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Best Bets: SMART RAGS (3rd)-- IRONCLAD (6th)

Race 1

- 5** FORT APACHE-- Led to final yards when caught by New York shipper in best try yet; Lake stable on a roll.
- 3** QUENCH MY THIRST-- Dueled long way in race taken by heavy favorite after undergoing shoe repair in paddock.
- 4** BRAZEN PRINCE-- Rallied from last to first in hard-earned score when claimed; weight off for this.
- 6** SLOT-- Dismal try behind top pick as 8-5 chalk but faced much tougher opposition in past.

Race 2

- 3** HIDE A ROSE-- Narrowly beaten in seemingly better version of this spot and continues to fire every attempt.
- 1A** PRINCESS PALOMAR-- Very determined score vs. three-time winners when claimed; racing into peak form.
- 1** BEAUTIFUL MAIDEN-- Good record elsewhere but lost all eight local tries; might prefer more yardage.
- 6** BOW TOWN CAT-- Trailed classier group after stakes-placed at Aqueduct; returns to amount of March claim.

Race 3

- 6** SMART RAGS-- Dominating victory against single-winners and likely to continue progress for Carlos Guerrero barn.
- 3** KLINGON WARRIOR-- Early trouble in quicker field and prior try after layoff excellent; fourth race since comeback.
- 5** ARRECIFE-- Overmatched lately but takes realistic drop; often gains late but lost all 18 local races.
- 1** CATCH FIRE-- Prominent throughout again and competed well each local outing since arriving from California.

Race 4

- 6** RUBLE-- Old grey gelding boasts 14 victories and remains formidable at age nine; re-claimed by Lake last time.
- 5** DODDSPRIVATELABEL-- Terrific closing kick on occasion and may benefit from hotly-contested pace.
- 4** DRAXHALL WOODS-- Very capable but bit difficult to guess lately; entymate prevailed in latest.
- 3** DON'T MAKE IT EASY-- Ran into tiger in good effort when changing barns again; possibility despite raise.

Race 5	
7	WON THE CASE – Lost momentum in bumping incident at top of stretch; edge with clear sailing outside.
5	E J'S REVENGE – Dueled throughout vs. big favorite after Soto claim; often forms bottom half of exacta.
2	MIAMI TIGER – Hampered by slow start but raced gamely in sloppy route; both victories in Indiana.
1	SILVER ASSAULT – Disappointing try as favorite when claimed but capable of better and returns quickly.
Race 6	
1	IRONCLAD – Plunged and trounced cheaper here 12 days ago and claimed again; handles various surfaces.
5	HEY JABBER JAW – Overmatched vs. runaway winner in last and romped this spot previously; prefers dry track.
3	SARATOGA WILDCAT —Used up after slow start at Penn National and takes logical drop; frequently gets close.
2	MIDNIGHT GAMES —Returns from Maryland and often extremely game with 10-for-37 mark; can't dismiss.
Race 7	
4	SWEETEST YET – Runner-up in recent stake and outdueled colts previously; showed route prowess before.
7	I'M NOT JOKING – Cruised past similar in impressive score and part of exacta in 15 of 32 starts.
6	TEUFLES AND ROSES – Determined try when stretching out again and edged by talented sprinter previously.
5	MIDNIGHT BOUNTY – Powerful rally when handling raise for Dandy barn and threat again with late kick.
Race 8	
5	AMERICAN TALENT – Outdueled solid opponent despite making first start since July; perfect over wet surfaces.
7	WON AND DONE – Excellent record for leading stable in Maryland and local success in past; obvious threat.
1	DENNIS' DIAMOND – Speedy and determined seeking fourth straight victory; steps up but merits attention.
4	FACTOR IT IN – Only losses in stakes and perfect locally last season; idle since November but likely ready.