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Best Bets: SECRET PATH (4th) -- ICONIC LEGACY (8th)

4 PRINCE COLTON – Determined score in recent outing and perfect locally around two turns.

1 CHECK MY SIX – Failed turf experiment but strong prior form on main track as threat.

2 DANCE A DINI – Returns to preferred surface where he won decisively last month; fits well.

9 THE GATEKEEPER – Rediscovered speed and ability when responding nicely to plunge.

Race 2

3 SHACKLEFORD COUNTY – Rallied strongly behind favored winner after layoff; can progress.

2 SENSE A MILLION – Advanced late behind top choice and another 10-time winner during career.

1 LIPLOCK – Signs of interest lately on turf and dirt and sheds five pounds as possibility.

4 SHE'S GOT GAME – Probable pacesetter hampered by stamina issues; needs to shake loose.

Race 3

4 EDGE OF GLORY – Weakened as huge favorite when dropping again; facing soft opposition.

1 MAJOR CAM – Narrowed big gap when finishing ahead of top pick; needs alert break from rail.

6 MISTER MOORE – Hard used dueling again in sprint and likely pacesetter with softer fractions.

8 CARNIVORE – Numerous losses at short odds but showed ability in past; can't dismiss yet.

Race 4

3 SECRET PATH – Determined try against streaking winner when claimed from this spot; Lopez up

5 PIT BOSS – Rebounded from poor showing with 26-1 surprise following claim by Arce barn.

2 ROMAN EMPIRE – Crushed easier in strongest outing in ages; chance despite major jump.

7 SHERIFF RONNIE – Four-time winner this year idle couple months since dull effort in mud.

Race 5

1 VITAEMI – Looked bit like old self when battling throughout last; 9-year-old with 13 victories.

8 LEAN ON E – Veteran altered usual running style and closed well in recent races; key threat.

10 PEYTON'S COLLEGE – Seeks third straight score with Martinez up; realistic next step.

3 MATTY BO – Speedy filly dueled to final yards with similar when claimed; softens front-runners.

Race 6

1 SCAMP WALKER – Competed well despite breaking poorly again; Padilla-Preciado barn firing.

5 MY MAN WOODY – Finished one length in front of top choice with better trip; romped in April.

3 CHECKING BOXES – Drops after weakening in stretch again; needs to reach front early.

7 MILAGROSO – Likely to be gaining late but lone victory from 27 tries; some progress needed.

Race 7

2	LOVE TO EAT – Set pace before humbled by favored Oaklawn invader; shorter yardage a plus.
4	TEMPEST RISING – Good form since Mosco claim and finished just over length behind top pick.
7	FROSTED DIAMOND – Roughed early with similar and prior two races encouraging; hot rider.
5	PRINCESS CUPID – Gave up early when overmatched in comeback; speedy and logical drop.

Race 8

8	ICONIC LEGACY – Trounced lesser in impressive style when Lake claimed; can handle raise.
9	EGO MAN – Very game effort when edged by pair of closers after battling throughout this spot.
1	FAST BOB – Veteran stretch-runner closed strongly when rebounding from poor try; dangerous.
6	JW'STRICKYMISCHIEF – Controlled early and battled when collared; just 4-for-66 lifetime.

Race 9

9	FIRE PIT – Chased heavily-favored experienced rival when easily second best in Laurel debut.
10	CHILL BOSS – Half-brother won and placed in numerous stakes; sire gets some quick ones.
7	THE TIRE MAN – Remote third in bow but should benefit from experience vs. many rookies.
4	ANALOG JONES – Working quickly over track and sire finished first, DQ'd in Kentucky Derby.

Race 10

3	YESTERNIGHT – Dueled long way in talented and bulky field after layoff at Churchill; fired locally
4	AOIFE'S MAGIC – Unlucky on turf and prior try possibly best yet; Parx Horse of Year gets Lasix.
6	MIA TOSCA – Shown talent and versatility winning long and short recently; quick return to claim.
5	BENEATH THE STARS – Absent nearly three months since Ness took for \$40,000; back on dirt.

Race 11

8	ADERO – Dueled odds-on winner to late yards and prior loss in graded stake; capable and game
5	BESTSUGARDADDYEVER – Romped at Laurel after outrun by top pick locally; 6-for-13 lifetime.
7	WINDSOR GOLD – Big effort after shoe repair when Moore took for \$40,000; retains Wolfsont.
4	IRISH CORK – Failed to solid stake on road trip but back on Lasix and much success locally.

Race 12

4	DALTON – Set up well for elongated sprint when prominent long way in route; drops after claim.
3	DIXIE'S TWO STENTS – Slow fuse but significant drop competing cheapest ever; lures Lopez.
11	RUNYONESQUE – Versatile lately but exits series of frustrating losses at this level for Guerrero.
1	CONNECTING – Keeps firing and trounced two-time winners with perfect trip; yardage suits.