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Best Bets: SIGHT LINE (4TH)-- CONGRATS ANSWER (5th)

Race 1

- 4** AMERICAN ROMA – Finished first last pair but lost via disqualification; actual drop for new connections.
- 6** WATCH YOUR WORDS – Improved try as longshot when runner-up to New York invader; third race since return.
- 8** ARRIVEDERCI – Distant fourth in better field and outrun by top pick previously; five time winner last year.
- 5** MARQ ONE – Offers closing kick on occasion and could benefit from fast track after wet surface defeats.

Race 2

- 2** KING KOA – Significant drop after Laurel loss and battled streaking winner locally; leading rider aboard.
- 4** THREE PHASE – Determined rally to edge talented sprinters when claimed; also handles route.
- 3** MIAMI TIGER – Ran down odds-on favorite in another upset when Lake took; retains apprentice Milan.
- 5** ASPHALT PAVING – Long losing streak in classy company and could flash speed in this spot.

Race 3

- 2** LOTTO – Chased repeat winner at Laurel and sharp prior two outings; edge with soft opposition.
- 4** SNIDELY – Stablemate of top pick overmatched in last but advanced well locally here in January.
- 5** BRIDLECREST – Vied early before yielding to runaway winner; edged by second choice before.
- 7** LITTLE TOWN BLUES – Fair rallies against similar in 12 losses; stumbling start hurt chances.

Race 4

- 1** SIGHT LINE – Easily second best behind Ness drop-down winner; much success in past for Brown stable.
- 5** YOU TELL ME – Responded well to competing cheapest ever in local bow; realistic next step.
- 7** RINGS OF JUPITER – Softest task since 20-1 surprise here in December; back against routers.
- 2** HIGH FLYING GUY – Faced tougher all seven attempts since claim and might wake up this level.

Race 5

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| 3 | CONGRATS ANSWER – Hard used dueling odds-on chalk and bought privately since; makes steady progress. |
| 6 | ARIMA – Troubled trip when trying blinkers and daughter of solid sire hinted at ability earlier. |
| 5 | BUCKY BE LUCKY – Brief trouble in poor showing but threat if able to duplicate big debut effort. |
| 1 | RISQUE'S JEWEL – Distant runner-up to smashing winner and back against open company. |

Race 6

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| 4 | WAY OVER BUDGET – Set pressured fractions before yielding to runaway winner; might wire this group. |
| 3 | DISCREET CATHY – Bid wide then faded from difficult post; making key third start since hiatus. |
| 8 | HAILEY'S WAY—Fair try behind top selection but bulk of earnings from sprints; merits attention. |
| 6 | SUNFEST – Series of good efforts for hot Dominguez barn hitting board in six straight. |

Race 7

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| 3 | SECOND BITE – Improved to defeat solid field of maidens in second race since return; ample targets again. |
| 6 | SUNFLOWER ROSE – Captured this spot over wet surface in first local appearance for Taylor barn. |
| 2 | BELLA G – Angled wide and closed strongly in possibly best yet; must put it all together. |
| 4 | LANDING ZONE – Encouraging form in Maryland for high percentage Gonzalez barn; late kick likely. |

Race 8

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| 1A | COMMANDEERING – Pressed next-out winner long way this spot; works out more favorable pace scenario. |
| 8 | FLAT OUT FLYING – Rallied through traffic on final turn and closed well when clear ahead of top choice. |
| 9 | TRUE BLUE – Frequently competes better than odds predict with finishing kick; pushed to his limit. |
| 2 | BOSS OF BOURBON ST – Game try with lesser when claimed by Brennan; raced at many venues. |

Race 9

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| 9 | GETOUTTAMYWAY – Rallied notch higher than this in January after winning two prior races; solid field. |
| 1 | FILLUPCOHENSAPIKER – Defeated routers last week and also adept sprinting despite many slow starts. |
| 2 | BARLEY JACK – Ran into tigress again in latest and won four times since Ness claim with Pennington up. |
| 3 | CAPTAIN SAM – Speedy mare almost always reaches front early; idle since early November but threat. |

Race 10

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| 10 | TOO MUCH JOHNNIE – Failed to give true measure when overmatched in mud; removes blinkers and drops. |
| 7 | OFF THE MARK – Sluggish break behind quicker duo and fired both starts since arriving from Florida. |
| 12 | ACERE – Battled throughout this spot and Linder barn has them firing; faces early pressure again. |
| 11 | GEEBERT – Pulled away from maidens when claimed and possibility taking realistic next step. |