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Best Bets: PICTOR (5th)-- BLUEGRASS EXPRESS (8th)

Race 1

- 2** NO HIDING PLACE – Advanced nicely behind heavily-favored loose pacesetter when claimed in this spot.
- 3** BABY CAT – Idle nearly three months since crushing slightly softer group; taken from three of last five races.
- 7** CONSCIENCE – Used up pressing quicker group and captured two of last four outings by wide margins.
- 5** TRULY A MOON SHOT – Plunges after trailing at Aqueduct just 25 days ago; difficult to love or dismiss.

Race 2

- 4** MACH TRIAL – Traffic problems behind frequent winner when changing barns again; finds cure for seconditis.
- 2** MR. FIXIT – Hard used chasing rapid pacesetters when overmatched by capable winning third of career starts.
- 5** FARA'S KID – Veteran difficult to guess lately but runs many big races and explosive late kick on occasion.
- 7** GIFTED JUSTICE – Speedy gelding within inches of perfect this season but likely needs to shake loose.

Race 3

- 3** ASSAIL – Weakened at lofty allowance level at Laurel but extremely game and often performs best locally.
- 1** CELESSE – Failed to offer true measure when farther behind than usual early; dangerous speed from inside.
- 4** TO THE FLAG – Bargain buy by Joe Taylor barn with only loss since claim in stake; heading up claiming ladder.
- 2** JEMROSE – Easily second best behind formidable winner at Laurel and impressed locally last season.

Race 4

- 5** LOU'S CHARDONNAY – Last couple discouraging but capable in past, plunges, and tries blinkers.
- 3** PRESTONS PRINCESS – Sharp on road trips and usually close but beaten favorite three previous attempts.
- 1** UNTOUCHABLE U— Far behind in Gulfstream finale but switches back to Lake barn and faced better here before.
- 6** DA WILDCAT GIRL – Improved stamina in seemingly softer version this spot; must put it all together.

Race 5

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| 3 | PICTOR – Encouraging debut behind runaway Tampa invader in mud; benefits from experience and wires. |
| 7 | JW'S THIRD MISCHIE – Closer than anticipated in “open” company after outrun by top choice; excellent pedigree. |
| 8 | DEFIBRILLATOR – Nice effort following layoff and avoids tag this time while trying blinkers; merits attention. |
| 5 | WISE JUDE – Made presence felt around two turns and often competes better than odds might suggest. |

Race 6

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| 5 | UJJAYI – Romped in debut than raced in five stakes at various venues and over different surfaces; gets blinkers. |
| 4 | AMANDASROMEO – Extremely game in defeat when edged by big favorite this spot; stakes-placed last year. |
| 1 | CARDI G – Outran experienced opponent in sharp debut and takes realistic next step as serious contender. |
| 6 | MY CANDY FOREST – Roughed early as odds-on chalk at Penn National and shown she fits with this kind. |

Race 7

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| 1A | D T GOODIE – Cruised to front in impressive score and appears ready to tackle “open” company again. |
| 8 | DIRT IN YOUR FACE – Advanced late in sprint and better suited this distance; outran top pick before. |
| 5 | TERRY'S CHARM – Looking like old self again and whipped solid bulky field at 21-1 for Jorge Diaz barn. |
| 7 | WE B JAMMIN – Speedy and determined veteran tiring in late stages recently but chance if controls pace. |

Race 8

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| 3 | BLUEGRASS EXPRESS – Dueled long way in just third start of season; conqueror next runner-up in stake. |
| 5 | STRONG BREEZE – Rapid gelding stunned quick field at 18-1 and nosed in prior outing as 56-1 longshot. |
| 4 | CAPT. GRIDER – Possibility if disregard poor showing from inside post; series of strong efforts earlier. |
| 2 | FLASH DRIVE – Sidelined after stopping in stake nearly year ago over synthetic footing; comes out flying. |

Race 9

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| 1 | SEA SWAP – Claimed from this spot when runner-up in “key” race; similar effort should be enough. |
| 3 | SOUTHERN KISSES – Progressed following hiatus and figures close but only one-for-45 over this track. |
| 5 | BULLROARER – Moves to Linder barn with pair of successes at Gulfstream; sheds weight with “double bug” up. |
| 7 | BOOT SCOOTN DADDY – Holds ability advantage but prefers turf and raced very sparingly; absent nearly year. |