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Best Bets: CREATIVE COPY (2<sup>nd</sup>) – TEMPTING LADY (7<sup>th</sup>)

## Race 1

<b>7</b>	LA TOURISTA – Overmatched after layoff at Penn National; improves with significant drop.
<b>4</b>	LUNA T – Rallied then faded after absent four months; closing kick when at her best.
<b>3</b>	GANGSTER RAP – Poor showing in better field but moderate success in Texas and Oklahoma.
<b>2</b>	RAINBOW TROUT – Slow fuse and sidelined since February; chance this level if ready.

## Race 2

<b>5</b>	CREATIVE COPY – Set pressured pace long way after layoff and game filly 5-for-19 locally.
<b>3</b>	CATTI LA BELLE – Finished behind top choice when claimed again; hit board 9 of 12 this year.
<b>6</b>	HEART LIGHT – Pulled away decisively in confidence booster; threat gain for new connections.
<b>4</b>	BUNNY BONUS – Distant fourth behind pair above then sheds 13 pounds seeking progress.

## Race 3

<b>6</b>	END OF THE RAINBOW – Prompted pace to stretch when showing some main track ability.
<b>5</b>	NAPOLITAN – Edged this spot as 8-5 favorite and need not be much with soft opposition.
<b>4</b>	FAUX PAS – Battled throughout with this kind and racing into shape again in 11 <sup>th</sup> attempt.
<b>2</b>	WINBORI – Raced greenly in stretch when making second start since return as longshot.

## Race 4

<b>5</b>	D DAY – Used up early in talented field in race taken by stablemate; good effort at Keeneland.
<b>6</b>	FULLY COMMITTED – Made up ground this level after claim; less than length behind last three.
<b>3</b>	FOUR DAYS EARLY – Possibility if disregard last and prior try good; third race since return.
<b>2</b>	E T'S EVASIVE MOON – Hampered by poor starts last pair and might put it all together.

## Race 5

<b>4</b>	MAXIMUS ANGELICUS – Used up dueling as heavy favorite but softer route fractions can help.
<b>5</b>	VAGUE – Rallied behind top choice again and St. Lewis stable with some promising juveniles.
<b>3</b>	ALYVIA MAVIS – Rushed to contention after slow start when humbled by fleet newcomer.
<b>7</b>	FUR ELISE – Outrun on grass after hiatus and tries blinkers; third in compact debut field.

## Race 6

<b>3</b>	AU SOME WARRIOR – Set pace long way after breaking through gate prior start; softer version.
<b>5</b>	REELIN N DEALIN – Never menaced behind smashing winner in better field; progress likely.
<b>6</b>	REGALPAINS – Victim of slow start on Pa. Derby undercard and extra distance might help.
<b>4</b>	OKIE DEN DEN – Far behind following \$25,000 claim in debut; Uptowncharlybrown runners hot.

**Race 7**

<b>6</b>	TEMPTING LADY – Competed well twice when claimed in good Kentucky efforts; yardage suits.
<b>4</b>	LADY SRIRACHA – Half-sister to Twisted Ride raced well at Laurel and puts blinkers back on.
<b>8</b>	DAISY BELIEVES – Flashed speed in debut then shelved since early July; should progress.
<b>3</b>	ANGEL OF HARLEM – Absent since August of last year but trained quickly at Presque Isle.

**Race 8**

<b>2</b>	BANANA SPLIT – Cruised past full field on Meadowlands turf; excuse lone main track attempt.
<b>4</b>	SHE CAN SCAT – Prominent to final furlong in better field after claimed yet again; dangerous.
<b>3</b>	LADY ROBO – Crushed maidens in 14 <sup>th</sup> outing and avoids claim tag with renewed confidence.
<b>5</b>	VANELLOPE – Narrowed gap again as favorite in softer field when adding Lasix; gets blinkers.

**Race 9**

<b>3</b>	DAZZY – Chased formidable stablemate when easily second best after \$25,000 claim by Ness.
<b>5</b>	XTRA EXTRAORDINARY – Bought for \$20,000 in solid field at Keeneland; fits with this field.
<b>4</b>	REASSESS – Failed to offer true measure in Laurel mud and fired in five previous attempts.
<b>2</b>	JODY'S RUBY – Captured Pa.-bred stake as juvenile but shelved since May; chance if ready.

**Race 10**

<b>12</b>	SEPARATE WAYS – Rank early when overmatched in last and bore out prior try; realistic drop.
<b>8</b>	DOS DE OROS – Improved this spot when putting blinkers on again; lone score in 16 tries.
<b>4</b>	SECRET SATURDAY – Disappointed at Charles Town but prior efforts good; fits this level.
<b>11</b>	CHECKING BOXES – Faded as 7-5 chalk when claimed and faces early pressure again.