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Best Bets: HIDDEN CACHE (5th) -- KOHLER'S (11th)

Race 1

- 5** TEEWINOT PASS – Overmatched in last but trounced cheaper previously; set up this yardage.
- 7** ANGELUS WARRIOR – Veteran exits big effort this distance; part of exacta in 19 of 44 starts.
- 9** GABE – Speedy and faced classier in past; tired late in shorter test as 6-5 chalk with Lopez.
- 6** HOTPOT – Slow fuse but drops notch returning to sprint; Pino stable clicking at 23% locally.

Race 2

- 1** PRACTICAL RACHEL – Failed turf experiment but should regain closing kick with this kind.
- 9** ONTHISHARVESTMOON – Used up chasing runaway winner; much shorter time between races.
- 8** WINE GODDESS – Some progress after roughed early with similar; lone win in 26 tries.
- 4** DOROTHY'S THE BOSS – Faded before half mile following hiatus; very long losing skid.

Race 3

- 5** LEVEL UP – Pressed loose pacesetter when dropping; claimed by sizzling Irving Rodriguez barn
- 6** SILENT MODE – Finished ahead of top choice as longshot; crushed soft group at Penn National.
- 3** RENEGADE SERENADE- Weakened on road trips but last local try encouraging in route.
- 1** SHEER DOMINANCE – Trailed after early trouble on turf after romping in prior dirt outing.

Race 4

- 2** JSK LUCKY'S PUSHPA – Probably best when just missing despite poor break; changed hands.
- 3** ANGELIC STORM – Not much last pair but formidable at times and softer route fractions plus.
- 5** LIAM'S KISS – Defeated even softer at Penn National and hot apprentice in Aguilar.
- 8** FAR HEART – Likely ability advantage but sidelined over year and might need this.

Race 5

- 8** HIDDEN CACHE – Less than four lengths behind in better field and decisive score previously.
- 5** AKNA – Dueled to final stages as favorite this level; chased smashing winner in prior start.
- 4** BOHEMIA BABE – Rediscovered stamina in 31-1 shocker and taking realistic next step.
- 3** THAT'STONY'SSISTER – Primed for this yardage prompting pace in turf route; upset chance.

Race 6

- 2** SHADOW MAN – Back on main track where he scored by double-digits vs. maidens last month.
- 1** RABBIT – Rallied behind contested pace when runner-up this spot; testing stamina again.
- 4** NOT THISTIMERANDY – In too deep in latest but fired in seven prior starts; fits nicely this spot.
- 3** KHOPEH – Disappointed when taking plunge but showed route ability earlier at Gulfstream.

Race 7

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| 2 | CONNELMAURA – Absent few months but should handle this kind if ready for Solis stable. |
| 6 | DIXIE GROOVE – Keeps firing and closed well sprinting; good form in local routes as threat. |
| 5 | SIRENETTA – Chased huge favorite in compact field; winless in 12 attempts this season. |
| 1 | LULI'S DANCER – Often finished behind trio above but possibility with some progress. |

Race 8

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| 10 | CASTILLEJA – Better in past but drops again after Padilla-Preciado barn winning at 20% clip. |
| 4 | OLD HEAD – Determined rally at loftier level and crushed three-time winners in prior outing. |
| 9 | HIGHTIME VALENTINE – Frequently close and sharp this level in latest; Castillo barn firing. |
| 7 | CAPTIVATING CARA – Step forward when easily second best but lost all 7 tries this distance. |

Race 9

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| 3 | WHOOSH – Very slow fuse and had 16 chances but should regain finishing kick with these. |
| 1 | BIAGIO – Flashes of interest over various surfaces and distances; weight off for this. |
| 4 | A COMPLETE ANIMAL – Dueled to stretch before weakening in May debut; merits attention. |
| 2 | PACIFIC STATES – Poor showing with wide trip but previous effort good; prior losses vs. better. |

Race 10

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| 8 | AMBITIOUSLY PLACED – Looking like old self after romping last pair; seeks 11 th career score. |
| 1 | SUMMARY JUDGMENT – Won and claimed in latest and serious threat with speed along inside. |
| 6 | PEACH PERFECT – Game mare drops and boasts pair of double-digit scores this season. |
| 2 | DIVINE ROMANCE – Outrun by second pick but weight shift in her favor; recent Laurel win. |

Race 11

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| 3 | KOHLER'S – Determined score despite constant pressure after layoff when adding Lasix. |
| 6 | EDDIE W – Excellent form and shown versatility this season; improving and late kick likely. |
| 4 | CHARLIE SHOWTIME – Just lasted to remain perfect after two starts; entered again with tag. |
| 7 | SAVAGE DRAGON – Led to stretch in game try in first outing of year; progress anticipated. |

Race 12

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| 10 | LARGE – Chronic poor starter edged in latest and post farther out from rail proves helpful. |
| 2 | JARLIAN – Primed for this in turf route and plunges to bottom tag; must put it all together. |
| 8 | JEBOLOGIST – Set pace then bore out at top of stretch last week in route; upset winner sprint. |
| 9 | MAXIM MOMENT – Dueled long way before yielding to heavily-favored closer; must consider. |