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Best Bets: W W COUGAR (2nd)-- TWO ITEM MAKER (7th)

Race 1

- 6** INDYGO BREEZE– Significant drop after avoiding claiming tag in first race since January; outside stalking trip.
- 5** ALAAPATIQUE– Game veteran very popular at claim box and part of exacta in 18 of 48 starts; idle couple months.
- 1** MANOLETE– Won sprinting after layoff at Colonial when taking plunge; route success in past.
- 2** DIAMOND SQUARE– Faded on road trip but possible pacesetter stretching out again; pressure from inside.

Race 2

- 2** W W COUGAR– Appeared headed to easy victory in return but raced very greenly in stretch; wins if behaves.
- 7** DEAREST ELLA– Lost rider in latest and easily second best behind favored winner in previous outing.
- 1** NEXT QUEEN– Top to bottom plunge after used up dueling at top state-bred maiden level in debut.
- 8** STREAK OF KITTEN– Failed to run to pedigree at Gulfstream and moves to Coletti barn; dirt and sprint are new.

Race 3

- 5** CAR FIFTY FOUR– No match for loose pacesetter this spot but handles seemingly softer version this time.
- 7** RYDELL– Distant third to heavy favorite after Aro barn re-claimed; drops within identical claiming tag.
- 4** EMOTICON– Slow fuse but drops notch and possible stretch threat with helpful pace scenario.
- 3** KLAATU– Not much this season and offered little since claim but could ensure honest fractions.

Race 4

- 11** HELOTES– Stopped in turf route and overmatched previously; impressed in double-digit maiden romp in April.
- 4** FIREY AND GORGEOUS– Used up pressing pace following hiatus at Monmouth; nice acceleration earlier.
- 7** REIGNING FIRE– Weakened after half mile at Penn National; local maiden score and races cheapest ever.
- 8** DEVIL'S FLAIR– Switches turf to dirt and runs well on occasion; needs to put it all together.

Race 5	
6	RACE ME HOME – Pair of wide margin victories this summer and also handles turf; back at amount of claim.
11	TRILOGY – Overmatched in Jersey after crushing similar locally; speedy threat despite tricky post.
5	CHAMPAGNE CHUCK – Game gelding handles various surfaces but yet to recapture winning form of 2018.
2	SECRET SECRET – Closer than anticipated against solid sprinters and hinted at turf prowess in past.
Race 6	
3	ELEVATED – Edged this spot in July and nearing half million in earnings; Velazquez barn excels with claims.
4	TRUE BOLDNESS – Racing into peak form again after long absence and outdueled top pick as longshot.
7	TALE OF E DUBAI – Speedy state-bred terrific 11-for-37 lifetime but shelved since mid-June claim.
6	DROSSELMAGIC – Stopped after half mile in classier company but ample success this spot during year.
Race 7	
4	TWO ITEM MAKER – Determined try in narrow loss this spot; fired each outing for high percentage Rice stable
2	PROUD MANDATE – Recent losses on turf and vs. older rivals; impressed locally last season.
1A	IZZADORA BELLA – Excellent claim by Moore stable talented and versatile; idle nearly four months but threat.
7	COLLEGEVILLE GIRL – Fair try against capable and bulky field of state-breds at Saratoga following layoff.
Race 8	
5	BOB IN OUR MIDST – Returns to seemingly much preferred surface and looks best despite 15 chances.
1	GUNSANDORCHIDS – Closed gap despite extremely unruly prior to start in debut; tests turf stretching out
9	LITTLE TOWN BLUES – Ignore main track sprint following encouraging try this spot in bow; upset possibility.
7	BONDA – Yet to justify strong support in debut but drops with speed to pose factor if handles turf.