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Best Bets: **HOLDTHEFLIGHT (4th) – TIZ LORD (8th)**

Race 1

- 7** SUENO PROFUNDO – Made up ground in much tougher field after trouncing two-time winners.
- 2** DREAM KNIGHT – Solid effort this spot behind longshot winner in bulky field; main threat.
- 1** MY MAN WOODY – Exits pair of decisive scores and runner-up to top choice in July.
- 6** NAVY RULES – Weakened in slightly better field after pulling away from easier at Penn National.

Race 2

- 3** SUMMARY JUDGMENT – Difficult to love or dismiss plunge after responding to rating tactics.
- 7** BATTALIA – Eventful trip in last after three straight victories; likely pacesetter in stamina test.
- 4** VITAEMI – Battled entire sprint after hiatus; stretches out ensuring rapid early fractions.
- 5** PEACH PERFECT – Sufficient ability and determination but hard to guess lately; hits bottom.

Race 3

- 2** UNION BELLE – Competed with better since local arrival and Kirby stable clicking at 20%.
- 5** PROBLEMS ABOUND – Absent three months since poor showing but merits attention this level.
- 3** THE GIRL'S NO JOKE – Edged capable newcomer when adding Lasix and realistic next step.
- 4** ROYAL UPSTART – Wired soft opposition in 12th attempt and likely tested against this group.

Race 4

- 5** HOLDTHEFLIGHT – Victim of traffic problems following Diaz barn claim; faced classy foes past.
- 4** MIDNIGHT ACT – Rebounded from trailing cruising past top selection to end losing streak.
- 1** TYCOON – Weakened under pressure at loftier level after capturing three in row at Monmouth.
- 2** COCO SHELL – Within inches of taking four straight in Jersey with Elliott aboard; dangerous.

Race 5

- 6** HOP ON ME – Failed turf experiments but drops returning to main track; can end losing skid.
- 3** SHE'SALLATWITTER – Lost last pair on road trips after winning locally on turf; handles dirt.
- 8** ONE VIOLENT AFFAIR – Caught in final stages at Delaware as heavy favorite; speedy contender.
- 5** ALMA BRILHA – Disregard turf outing and defeated maidens after claim previously; fits well.

Race 6

- 2** PLEASANT EMBRACE – Excellent speed in Monmouth score; won three of four on main track.
- 7** DREAM CHASER – May have needed first race since May when Ness took for \$25,000; blinks on.
- 1** PRINCESS CUPID – Rapid mare draws inside with Lopez as major threat; faces early pressure.
- 3** SIRANI – Trounced lesser last pair and Soto-Martinez barn 25% after claim; tested with these.

Race 7

3	MAGICNTHEMOONLIGHT – Used up dueling rapid company after hiatus; speedy and determined
4	SIR MI TOLEE – Crushed slightly easier in first local try; DeMasi claim nearly always fires.
6	KEITHSENDSELLOOOO – Rallied in compact stake field Saturday; ample early targets help.
1	DON'T WAIT UP – Soundly beaten in last but finished ahead of top pick with fitness advantage.

Race 8

4	TIZ LORD – Chased invader from Parx at Delaware; should benefit from initial route attempt.
3	PATRIARCHAL – Gradual gain sprinting this level after competing at Spa; tests stamina again.
5	LA GROTTTE – Closer than anticipated on Monmouth turf and good on occasion this surface.
1	ACTION HERO – Advanced behind second pick after hiatus; already shown route prowess.