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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Best Bets: ORTINOLA (7<sup>th</sup>)-- TAXABLE GOODS (8<sup>th</sup>)

### Race 1

- 7** MANTLE – Benefits from recent exercise at Delaware after chasing odds-on runaway winner locally.
- 5** SCHLIFFY – Moves turf to dirt and frequently hits board over various surfaces and distances.
- 9** DEAD BROKE – Advanced despite severe stumble as longshot but outrun by second pick locally
- 6** PELLAGRINO – Series of nice efforts earlier but drops after pair of disappointing tries.

### Race 2

- 3** SUGAR STREAK – Strong wide rally on turn then just failed to last sprinting after arriving from Kentucky.
- 5** SYMPHONY OF LOVE – Racing cheapest ever while stretching out and Curry barn having excellent year.
- 6** FLORENCIA – Failed turf experiment after some interest vs. similar in bow; merits some attention.
- 2** GLINDA – Signs of ability in 15 attempts and offers speed on occasion; chance if puts it all together,

### Race 3

- 8** KING DARIUS – Used up chasing rapid pace at Monmouth; scored easily after over year on sidelines.
- 7** THE CARLBROOK KID – Shelved since January after pair of dull tries but serious contender if ready.
- 4** HOSKINS – Makes presence felt early for sizzling Ness barn and claimed from two of last four starts.
- 1** MARCH SCREAMER – Numerous losses at short odds but significant drop for aggressive connections.

### Race 4

- 5** KNOWN BUT TO GOD – Son of great Curlin sold at auction for \$350,000; returns to much preferred surface.
- 2** RUCKUS – Handles grass or dirt but case of seconditis in 18 outings; gains late to complete exacta.
- 1** RAGGY ROCKS – Fair showing in dirt sprint but turf and distance are new; third race since arriving from California.
- 1A** COUSIN PETE – Improved speed in latest and lone turf outing at top maiden level; part of capable entry.

**Race 5**

<b>2</b>	<b>LION AND THE WOLF</b> – Forced pace long way in turf route but both victories on dirt; chance to shake loose.
<b>8</b>	<b>TOO MUCH DRAMA</b> – Rediscovered ability despite early roughing and wide rally; may continue progress.
<b>3</b>	<b>DESERTED</b> – Woke up when dropped to this spot and flattered when third finisher score next time.
<b>5</b>	<b>PRINCECSS ARENI</b> – Sufficient talent and hit board in seven of nine tries but sidelined since November.

**Race 6**

<b>9</b>	<b>WILDWOOD VACATION</b> – Chased rocket in comeback but difficult to like or ignore plunge to lowly claimer.
<b>7</b>	<b>FLATEXCEL</b> – Speedy gelding battled throughout at Delaware but hampered by stamina issues locally.
<b>8</b>	<b>STREET OFFICER</b> – Road warrior adjusted to rating in Jersey upset after trio of short odds defeats.
<b>4</b>	<b>ROANIE</b> – Deserves consideration but only two races since \$16,000 claim in April; likely needed last.

**Race 7**

<b>1</b>	<b>ORTINOLA</b> – Wide trip behind pair of favorites in tougher version at Laurel; adding blinkers and Pennington.
<b>5</b>	<b>PROMISED STORM</b> – Failed to offer true measure on turf after numerous big efforts on main track this year.
<b>6</b>	<b>SPECIAL RISK</b> – Pair of encouraging outings since Riviezzo re-claimed and handled two turns in past.
<b>7</b>	<b>HOLA PRINCESS</b> – Far behind again after early trouble but threat on best; Mosco barn having terrific year.

**Race 8**

<b>4</b>	<b>TAXABLE GOODS</b> – Nearly wired stake at Laurel and turf pro excelled from off pace in prior efforts.
<b>2</b>	<b>PAPAL LAW</b> – Developed nicely this season competing much better than odds predict; speed along inside.
<b>5</b>	<b>KELLI'S SMILE</b> – Close up in blanket finish and kin to stakes-placed turf runner; question of stamina.
<b>7</b>	<b>STORM FACTOR</b> – Makes key third start since layoff and contributes to lively pace in first route test.

**Race 9**

<b>10</b>	<b>LOUIE'S WISH</b> – Easily second best behind rapid newcomer when responding well to drop; outside stalking trip.
<b>8</b>	<b>LAY IT ON THE LINE</b> – Gave up early in slop but chased streaking winner previously; comes out flying.
<b>7</b>	<b>BIZ NASTY</b> – Back sprinting and just two lengths behind for higher tag here in July; obvious threat.
<b>4</b>	<b>BABBO BABBO BABBO</b> – Proved empty in stretch in comeback and taken for twice this amount; can't dismiss.