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Best Bets: DROSSELMAGIC (6th)-- NEW JERSEY (8th)

Race 1

- 3** ONLY ESSA– Used up early when overmatched in sprint; captured pair of prior starts in decisive style.
- 4** EVIL WOMAN– Crushed easier at Penn National in confidence booster; outrun by top choice in March.
- 6** STELLA B. – Empty for new connections as heavy favorite on road trip when competing first time since January.
- 5** MIJA BELLA– Bothered early when chasing smashing winner when claimed from local bow; fair in Florida.

Race 2

- 5** MY DANZIG PARTNER– Hard used dueling eventual winner after awkward break; softer route fractions could help.
- 8** SPARTAK– Plunges from top maiden ranks and avoids tag with new rule; flashes of ability in four attempts.
- 2** LT. COLUMBO– Closed gap behind heavily-favored repeat winner; testing stamina again at same level.
- 6** DAMOCLES SWORD– Making progress and exits good try in marathon; competing better than odds suggest.

Race 3

- 7** VIDARR– Forced pace before retreating for higher tag in return; fitter now and back on bottom at shorter yardage.
- 6** FINN'S POSSE– Chased runaway winner after early trouble and less than two lengths behind in prior loss.
- 5** DRAMATIZED– Newcomer by speedy Big Drama worked quick half mile recently and need not be much.
- 10** LAWYER ROY– Lightly raced with tendency to weaken in stretch but speedy and time off might aid.

Race 4

- 3** GOTTA GET AWAY– Traffic problems on first turn this spot and impressed before; Taylor barn remains hot.
- 6** BANKER'S ISLAND– Humbled by New York shipper in last and outran top choice previously; serious contender.
- 4** SPARTY– Fair Hill invader takes significant drop switching turf to dirt; hard to love or dismiss.
- 5** TEMPESTUOUS ANGEL – Series of frustrating losses engaging in long sprint duels; needs to shake loose.

Race 5	
5	WAY OVER BUDGET – Primed for elongated sprint opening big lead in route; appears lone speed in field.
7	POINT LOOKOUT – Closed gap again this spot and would think extra distance may help; often in runner-up role.
8	SUGAR INCLUDED – Responded well to drop against longshot winner; Serey stable heating up.
10	OCEAN COURT – Improved with Lasix and blinkers when less than length behind top pick in route.
Race 6	
3	DROSSELMAGIC – Continued well despite blistering duel in route and just missed in solid sprint previously.
6	ARTISTIC DRIFTER – Looking like old self again with numerous big efforts and rare chance vs. state-breds.
7	MR. ROMANCE —Excellent effort less than two weeks ago; veteran nearing half million in earnings.
5	HE'S GOT TALENT – Boasts terrific 12-for-42 career record and moves to Taylor barn; local success in past.
Race 7	
1A	COWBOY NIGHT – Sharp this yardage in one-turn mile at Laurel and chased tiger locally; handles these on best.
3	TEAM RIBOT – Faced quality opposition in past and claimed by Linder; threat despite one victory in 19 tries.
1	HIS ROYAL MAJESTY – Sidelined since December claim but sufficient ability and should be flying late.
6	ADVENTIST – Very slow fuse and long losing streak but closed big gap as extreme outsider this spot.
Race 8	
4	NEW JERSEY – Strong runner-up to talented rival despite taxing duel; crushed lesser in prior outing.
7	HELOTES – Dueled and pulled away eagerly after idle since January; big jump but merits consideration.
1	NEVA'S GAL – Vast improvement since arriving from Fair Grounds and moving to Zulueta barn.
2	SHE'S PRIMO – Rapid filly overmatched at Belmont but couple impressive local scores; severe early pressure.