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Best Bets: OLYMPIC ROMP (1<sup>st</sup>) – NEW COMMISSION (9<sup>th</sup>)

### Race 1

- 8** OLYMPIC ROMP – Cruised past rivals in impressive score 9 days ago; retains “bug boy” Otero.
- 10** HIDDEN PROMISE – Easily second best when finishing ahead of top pick; speed from outside.
- 9** COPPERHEAD CREEK – Roughed early behind runaway winner in sprint; success this yardage.
- 6** PIT BOSS – Faded after unruly in gate and takes significant drop to level of June claim.

### Race 2

- 5** LOVEUMOM – Led throughout when responding well to drop; likely difficult to catch again.
- 6** BITCOIN BABY – Survived pressure to defeat bottom maidens; taking realistic next step.
- 2** EXHALE – Remote fourth after slow start at Delaware; outdueled second choice locally.
- 1** FEROCIOUSNESS – Stablmate of top pick dull in latest and takes realistic drop with Sanchez.

### Race 3

- 4** RACEY RUBY – Proven route ability and crushed maidens when claimed again; well-spotted.
- 5** MIKEY'S SONG – Overmatched last pair and logical drop; might revert to rating tactics.
- 1** MY BLESSING – Eventful trip on turf and handles various surfaces; second attempt on dirt.
- 2** DAME CATHERINE – Battled throughout at Meadowlands and claimed three times Monmouth.

### Race 4

- 1** ALYVIA MAVIS – Hard used early with tougher at top maiden level; prior outing encouraging.
- 7** ESROH – Ample preparation at Delaware and by top Maryland sire Great Notion; must guess.
- 6** CAROLYN DORIS – Soundly beaten by top choice and yet to justify heavy backing for top barn.
- 4** PADDY'S GIFT – Disappointing try when dropping and best effort three races ago in debut.

### Race 5

- 7** LAMASCO- Faced classier in past and re-claimed by Pino barn; good record and stretching out.
- 6** DANTASTIC – Closed gap in sprint and raced sparingly in past but returns in just 13 days.
- 5** PRINCESS SOPHIE – Game mare with sufficient ability but absent four months since score.
- 3** HI HEELED WARRIOR – Good effort in blanket finish last week; steps up within same claim tag.

### Race 6

- 1** SHOULDHAVEBEENGONE – Bit difficult to guess but decisive romp last month and rail speed.
- 5** ZAP MOTION – Speedy gelding with obvious ability advantage; plunges after shelved 7 months.
- 7** DUDLEY DICKERSON – Frequently hits board and good try in softer version of this spot.
- 2** WYNN GIANT – Flashes of interest but many chances this level; merits some attention.

**Race 7**

<b>3</b>	<b>OURDAYDREAMINGGIRL</b> – Just missed to another newcomer in big try when easily second best
<b>5</b>	<b>CARAVAGGIO'S SONG</b> – Sire was champion in Europe and undefeated as juvenile; nice works.
<b>6</b>	<b>CAPTAIN WHINER</b> – By rapid sire and half-sister to multiple stakes-winner Ninetyprcentmaddie.
<b>10</b>	<b>ANGEL OF HOPE</b> – Dueled then faded behind top choice as favorite; best try as debut longshot.

**Race 8**

<b>1</b>	<b>POWER AGENDA</b> – Looked more like old self in game score with lesser; inside speed plus lately.
<b>5</b>	<b>DATHOSS</b> – Ample ability and crushed rivals this spot in July; serious contender if ready.
<b>3</b>	<b>DARK TIMBER</b> – Solid try despite constant pressure but winless this year with stamina woes.
<b>2</b>	<b>SIX WHIPS</b> – Determined effort to defeat 18 time winner for lower tag; fits in competitive field.

**Race 9**

<b>4</b>	<b>NEW COMMISSION</b> – Benefited from time off in dominating score; should handle slight raise.
<b>5</b>	<b>RON DON SCORESE</b> – Veteran takes aggressive drop for Ness barn and boasts 12 victories.
<b>6</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY POINT</b> – Tired in late stages again but ran big race in August; upset possibility.
<b>3</b>	<b>JACOHARE</b> – Ran into tiger in latest and captured two of last four starts; dangerous on best.

**Race 10**

<b>8</b>	<b>HOLDTHEFLIGHT</b> – Anticipated better last out but rough trip previously; re-claimed by Pino barn
<b>5</b>	<b>MY DEVILS CHILD</b> – Drops again and might regain finishing kick this level with Haddock aboard.
<b>12</b>	<b>MILTON THE MONSTER</b> – New York shipper hits bottom after earning \$352,560, some locally.
<b>2</b>	<b>CADDY MAN</b> – Improved try behind huge favorite and possibility with further progress.