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Best Bets: FAST BOB (7th) -- SUNDAY SPIRIT (8th)

Race 1

- 5** NAMORA- Aggressive drop after \$16,000 claim earlier; ends loss streak for Ness-Sanchez combo
- 1** TREASURE PEACE – Hard used dueling drop-down winner; speed along inside plus lately.
- 7** SWANS ISLAND – Switches turf to dirt and flashes of interest earlier; contributes to quick pace.
- 3** JAVA'S LUCKY LADY – Battled all way in narrow loss at Penn National; third race since return.

Race 2

- 1** LA TACHE – Upset big favorite in Delaware finale and Sillaman barn excelling with shippers.
- 5** LIAM'S KISS – Game mare fired six straight but failed at 3-5 this spot; obvious threat again.
- 2** AMALFI LADY – Progressed in recent outings, finishing less than one length behind second pick
- 4** CONNELMAURA – Back stretching out again on main track; chance to end long losing skid.

Race 3

- 4** VILLANITO – Drops after chasing smashing winner in second race after hiatus; can handle these
- 5** KHOPE\$H – Narrowed gap behind top choice and edged this spot earlier; late kick anticipated.
- 6** BEAN MACHINE – Competed exclusively on turf and synthetic but racing cheapest ever.
- 7** RUN CORY RUN – Prominent throughout when claimed from first local start; merits attention.

Race 4

- 1** CATTI LA BELLE – Overcame traffic problems to capture sprint after Wyner barn re-claimed.
- 5** BUNNY BONUS – Raced well but lacked early zip displayed in past; must put it all together.
- 3** CREATIVE COPY – Ample heart and ability but raced only once since April when Hernandez won
- 4** HAPPY UNION – Outran sprinters in decisive style and pushed top pick to limit prior outing.

Race 5

- 2** ZOPPI FISCHBEIN – Closed gap behind better company in sprint and bevy of early targets a plus
- 3** CHECKITUP – Dueled then pulled away from softer rivals in confidence booster; threat again.
- 6** PARKERNESS – Speedy gelding possible pacesetter and hit board all four local tries; consider.
- 4** EDDIE W – Edged top choice after setting pace in latest; rallied from far back earlier sprint.

Race 6

- 7** IT'S GAME TIME – Dueled to stretch in typical game effort; 16 victories and might shake loose.
- 8** ROADTRIP\$NOWHERE – Formidable at times and drops notch seeking first score in over year.
- 6** VINE JET – Cruised past easier when claimed back by Perez barn; stalker nearly always fires.
- 4** PREDOMINATE – Improved after claim to edge heavy favorite; continues progress stepping up.

Race 7

9	FAST BOB – Looked like old self again sweeping past bulky field with perfect trip; should repeat.
4	KATE'S GOLDEN DUDE – Nine-year-old lightly raced but rapid and amazing 16 career scores.
5	HOTPOT – Stretch-runner frequently claimed and offers big closing kick; sat out “jail” for this.
11	JUSTINSPEIGHTOFIT – Humbled by heavily-favored Ness runner at Delaware after winning twice

Race 8

6	SUNDAY SPIRIT – Pair of nice efforts since arriving from Ky.; recent rival romped again in Md.
7	ATROCIOUS – Competed well but overmatched in stake after racing on synthetic Presque Isle.
1	TRICOLOUR – Stuck head in front at eighth pole then hung when runner-up for 13 th time.
5	IRISH WISH – Far back twice during summer but worked quickly since; respect Reid runners.

Race 9

1	NINJA PRIZE – Dueled formidable rival throughout in game try when claimed for \$25,000.
4	WINNING TIME – Rapid and talented runner raced very sparingly but fired after long layoff Jan.
6	ALL AMERICAN ROD – Perfect both attempts as longshot; shelved since March but dangerous.
2	BOLT OF AURUM – Battled to final furlong in solid Laurel field when adding Lasix; barn at 23%.

Race 10

2	PRETTY LILY – Rallied nicely behind Ness barn winner in tougher version of this spot.
10	FAST GAL – Hard used dueling in longer test dominated by closers; obvious threat with Lopez.
5	JOB'S NOT FINISHED – Finished behind top pick after hiatus and might continue to improve.
8	THE GIRL'S NO JOKE – Drops notch and adds to likely contested pace; deserves second look.