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## MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019

Best Bets: BARLEY JACK (5<sup>th</sup>)-- VIVA FOREVER (6<sup>th</sup>)

### Race 1

- 2** NICE SURPRISE – Overmatched following Farro claim but could regain closing kick seeking 12<sup>th</sup> local score.
- 4** BENNYLUVSPOKER – Just behind top choice at higher level and sharp earlier; changed barns three times 2019.
- 6** HUASCARAN – Moves turf to dirt and drops again shedding seven pounds; might have controlling speed.
- 5** RINGS OF JUPITER – Last couple discouraging but captured this spot before; Penaloza barn heating up.

### Race 2

- 7** LUCKY CLEMEN – Rallied despite early roughing and close in prior try vs. rival which has won again since.
- 1** SOUTHERN KISSES – Dull in latest but romped previously for high percentage barn; rooting for dry track.
- 8** FREE TO TRUMP – Prominent throughout in longer test at Laurel and won from off pace earlier.
- 2** HIDDEN BAMBOO – Contributes to lively pace but showing tendency to weaken in stretch.

### Race 3

- 3** STORM ADVISORY – Faced vastly tougher elsewhere including series of graded stakes; ships for Pa.-bred race.
- 5** AMAZING START – Upset lesser shipping from Fair Hill and son of top sire Jump Start continues progress.
- 1** ARRECIFE – Closed gap wide sprinting and would like wet footing but lost all 19 local attempts.
- 6** BILLY YOURE FIRED – Probable pacesetter stretching out again but failing lately at short odds.

### Race 4

- 7** DANCINGTHEHNYDAWAY – Takes significant but realistic drop after battling pair favorites following maiden score.
- 10** HIGH MATH – Improved last pair this spot and merits attention despite one-for-34 lifetime mark.
- 6** WEE MISS DOROTHY – Speed to pose threat and lone poor local showing around two turns.
- 9** OUR JULIET – Folded under pressure in route but capable at times and may prefer this yardage.

**Race 5**

<b>2</b>	<b>BARLEY JACK</b> – Set pace in race taken by runaway stretch-runner and Ness claimed; likes wet footing.
<b>7</b>	<b>LENDAR</b> – Brutal trip in improved effort and overmatched previously after claim; major contender.
<b>4</b>	<b>AWESOME SINGER</b> – Plunges returning to sprint and wet footing could aid; \$40,000 buy earlier obvious threat.
<b>3</b>	<b>JUMPIN JETT</b> – Dueled long way at loftier level in route and gives her best every time; rare sprint outing.

**Race 6**

<b>6</b>	<b>VIVA FOREVER</b> – Terrific mare exits Grade I events and perfect in six local starts; loves wet surface.
<b>7</b>	<b>BOW TOWN CAT</b> – Wired solid field after Joe Taylor barn re-claimed but tougher version this time.
<b>1</b>	<b>STORMBEAM</b> – Exploded past lesser in 22-1 surprise after Bouchard claim; prior success in Canada.
<b>2</b>	<b>ATINA SALSA</b> – Speedy and determined filly captured half of 10 local races and possibility again.

**Race 7**

<b>3</b>	<b>THREEOHTWOCASSIE</b> – Good form at Gulfstream and upset local stake two summers ago; hard to fault.
<b>12</b>	<b>IRISH COLONEL</b> – Edged in big effort sprinting and holds advantage if race switched to main track.
<b>9</b>	<b>CHAMPAGNE CHUCK</b> – Pino claim speedy and handles turf and slop; winningest horse on grounds last year.
<b>8</b>	<b>SEAT OF HONOR</b> – Slow fuse but offers closing kick at times and shows turf victory; merits attention.

**Race 8**

<b>4</b>	<b>WE B JAMMIN</b> – Used up dueling through rapid fractions in sprint; might shake loose and wire at price.
<b>1</b>	<b>RUBY BLEU</b> – Gained late when finishing ahead of top pick; terrific last season and usually part of exacta.
<b>9</b>	<b>FAST RUNNER</b> – Advanced strongly sprinting despite layoff and stretching out again with shorter break.
<b>2</b>	<b>KING KOA</b> – Signs of progress lately and pair of impressive romps earlier in season with Pennington up.

**Race 9**

<b>2</b>	<b>STORMOLOGIST</b> – Extremely game vs. huge favorite in return and back at preferred distance; capable, versatile.
<b>5</b>	<b>TRACE OF GRACE</b> – Narrowly beaten in big try at Delaware and local success; on rare losing streak.
<b>3</b>	<b>SQUAN'S KINGDOM</b> – Battled top selection following hiatus as part of winning entry; might be pacesetter.
<b>6</b>	<b>TROLLEY RIDE</b> – Outrun by second choice at Delaware but surprised here in April in first start of season.

**Race 10**

<b>1</b>	<b>KING'S GOLD</b> – Good late energy despite severe early trouble in best yet; sufficient targets to set up rally.
<b>4</b>	<b>MOUNT OLYMPUS</b> – Plunges after trailing as favorite at Belmont; couple decent tries stamp serious threat.
<b>8</b>	<b>DIAGONAL</b> – Outrun with tougher after layoff and flashes of ability last season; gets blinkers and tests route.
<b>3</b>	<b>BILL'S MAFIA</b> – Improved last pair and ensures honest fractions stretching out but question of stamina.