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Best Bets: REGAL QUALITY (5th)-- ASTUTE WARRIOR (6th)

Race 1

- 3** ALPHA RUSH – Battled throughout when plunged to this level sprinting; gets blinkers and stretches out.
- 4** KNOWN BUT TO GOD – Dueled long way on turf and racing cheapest ever after \$350,000 auction buy.
- 6** OBVIOUSLY DRAMATIC – Runner-up three times since Gallimore claim and chased big favorite on turf.
- 5** GUNSANDORCHIDS – Private purchase with excuses only main track try; merits some attention.

Race 2

- 4** MAMBO AT THE GYM – Sharp lately at Delaware and could manage to run down loose pacesetter.
- 6** DON CAMILLO – Speedy shipper used up dueling at Timonium but dangerous if able to shake loose.
- 3** GOURMET DELIGHT – Ended losing streak trouncing lesser at Delaware; lost all 14 local attempts.
- 2** SUPER VISION – Fair try on road trip and faced tougher in past; Penaloza barn clicking at 18% rate.

Race 3

- 5** LI'L J – Set blistering fractions and stopped but significant drop and Navarro stable remains sizzling.
- 7** CAUSE FOR SURPRISE – Not much lately but impressed here in June and lively fractions could help.
- 6** STREET TAIL – Held on determinedly at Penn National after Dominguez claim but faces severe pressure.
- 3** WAITIN ON ONE – Far behind when overmatched but ample ability in past with 17 victories and \$455,566.

Race 4

- 5** MYSTERY WITNESS – Captured four of eight starts competing at Gulfstream; remains eligible as 3-year-old.
- 1** SURFER BOY GEORGE – Shelved since winning key maiden race in January; obvious threat this level.
- 9** BROTHER TEZ – Hampered by poor start behind streaking winner and major drop may wake up.
- 3** ANXIOUS – Runs well on occasion and could get closer than odds anticipate.

Race 5

8	REGAL QUALITY – Fired three times in Maryland since claim and finds cure for seconditis in ideal spot.
3	FIX ME A SANDWICH – Responded nicely to drop wiring two-time winners six days ago; extra furlong.
6	SCHLIFFY – Closed gap when changing barns for fifth time this season; benefit of recent race.
5	LI'L DUDE L DO IT – Idle couple months since claimed from upset but taking realistic next step.

Race 6

2	ASTUTE WARRIOR – Turf pro cruised past rivals at Penn National and success at various venues.
6	CLOONTIA – Dueled throughout vs. state-breds at Saratoga and capable of rallying from off pace.
3	TRILOGY – Contributes to disputed pace and hard used in last from difficult post; romped this spot in July.
8	CHAMPAGNE CHUCK – Fits nicely but series of frustrating losses this season; handles any footing.

Race 7

6	TAKE YOUR PLACE – Exits strong efforts in New York and claimed by Breen barn; outside stalking trip.
2	GET THE W – Often races better than odds predict and powerful try in longer test; ample early targets.
1	SOUTH SEA – Failed to offer true measure vs. quality field in Jersey; impressive local form.
5	COZY LOVER – Battled this far in longer race and terrific 9-for-18 over this track; competitive field.

Race 8

3	MEAD HALL – Gained late after difficult trip and seems capable of surprise with slight progress.
1	BOYD CROWDER – Roughed early sprinting and big race at times regardless of distance and footing.
6	FOREST FIRE – Upset similar in third race following layoff; won back-to-back twice in past.
7	RED RAZZO – Often defeated some of these but latest discouraging; re-claimed by Mosco same tag.

Race 9

3	MISS STAR LO – Much closer than anticipated in July; steps up in claiming tag but down in class.
2	GRACIAS ADIOS – Prevailed as expected as 6-5 chalk at Monmouth and Cibelli barn always a threat.
4	BETTY'S FAVORITE – Frequently hits board and adds to early duel; weight off after month freshener.
1	I CRIED A TEAR – Troubled trip on turf and scored over main track here for Bryant Taylor barn in May.