADDER – Took plunge and came again to edge single-winners; runner-up dull here on Saturday.

Race 3

- 1** ANNIKA GOLD – Led to final yards in “open” company despite unruly at gate prior to start; capable of wiring.
- 4** ASTROKEG – Repelled frequent challenges to capture debut and threat taking logical next step.
- 2** FRIDAY MASS – Very productive last season and sufficient ability but must adjust to rare sprint attempt.
- 6** HER DIVINENESS – Trio of decent tries since comeback and possibility with slight progress.

Race 4

- 6** CAUSE FOR SURPRISE – Dueled then pulled away just nine days and claimed by Serey barn; fitness edge.
- 1** AIKEN PREP – Likely needed race after layoff when facing tougher opposition; winless for couple years.
- 7** R JOLLEY DREAMER – Far behind early then closed with rush this level as longshot; 9-for-41 lifetime.
- 8** PRODIGIOUS – Victim of early trouble in solid field last week; veteran still formidable at times.

Race 5

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| 3 | LIGHTS DOWN LOW – Defeated similar field in convincing style; Cross Traffic also sire of champ Jaywalk. |
| 5 | CLEVER SARAH – Dueled and continued willingly against top pick and slight weight shift to her advantage. |
| 1A | FIREY AND GORGEIOUS – Lone victory from 13 starts but displayed acceleration in very wide trips. |
| 6 | SHE'SMYRISENSTAR – Yet to handle top selection but several good efforts; must put it all together. |

Race 6

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| 4 | SHANGHAI GLORY – Taken in hand final eighth of a mile reducing margin of victory; runner-up won Saturday. |
| 1 | LUXICHARM – Used up early in disappointing try but takes aggressive drop with speed along inside. |
| 7 | BILLY NO SABAY – Faced tougher with same tag then sat out “jail” after Ness claim; chance at square price. |
| 10 | BOURBON HONEY – Overmatched in last and prior outing encouraging; close up in this spot before. |

Race 7

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| 6 | SPRING EMPEROR – Shot too high on road trips after rallying in “key” race locally; needs aid of pace set-up. |
| 8 | TRUE BLUE – Crushed easier field in confidence booster when Lake claimed; retains Angel Rodriguez as pilot. |
| 2 | KLAATU – Hard used opening half mile in solid field and upset chance if manages to shake loose. |
| 3 | CAR FIFTY FOUR – Absent few months but contender on best and Carlos Guerrero stable heating up. |

Race 8

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| 5 | AWESOME SINGER – Game and versatile mare edged talented field of sprinters; eligible competing with tag. |
| 1 | MILL AND GLORIA – Easily second best behind classy rivals in first start of season; nearly always fires. |
| 6 | TROLLEY RIDE – Ample ability with five victories from just 11 attempts but shipper shelved since October. |
| 2 | PROMISED STORM – Seeks fourth straight victory with rare opportunity against state-breds; can't ignore. |

Race 9

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| 9 | GIFTED JUSTICE – Responded favorably to drop dueling eventual winner in narrow loss; shorter time between races. |
| 2 | RIGHTEOUS – Bobbled in deep stretch when just behind top pick after wide trip; DeMasi barn clicking at 25%. |
| 6 | DRUMMER DON – Overmatched after claim but very slow fuse and might need additional yardage. |
| 3 | SON OF SANIBEL – Most success at Penn National and winless locally but should be picking off rivals late. |