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Best Bets: GREENER PASTURES (8th) – NATURE'S CANDY (9th)

Race 1

- 5** ITWASTHEDEVILSIDEA – Disappointed in last but romped for this tag earlier and could rebound.
- 9** WIZARD SERRAT – Serious contender if disregard latest and often forms bottom of exacta.
- 12** EL HERMANO – Firing every outing since hiatus and re-claimed by Ramirez barn as threat.
- 10** AWESOME LAUNCH – Bit difficult to guess but runs big race on occasion; merits attention.

Race 2

- 5** JESS'S MOMENT – Easily second best behind huge favorite this spot; making 14th attempt.
- 2** BLIND SPEED – Just missed on Meadowlands turf and excuse in lone main track outing.
- 6** LADY ROBO – Step forward in latest and close earlier in Kentucky; possible pacesetter.
- 4** APOLLONIA VITELLI – Poor showing in last but prior try encouraging; third race since hiatus.

Race 3

- 6** CHINESEIAM – Used up chasing rapid foes with better sprinting; handles route with softer pace.
- 3** HUMBLE JOE – Advanced nicely behind decisive winner in sprint; just 1-for-25 in stamina test.
- 2** ZIHUATANEJO – Might prefer turf but possibility this level; Lupe Preciado-Paco Lopez combo.
- 4** IRA THE CON – Often close with case of seconditis but tries blinkers seeking to end loss streak.

Race 4

- 2** LOUELLA STREET – Game score holding off bevy of stretch challenges; also handles main track
- 3** INDEPENDENT – Responded well to plunge pulling away after dueling; initial test of stamina.
- 6** TOOTSIE TOES – Far back in Presque Isle finale but drops and won earlier on Monmouth dirt.
- 7** BYTHENUMBERS – Soundly beaten in last but flattered when conqueror romped again.

Handled

- 2** UTILITY – Overmatched for new barn after maiden victory; fits with this kind stretching out.
- 7** SURFBOARD – Close up but defeated by 50-1 this spot; long time since maiden victory.
- 10** OCTOBER BLISS – Drops after far behind in New York but stable successful shipping here.
- 3** SOCIAL ACCEPTANCE – Narrowed big gap on turf but limited ability on dirt; can't dismiss.

Race 6

- 10** PRINCESS CUPID – Speedy mare hard to like or dismiss plunge; competed just 10 days ago.
- 8** AKNA – Led to near midstretch when runner-up to heavy favorite; must put it all together.
- 5** WHY NOT BABE – Handled slightly lesser when voiding claim again; realistic next step.
- 2** MISS M M – Driving score on Jersey turf but yet to show dirt prowess; deserves second look.

Race 7

6	REBEL EMPIRE – Battled throughout this spot three weeks ago; set to end long losing skid.
5	REJECTED AGAIN – Walloped easier in possibly best effort of career; 10 career victories.
2	NAVY RULES – Numerous good efforts since layoff and finished just behind top choice.
3	THIS RUN'S FOR YOU – Cruised past lesser when claimed by high percentage Padilla-Preciado.

Race 8

1	GREENER PASTURES – Blocked long way then exploded when clear; similar trip prior score.
7	DIVINE MIRACLE – Veteran with great determination and ability; terrific 12-for-30 lifetime.
3	ROAN MOUNTAIN – Prominent throughout again and conqueror fired again; retains Lopez.
2	PEOPLE FORCE – Humbled by top choice when claimed again; won twice at Gulfstream before.

Race 9

6	NATURE'S CANDY – Handles various surfaces and distances and seems well-spotted with these
2	SOUTHAMPTON DOCK – Better than odds predicted in New York; also adept over main track.
3	KINDRED HEARTS – Gained late when pacesetters weakened sprinting; already won route.
1	GIRLFROMOUTERSPACE – Good effort when claimed for \$25,000 by 23% Soto-Martinez barn.

Race 10

1	DESIGNATED – Slow fuse but significant plunge to this level; beat weaker with Wolfsont up Aug.
3	MISS NEO – Nearly overcame early trouble with similar when claimed; crushed Jersey rivals.
5	RAICHU – Flashes of interest but hampered by stamina issues; won from off pace earlier.
8	WILDCAT GIRL – Dueled to late stages with similar when trying blinkers; hot “bug” aboard.