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Best Bets: AMERICAN ROMA (6th)-- MOTOWNCHARLYBROWN (7th)

Race 1

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| 2 | COWGIRL UP – Chased runaway winner when Wyner claimed from debut; gets blinkers with likely progress. |
| 3 | SOMETHINGFANCY – Dull in February comeback but plunges and able to avoid claiming tag under new rule. |
| 5 | SPICY CURRY – Improving filly led to final stages when testing stamina again; threat despite ten chances. |
| 4 | FLAGGED – Much better showing when third to smashing winner at 98-1 in slop; likely rooting for rain. |

Race 2

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| 4 | BURNTWOOD – Good effort when easily second best when plunged to this spot; back after just one week. |
| 3 | EMOTICON – Outrun on road trip but significant drop and Lake stable has them firing; should be flying late. |
| 7 | SIR SIDNEY – Weakened under pressure when finishing behind top pick but possible opportunity to shake loose. |
| 5 | SHOTMASTER – Responded well to drop when edged after late rally; moves from “open” to “beaten” company. |

Race 3

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| 1 | BACKSTRETCH GEORGE – Narrowed gap in sprint when idle five weeks after claim; back at preferred distance. |
| 3 | GILDED WARRIOR – Close up despite dueling long way on turf and bought for \$25,000 before; never run on fast dirt. |
| 5 | LI'L DUDE L DO IT – Keeps firing and shown he fits with this kind; chased 2-5 New York invader in latest. |
| 4 | MUSTANG POWER – Defeated single-winners in Tampa finale and switches to Zulueta barn heading up ladder. |

Race 4

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| 7 | TOMMY'S TOP CAT – Drops notch for new management and romped lone try this yardage; outside stalking trip. |
| 8 | TREASURY STOCK – Remote third after changing barns and returns to sprint; likely to be gaining late. |
| 3 | GRAN FORTRESS – Vied throughout and held on nicely this level and distance; often hits board without winning. |
| 5 | CAPE MAY STYLE – Poor showing for much higher tag and can't yet dismiss Butch Reid-Pennington combo. |

Race 5

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| 3 | PELLAGRINO – Nearly ran down loose pacesetter this distance in slop; making steady progress. |
| 1 | KOMRAD – Hard used early when claimed for \$30,000 from Keeneland finale; makes third try after layoff. |
| 6 | TRICKY GAMBLE – Sharp twice over this track but absent over months again; quick work in preparation. |
| 5 | BUILT BETTER – Dull on muddy surface when adding Lasix but showed ability in debut and gets blinkers. |

Race 6

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| 4 | AMERICAN ROMA – Strong move to contention then outfinished late in slightly better field; handles various footing. |
| 3 | UNDENIABLE TEMPER – Closer to pace than usual when scoring after Dandy claim; briefer time between starts. |
| 10 | BOWMAN'S BEAST – Ten-year-old captured 15 th victory at Charles Town after wiring local opposition. |
| 8 | TRUE BLUE – Unlucky behind top choice after crushing cheaper in previous outing when claimed. |

Race 7

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| 7 | MOTOWNCHARLYBROWN – Battled solid opponent this spot in return and that rival ran big again; \$40,000 Nov. claim. |
| 3 | TBTWELVE – Excellent form at Laurel and finished behind top pick locally in October; bargain claim by Ness. |
| 6 | MORGANTOWN – Led throughout when heavily-backed vs. New York-breds in debut; avoids tag this time. |
| 2 | NOBIZ LIKE JETBIZ – Turned back big favorite after arriving from Florida; two of three prior losses on turf. |

Race 8

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| 2 | AFLEET DESTINY – Exits series of stakes; including two graded, and returns home against more suitable opposition. |
| 3 | CRAZY DAISY – Numerous good efforts against quick company in recent months; rare route attempt. |
| 1 | HOLA PRINCESS – Determined score as heavy favorite and logical next step after two weeks off. |
| 4 | PROMISED STORM – Trailed better field after brief early trouble; captured three straight previously. |