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Best Bets: MIDNIGHT POKER (7th)-- STRONG BREEZE (8th)

Race 1

- 4** DRAMATIZED – Hard used chasing rapid pacesetter in debut and should benefit from experience.
- 5** FINN'S POSSE – Advanced late when finishing ahead of top choice and improved for present connections.
- 6** BILL'S MAFIA – Progressed against heavy favorite on wet footing; far back in recent fast track tries.
- 3** FIRST DEGREE BURN – Sidelined since July and bulk of career over jumps and longer distances.

Race 2

- 5** ALWAYSLOOKEYE – Drops again for hot Zulueta barn and might survive early pressure this spot.
- 6** OH K FUNNYBONE – New Yorker moves turf to dirt and sheds 10 pounds dropping back to sprint.
- 7** DEERSTALKER – Disliked wet surface again but should be gaining late behind contested fractions.
- 4** WHERESTHEBARBER – Rallied behind top choice after twice changing barns locally; fits well again.

Race 3

- 4** DRUMMER DON – Failed to offer true measure on sloppy footing; prior try good and contested pace aids.
- 7** INFORMALITY – Wired two-time winners setting soft fractions and dangerous again with logical next step.
- 2** ROYAL HOLIDAY – Idle since changing hands again in March at Gulfstream; faced tougher in past.
- 1** GRAYMOND – Remote fourth after breaking slowly and crushed lesser in previous start.

Race 4

- 3** CINCO Y CINCO – Seen better days but still capable of firing this level at nice price; upsets in past.
- 1** VIBE – Dueled, rallied clear, then caught by favorite in good effort; Dandy stable has them firing.
- 2** SIR SIDNEY – Faded on road trip following encouraging local outing; boasts seven local triumphs
- 8** KEY CHEYNE – Returns from three road trips and possibility on best despite slow fuse.

Race 5

2	MY CANDY FOREST – Plunges after competing two weeks ago; should regain speed with this kind.
11	AXE CAPITAL – Changed barns recently and racing into shape again; forces pace from extreme outside.
6	CHARITY STRIKE – All out to prevail at Delaware as huge favorite; making key third start since return.
4	INITFORTHELONGHAUL – Edged away from slightly easier to boost lifetime mark to excellent 9-for-31.

Race 6

4	NATURAL WARRIOR – Lightly raced but big effort on occasion and should fire this spot if ready.
6	MARY COSTA – Wired similar and traffic woes in prior defeat; most effective when reaches front early.
5	NTH DEGREE – Exits pair of encouraging outings and dangerous with continued progress.
9	WHITNEY COVE – Prone to slow starts and wide trips but outside post might help; likely flying late.

Race 7

2	MIDNIGHT POKER – Repelled several challenges then nailed at wire in huge effort; difficult to catch.
7	AMERICAN TALENT – Lacked true showing on wet surface after determined score following long absence.
6	DENNIS' DIAMOND – Distant fourth in slop after capturing three straight on fast tracks; speedy and game.
3	YEAH ROCKY – Clipped heels losing any chance behind top choice; upset factor despite losing streak.

Race 8

8	STRONG BREEZE – Pursued, led, then weakened late in big effort at longer; best form of career.
9	XY SPEED – Battled throughout at Monmouth for Navarro barn in second start of year; obvious contender.
1	FLASH DRIVE – Rapid colt making third attempt in over year and shorter yardage should benefit.
11	TRADFEST – Led throughout surprising big favorite and prior loss in stake; must draw in from also's.

Race 9

6	HOME OF THE LOMBARDI – Claimed by Ness from this spot when taking plunge; chased unbeaten foe previously.
2	ELIAV – Switches back to main track after competing with higher tags elsewhere; threat in soft field.
1	FONTANA DI ORO – Trailed badly in debut behind eventual stakes winner; drops and working quickly.
3	BLAZE A TRAIL – Sidelined since August but just missed in Indiana; likely to need a race,