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Best Bets: SOLEMN OATH (3rd) – WINNING TIME (7th)

Race 1

- 5** PRETTY LILY – Just one length behind this level despite traffic trouble; romped this distance.
- 8** SWANS ISLAND – Good effort with state-breds when returned to turf; most effective on lead.
- 7** FLAG SONG FLYIN – Narrowed gap behind top choice after sluggish break; yardage suits.
- 2** AFTERNEATH – Drops but bulk of success on grass and hampered by stamina issues.

Race 2

- 3** SPINNING HEART – Moves to Ness barn and floated very wide from Ky. race with four claims.
- 9** MALIBLUE – Dueled and finished ahead of top pick at Keeneland in race won by favorite.
- 7** KEY STAT – Hard used dueling in race dominated by stretch-runners after hiatus; drops again.
- 1** SIR PALACE PRINCE – Pursued winner throughout and draws inside; game but seconditis.

Race 3

- 1** SOLEMN OATH – Cruised away from lesser when adjusting to dirt again; works out rail trip.
- 6** EXPECT TO BE READY – Ended rare losing streak in decisive score and poses threat again.
- 5** GAMESTONKS – Shelved four months since poor try when claimed; classy mare in past.
- 4** TRES MARIA'S DREAM – Speedy filly with excellent form since layoff; first local attempt.

Race 4

- 10** STRASSE – Chronic slow starter could benefit from outside post and taking significant drop.
- 5** HEAVY TIMBER – Remote fourth when adding Lasix in tougher field; capable, raced sparingly.
- 9** BORRACHO CONCHO – Used up early when overmatched and victim of bad start; very quick.
- 6** WHY STOP THERE – Forced pace after early roughing after edging maidens in prior outing.

Race 5

- 8** GEEBERT – Veteran looked like old self with strong closing kick; re-claimed by Mosco earlier.
- 2** JAKE ROCKS – Stable perfect shipping here and battled throughout at Aqueduct; 404k in bank.
- 7** REBEL EMPIRE – Nailed at wire in another frustrating loss; long loss streak but formidable.
- 9** LIBERTY STAR – Frequently claimed gelding proven he fits with these and Paco Lopez aboard.

Race 6

- 3** GROUP HUG – Hampered by slow start vs. repeat winner; should be finally ready for two turns.
- 4** ROAN MOUNTAIN – Big effort this spot against rival winning third straight; winless this season.
- 8** ICONIC LEGACY – Rapid gelding tigerish when on lead; may benefit from softer route fractions.
- 7** DIVINE MIRACLE – Veteran outrun by pair of these but terrific 12-for-31 lifetime; 11-for-27 locally.

Race 7

3	WINNING TIME – Unseated rider and ran off in chute prior to return; competed strongly anyway.
5	I DON'T SEE COLORS – Excellent speed when caught in late stages by prior stakes-winner.
1	DREAM KNIGHT – Dueled heavy favorite nearly this far when much better than odds suggest.
8	AWESOME FLAY – Good speed in routes and may prove bargain claim for Wyner stable.

Race 8

5	BRONX BOYS – Runs big race on occasion and could upset with Haddock aboard; wide-open.
1	WHISKEYROMEOSIERRA – Wired top choice as outsider; rails draw first five times Wednesday.
8	NINJA PRIZE – No match for smashing winner after lacking room on turn; speedy, determined.
6	DROPLINE – Much promise in early races then sidelined since June; sold privately since.

Race 9

4	LAMASCO – Re-claimed by Pino barn when beaten favorite this spot; won six of 24 attempts.
9	ERIN'S ENTHUSIASM – Trounced weaker compact field and capable in past; realistic next step.
11	OLD HEAD – Good effort with similar after claim and effective in front or from off pace.
1	LE CIENEGA – Claimed back soon as possible by Freddy Velazquez barn and sprinting again.