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Best Bets: LONG MAY YOU RUN (5th)-- LATE BREAKING NEWS (6th)

Race 1

- 6** PRETTY COOL CAT – Veteran mare regained closing kick when dropped to this spot; ample early targets.
- 7** CIAO LUNA – Improved setting pace when trying blinkers but finished behind top selection.
- 2** EMPTY HOUSE – Runs well on occasion and hits bottom again; ages since last victory.
- 4** ELNATH – Far from her best lately but sheds weight and can't dismiss yet against this kind.

Race 2

- 5** VESTED VENTURE – Hard used pressing pace when re-claimed; much success for Velazquez barn earlier.
- 1** VELOCITA BRILLANTE – Rebounded from poor showing with decisive score and hot “bug” rider aboard.
- 2** ROBIN'S DESTINY – Claimed from last three races and good try behind top pick before; first time for Lake.
- 7** SYDNEY TIME – Very slow fuse but picked off many opponents in recent outings; needs aid of pace set-up.

Race 3

- 6** HELENE JACQUELINE – Early trouble behind smashing winner in New York after encouraging debut here.
- 2B** SHEZ A DOUBLETAKE – Dueled long way before yielding to talented newcomer when bet to odds-on in bow.
- 3** BUCKY BE LUCKY – Hampered by traffic woes near top of stretch in debut; threat with clear sailing.
- 2** SECOND BITE – Improved after layoff taking drop when beaten by stablemate; avoiding claim tag.

Race 4

- 5** HONOR AND COURAGE – Finished third; far ahead of remainder of tougher field following Vega claim.
- 7** DON POLO – Soundly beaten by top pick but racing cheapest ever and formidable at times.
- 8** FREE FOR NOTHING – Signs of life against runaway winners lately and probable longshot again.
- 4** MAKE THE RULES – Fouled rival when edged at Penn National; Ness-Silvera combo on a roll.

Race 5

4 LONG MAY YOU RUN – Used up dueling in Laurel stake after brutal trip locally; ends rare losing streak.

3 TRUE BOLDNESS – Frequently close and gained late this spot last month; effective on lead or off pace.

5 VISIONARY RULER – Signs of ability in quality fields locally after competing in Jersey stakes last season.

1 FLASH DRIVE – Wired two-time winners at Penn National and likely comes out flying from inside.

Race 6

8 LATE BREAKING NEWS – Looked bit like old self romping at Penn National; repeats with renewed confidence.

7 DEVINE DENTAL – Speedster stretching out again and often tigerish when able to control fractions.

1 QUALITY ASSET – Powerful closer claimed from solid field and boasts 7-for-29 record on this track.

9 THE ROBERT – Distant fourth when overmatched but crushed lesser previously despite rough trip.

Race 7

4 RED RAZZO – Hard to love or ignore plunge after lucrative score; eight-year-old with \$711,006 in bank.

3 MANOLETE – Stopped under pressure in last but impressed in prior two victories going long and short.

9 MIAMI TIGER – Cruised past easier when taking significant drop; deserves some attention.

5 DIAMOND SETTER – Upset two of last three attempts at 29-1 and 27-1; appears in peak form.

Race 8

1A MASONS TURN – Just over four lengths behind in vastly tougher field; strong closing punch in January win.

2 THESE BLUES – Eliminated at start with bad stumble; realistic drop for third start since layoff.

5 CHELIOS – Advanced wide after slow start in good effort behind odds-on entrymates at this level.

4 COUNTY CORRECTIONS – Hard-earned victory this distance when claimed; runner-up has competed well since.

Race 9

7 WAIT FOR IT – Appears as good as ever since return and defeated similar group after failing in stake.

8 SENIOR INVESTMENT – Outran capable rivals at Laurel after battling top pick locally; three pound weight shift.

4 SEMI EXCITED – Disappointed after absent two months but awesome previously; steps up for this.

6 RUBY BLEU – Terrific past few seasons but no match for top pair in latest; nearing half million mark.

Race 10

1 LITTLE CAT GEE – Remote third in better version of this spot; works out rail rally behind contested pace.

6 ROSE OF DUBLIN – Serious contender if throw out latest when outrun by top choice; difficult to guess.

8 ALTAR OF SPEED – Likely holds ability advantage but idle since November and dropping; threat if ready.

2 SUNFEST – Survived traffic trouble to prevail again and possibility taking realistic next step.