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**Best Bets: PRIVATE PARTY (7<sup>th</sup>)—DIG CHARLIE DIG (8<sup>th</sup>)**

### Race 1

- 2** MORISSETTE – Awkward start in latest and overmatched prior outing; works out favorable inside trip.
- 5** MAD MARY – Finished less than length ahead of top choice; most effective when reaches front early.
- 9** DEEP CANYON – Dominated throughout in improved display of stamina; outside zip with logical next spot.
- 7** LIGHTS DOWN LOW – Anticipated better last time but fast track and contested pace would help.

### Race 2

- 11** THOMAS KNIGHT – Responded well to drop battling back as favorite; Taylor-Rodriguez formidable combo.
- 2** WHITE BLUFF – Edged away following Zulueta claim to end long losing skid; key threat with inside speed.
- 6** EKATI WILDCAT– Competed lately in New York for higher tags and five-time winner last year in Midwest.
- 9** ASK CHUCK – Late gain as longshot after sluggish start and defeated this kind in past.

### Race 3

- 8** RESONATE – Nearly rallied from last to first after slow start and moves from open to beaten spot.
- 4** IWISHIRISH – Exits narrow loss in same race as top selection when claimed again; usually fires.
- 1** CHANCEE – Crushed lesser with inside speed and same possibility; hot rider aboard in Frey.
- 3** GIRL POWDER – Bought from this level sprinting and rare test of stamina; weight off for this test.

### Race 4

- 6** BAAQEYA – Last bit more like it and ran good race on occasion in past; could surprise with best showing.
- 1** ALEDA LUTZ – Wired single-winners and inside speed with realistic next step; must put pair together.
- 2** DEAREST ELLA – Competed nicely in slop and pair of decisive scores recent months; merits attention.
- 3** GOSSIP ISLE – Florida shipper raced only once since October but sufficient ability, under new management.

**Race 5**

<b>3</b>	<b>DODDSPRIVATELABEL</b> – Stretch-runner claimed by Zulueta where he achieved much success here in past.
<b>8</b>	<b>MATCH UP</b> – Displayed fitness after layoff and held off top choice last year; back up claiming ladder.
<b>10</b>	<b>HE'S GOT TALENT</b> – Advanced late in blanket finish and excellent record this yardage over many years.
<b>2</b>	<b>DRAXHALL WOODS</b> – Ten-year-old with over half million in bank makes 96 <sup>th</sup> start as contender.

**Race 6**

<b>5</b>	<b>JOHNNY JIGGLE</b> – Some late energy in Laurel sprint debut; extra distance and blinkers should help.
<b>7</b>	<b>RICHIE GOES GLOBAL</b> – Flashes of ability in brief career and drops notch; already with route experience.
<b>1A</b>	<b>RONIN WARRIOR</b> – Remote fourth vs. state-breds and fair this level previously; some progress necessary.
<b>2</b>	<b>THIN SPACES</b> – Trailed compact group in Aqueduct debut; drops, stretches out, and gets Lasix.

**Race 7**

<b>3</b>	<b>PRIVATE PARTY</b> – Roughed early when far behind as heavy favorite; impressive romp in prior outing.
<b>2</b>	<b>THE GREAT SAMURAI</b> – Taken up early in solid company and all local efforts good; case of seconditis.
<b>6</b>	<b>TOMATER GATOR</b> – Rebounded from poor showing advancing behind 7-5 winner; re-claimed in past.
<b>7</b>	<b>MIDNIGHT GAMES</b> – Passed rivals behind smashing winner; flattered when runner-up won on Tuesday.

**Race 8**

<b>4</b>	<b>DIG CHARLIE DIG</b> – Surged late when just missing and seems well-spotted; Velazquez barn excelling with claims.
<b>8</b>	<b>CATCH FIRE</b> – Improved re-claim by John Rodriguez barn edged by streaking winner this spot; late punch likely.
<b>7</b>	<b>BUDDY'S RUN</b> – Excellent form for Gonzalez barn at Laurel and obvious threat as probable favorite.
<b>1</b>	<b>FLAT OUT BEAUTIFUL</b> – Idle since failing twice as odds-on chalk in routes; fits despite rare route attempt.

**Race 9**

<b>14</b>	<b>R LUCKY CHARM</b> – Hard used chasing smashing winner in tougher version this spot; seems best if draws in.
<b>5</b>	<b>LUNA AZTECA</b> – Returns north from Tampa but numerous losses at short odds; part of exacta 13 of 28 tries.
<b>11</b>	<b>MY CHESA CHARM</b> – Speedy mare switches from open to beaten spot in first local appearance.
<b>1</b>	<b>PANSY</b> – Favorable situation of early zip along rail but faces severe pressure with stamina issues.