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Best Bets: SUGAR STREAK (3rd)-- ARRECIFE (9th)

Race 1

- 2** THREATLOVESMIDNITE – Pressed eventual winner long way in route; game score previously vs. odds-on foe.
- 3** THUNDERSHOOK – Disappointing try when claimed but drops with series of nice efforts this winter.
- 9** TOWN JAK – Overcame traffic problems to defeat single-winners and threat with realistic next step.
- 8** WICKED GRIN – Prevailed after layoff in first try for Carlos Guerrero barn and further progress likely.

Race 2

- 6** ALWAYS FREE – Set clear pace before yielding to runaway stretch-runner and seems capable of wiring.
- 5** LEGENDARY JACK – Just ahead of top choice after trouble near top of stretch; romped in Nov. comeback.
- 4** PROUD AND FURIOUS – Edged for higher tag with state-breds after bearing out into stretch; \$16,000 claim.
- 9** JUMP SHOT – Stretching out again where he achieved success at Penn National; handles wet footing.

Race 3

- 3** SUGAR STREAK – Much the best in January return but lost due to interference; similar try sufficient.
- 1** LI'LBITO'CHARM – Led to late stages in sprint and could prove tough to catch with slower fractions.
- 4** DUMTADUMTADUM – Frequently close but raced sparingly; rain in forecast may prove helpful.
- 7** JOYCEE'S SPIRIT – Absent three months but contributes to contested pace; might need this.

Race 4

- 4** MANIPULATE – Surged late to edge single-winners and nearly always close; soft version of this spot.
- 6** SOUNDS GOOD – New York shipper with slow fuse and bulk of earnings achieved at Finger Lakes.
- 1** LEGACY'S PRINCE – Led for half mile before fading and faced classier in past; upset possibility.
- 3** BILL'S MAFIA – Speed nearest inside as probable pacesetter but stamina issues persist.

Race 5

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| 5 | OTIS OTIS OTIS – Sharp twice at this level and shorter distance appears plus; faces early pressure. |
| 6 | BOSTON LIGHT – Trio of losses at short odds but ability to pose threat for 24% Zulueta barn. |
| 3 | INSPIRING JUSTICE – Improving speedster just failed to last in slop; outrun by top pair in past. |
| 10 | UNCLE MANNY – Weakened in debut behind impressive newcomer and drops into high-priced claimer. |

Race 6

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| 1 | THE CARLBROOK KID – Dueled and continued nicely at loftier level; speed along rail been plus lately. |
| 3 | LITTLE SIETE – History of hitting board with lone victory from 22 attempts but major danger this spot. |
| 6 | OFF THE MARK – Battled throughout in race taken by closer after arriving from Florida; also entered Monday. |
| 7 | LAWYER ROY – Rapid gelding changed hands and tends to falter in stretch but merits attention. |

Race 7

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| 10 | TIZ A DATE – Chased tougher twice since claim but should regain confidence this level despite post. |
| 9 | FINISHING SCHOOL – Easily second best behind heavy favorite in bulky field; early pressure again. |
| 7 | ZENSATIONAL DIXIE – Not much in latest but closed big gap previously and tries route second time. |
| 3 | HAILEY'S WAY – Returns to amount of claim and retains Pennington; good race on occasion. |

Race 8

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| 7 | IRISH COLONEL – Re-claimed by sizzling Ness stable where he proved valuable in past; solid opposition. |
| 2 | SHANE'S JEWEL – Came again in determined score and speedy threat again; handles wet surface. |
| 1 | HEY JABBER JAW – Eventful trip at Penn National after excellent effort locally; terrific 14-for-40 lifetime. |
| 1A | FIX ME A SANDWICH – Stopped abruptly after half mile in slop but boasted seven victories last season. |

Race 9

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| 8 | ARRECIFE – Runner-up at 62-1 despite stumbling badly and losing irons at start; both wins on wet tracks. |
| 1A | YOU MUST CHILL – Often close at major meets on West Coast and Pa.-bred purchased to compete here. |
| 1 | ASPEN XTREME – Moved easily to front with slow fractions in route; fits well but case of seconditis. |
| 9 | SCREEN SAVER – Hinted at ability in September and upset chance but making first start of year. |

Race 10

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| 11 | CHAMPAGNE CHUCK – Last couple encouraging and tigerish here in 2018; speed to overcome post. |
| 10 | UNDENIABLE TEMPER – Re-claimed soon as possible by Penaloza barn and drops notch; flying late. |
| 8 | J R JELLYBEAN – Dueled then faded in second start after hiatus; defeated this kind in past. |
| 5 | THE MONEY TRAIN – Faltered after lacking room on final turn; makes presence felt early. |