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Best Bets: EGO MAN (4th) – ASSEMBLY POINT (9th)

Race 1

- 2** DIXIE'S TWO STENTS – Flashes of ability and hits bottom following claim to end losing streak.
- 5** EL HERMANO -- Runner-up last pair this spot with wide rallies; veteran with 11 victories.
- 1** UP AGAINST IT – Raced sparingly but decent try after hiatus at Timonium; now in Lake barn.
- 4** SUPER JOHN – Some progress in latest and might shake loose early at long odds.

Race 2

- 3** MASK PATROL – Overmatched in last but two prior outings since layoff encouraging; hot barn.
- 5** I FEELUCKY TONITE – Edged capable group after idle nearly three months; positive pace set-up.
- 6** DUNPHY – Ness runner speedy elsewhere with some stamina issues; first local appearance.
- 2** CARBONITE – Competing better than odds suggest and actual drop and lures Paco Lopez.

Race 3

- 3** SIRANI – Crushed single-winners when taking plunge and looms short odds with logical step.
- 1** BURNING EMBERS – Good earlier but on decline last pair; Lupe Guerrero claim merits attention.
- 4** BROOKLYN HEIGHTS – Back sprinting with own kind and exits tougher version in prior outing.
- 2** SECRET LIFE – Perfect in two attempts at Delaware with Cotto aboard; merits some attention.

Race 4

- 5** EGO MAN – Veteran ended rare losing skid with 11th triumph; likely repeater with similar effort.
- 3** AGGRANDIZE – Early trouble when in too deep in stake and last local try terrific; must respect.
- 2** JW'STRICKYMISCHIEF – Nine-year-old still rapid and likely aided by shorter distance as threat.
- 1** HARLEY'S CHARLY – Cruised past cheaper in best yet for sizzling Padilla-Preciado stable.

Race 5

- 9** WHY NOT BABE – Runs solid race on occasion and able to avoid claim after layoff; upset shot.
- 3** KHOZY COLBY – Continued well after trying to bear out top stretch when claimed again; threat.
- 4** RUMINT – Hard-earned score at Penn National as 3-5 chalk; dangerous again this level for Ness.
- 10** GRACE REFORMED – Back home sprinting after odds-on loss in Delaware route; fits with these.

Race 6

- 6** ADDYSON'S DREAM – Numerous good efforts in 11 attempts and likely edge with Sanchez up.
- 3** HARP'S HOT CORNER – Used up forcing quick pace as 3-5 chalk after layoff; should progress.
- 7** TRUMPTASTIC – Good efforts at classy meets and taken for \$50,000 in June at Churchill.
- 1** KEY STAT – Disappointing try against similar but removes blinkers and prior efforts excellent.

Race 7

11	AMERICAN UNITY- Terrific gelding boats 12-for-33 career mark; edged in two recent turf tries.
4	MORE THAN WORK – Lightly raced but ample ability and trounced rivals after layoff in June.
6	HOKU – Returns to preferred surface and removes blinkers; captured two of three local on turf.
2	MT SURIBACHI – Upset winner from extreme outside post at Delaware; best when rated early.

Race 8

1	HEY PORTER – Improving stretch-runner won three of last four races here; ample early targets.
2	SPLENDOR BEAUTY – Led than dueled long way in solid effort this spot; speed nearest inside.
4	PRINCE COLTON – Bargain claim gives his best every time; obvious threat with logical next step
5	SILENT MODE – Shocked opponents at 25-1 for new connections and adds to lively fractions.

Race 9

8	ASSEMBLY POINT – Defeated easier with energy in reserve; pair of decisive scores with Lopez.
1	GREENER PASTURES – Battled to final yards in return after shipping from Ky; should progress.
3	CAUGHTANDCOLLECTED – Fair try at Colonial but faced classier in past; winless all 7 attempts.
6	TYCOON – Captured three straight at Monmouth and capable in front or from off pace; new barn.