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Best Bets: DEAL DRIVEN (8<sup>th</sup>)-- AMERICAN POWER (9<sup>th</sup>)

### Race 1

<b>4</b>	QUEENA ESTHER – Gained late on odds-on sprinter following claim and stretching out again.
<b>2</b>	YES MZ ADAH – Bulk of success on turf and wet surfaces but drops with speed to pose threat.
<b>1</b>	DANCING COOL – Far back after poor start but sharper in past; versatile with 10 career victories.
<b>3</b>	LA VALE – Good efforts last pair and recently became eligible for this spot; merits attention.

### Race 2

<b>5</b>	SEPTEMBER GURL – Used up chasing runaway winner in just second start of year; may wire this group.
<b>8</b>	LADY OF QUALITY – Forced pace long way after arriving from Florida; pair from that event won next time.
<b>3</b>	DON VITO'S KITTY – No match for smashing winner as beaten favorite when changing barns again;
<b>7</b>	WILLTHISSHIPSAIL – Poor showing in Jersey after hitting board several times at Tampa.

### Race 3

<b>5</b>	AMERICAN ALI – Dueled then drew away from maidens and appears realistically spotted this level.
<b>2</b>	CANDY BOSS – Prominent throughout after failing on Aqueduct turf; heels clipped in stretch.
<b>7</b>	CRYSTAL CLEAR – Disappointed over wet footing as 3-5 chalk and likely slow fuse this yardage.
<b>3</b>	ROCHELA – Tired after dueling in just second race since July; racing into shape as possibility.

### Race 4

<b>11</b>	CREDO – Battled streaking winner when plunged to this spot and claimed; clear sailing outside.
<b>6</b>	NO CONTINGENCY – Weakened behind top choice in good effort and still speedy at age nine.
<b>5</b>	RUNS FOR LUCK – Signs of life lately but seems to prefer lead and faces severe early pressure.
<b>1</b>	ZARTAX – Improved against New York shipper this spot; needs to put pair together.

**Race 5**

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| <b>4</b> | LUCKY CLEMEN – Collared in stretch but finished gamely this spot; edge with continued progress.   |
| <b>1</b> | TEMPESTUOUS ANGEL – Vied this far against routers and returns to more suitable yardage as threat. |
| <b>7</b> | TCHAIKOVSKY – Gained late when ahead of several of these; usually fires and shorter break.        |
| <b>9</b> | SOUTHERN KISSES – Seemed to dislike wet footing after decisive score against two-time winners.    |

**Race 6**

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| <b>3</b> | TO THE FLAG – Game mare runner-up in even tougher field and likely pace scenario in her favor.          |
| <b>2</b> | MIA BELLA ROSSA – Responded well to plunge when crushing routers; winner of 9 of 29 starts.             |
| <b>4</b> | JEMROSE – Closed big gap when finishing in front of top choice; chased runaway winner at Laurel.        |
| <b>7</b> | HIDE A ROSE – Success over years in various barns and changed hands again; edged by top one last month. |

**Race 7**

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| <b>1</b> | RED RAZZO – Defeated similar field after Mosco claim and remains eligible competing with tag.       |
| <b>2</b> | D T GOODIE – Failed as always over wet surface but prior outings encouraging; won this spot before. |
| <b>5</b> | COLONEL JUAN – Closed gap behind top choice on sloppy footing and sharp previously “open” company.  |
| <b>4</b> | NAVY COMMANDER – Gave up early in return but impressed in past and continues to work swiftly.       |

**Race 8**

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| <b>10</b> | DEAL DRIVEN – Outdueled similar field in game effort and breaks from extreme outside post again.     |
| <b>7</b>  | QUALITY ASSET – Stretch-runner with powerful rally on occasion and re-claimed by Joe Taylor barn.    |
| <b>1</b>  | TERRY’S CHARM – Fair try on road trip and dull previously but surprised top pick earlier at 21-1.    |
| <b>3</b>  | ADVENTIST – Improved in recent outings with closing kick and possibility despite long losing streak. |

**Race 9**

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| <b>2</b> | AMERICAN POWER – Advanced in tougher version this spot at Belmont and contested pace can help.            |
| <b>6</b> | DROSSELMAGIC – Wired state-breds when able to control fractions; threat again in peak form.               |
| <b>5</b> | MONTELEONE – Stablemate of top selection fair after two month’s absence; tiger during winter at Aqueduct. |
| <b>1</b> | FLASH DRIVE – Likely needed first start in over year when setting pace nearly half mile; progress likely. |

**Race 10**

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| <b>5</b> | DESCARADO – Overmatched in route after shipping from Tampa; should overrun pacesetters.           |
| <b>4</b> | BON HEIR – Changed running style and gained late in slop; comes out flying in longer sprint.      |
| <b>1</b> | MISSES KNIGHT – Dueled to late yards when Pollara re-claimed on raise; most success at shorter.   |
| <b>6</b> | MARNESIA BIG GIRL – Rallied late in “open” company behind favored winner; won routes in February. |