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Best Bets: TO THE FLAG (6th)—TRY FLYING (7th)

Race 1

1A	LADY LUCY LU— Offers few clues prior to debut but kin to solid runner and Zacney homebred.
5	BRYCE'S PHILLY— Far back vs. quicker group in bow and should benefit from drop and experience.
7	ANGEL RAPHAEL— Trailed compact field at Delaware after competing at top maiden level locally.
1	BELLA G— Soundly beaten after stumbling start at Monmouth but can't dismiss yet this level.

Race 2

8	MBRACE GRACE— Easily second best behind heavy favorite following hiatus and good winning percentage.
4	YELLOW WOLF— Takes plunge with recent Jersey upset but yet to show much locally for higher tags.
1A	DUNK A DIN— Made up ground in Jersey and won this spot here in May; contested pace would help.
5	J R JELLYBEAN— Came up empty on road trips but always a possibility with seven local victories.

Race 3

1	BOCA ROYALTY— Broke slowly with quicker sprinting and flashes of ability at Gulfstream.
3	SUNFEST— Moves turf to dirt for high percentage Dominguez barn and factor despite 26 losses.
4	BALLY SQUALL— Returns home and stretches out after chasing runaway winner locally.
5	FLAGGED— Likely needed first outing in two months and some progress anticipated.

Race 4

7	PASSION'S IMAGE— Traffic woes as odds-on chalk at Laurel but back on turf for leading stable.
2	HARLEY Q— Absent since January but drops into claimer after showings signs of interest earlier.
6	SHANGHAI MISTRESS— Speedy at Monmouth and used up after stumbling break; turf is new.
5	WINNING TOUGH— Encouraging works for debut and dam excelled in turf sprints; likely quick one.

Race 5	
8	SEEKING SHAMROCKS – Latest discouraging but impressed in prior two outings following layoff.
5	CONGRESSIONALSTORM – Hard used forcing pace in finish dominated by stretch-runners.
6	INITFORTHELONGHAUL – Remote third in tougher field and excellent 9-for-35 lifetime.
7	SANDY MISCHIEF – Sharp with similar prior to break and three race winning streak during winter.
Race 6	
1	TO THE FLAG – Game mare defeated similar in July when Pino took and should gain 15 th career score.
3	ANNIKA GOLD – Eventful trip behind top choice after moving to DeMasi barn; big race on occasion.
6	COLD HEARTED PEARL – Perfect since White barn claimed and faced quality rivals in past.
8	ANISSA – Chased runaway winner at Penn National after 50-1 shocker locally when claimed.
Race 7	
9	TRY FLYING – Cruised past capable field at Delaware after Ness took and takes logical next step.
8	REGAL QUALITY – Fired in five straight in Maryland and often forms bottom half of exacta.
2	MY PIRATE – Pressed pace long way when finishing behind top pick; numerous good efforts this year.
4	WATCH MY DUST – Drops after outrun again but offers closing kick at times and merits attention.
Race 8	
10	TRAILBLAZER – Weakened late in better field at Monmouth and displayed ability in each start.
4	SOUTHERN CHRISTMAS – Brief trouble on first turn in another nice try; surprised previously at 25-1.
6	TANDA'S JOY – Returns to preferred surface for Zulueta-Pennington combo; likely gaining late.
5	MINESHAFT MADNESS – Lightly raced but speedy and handles various surfaces; takes these long way.