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Best Bets: CHATTALOT (5th) – WARRIOR JOHNY (6th)

Race 1

- 3** CLANCY O'TOOLE – Remote fourth on road trip when adding Lasix; significant drop this level.
- 4** BULLET BREEZE – Stretching out again for 25% Irving Rodriguez barn; early speed anticipated.
- 1** OPTIMISTIC NATE – Stopped after maiden score but probable pacesetter with stamina test.
- 9** EL DE LEO – Possibility if disregard last but on long losing streak and draws extreme outside.

Race 2

- 8** ALYVIA'S GIRL – Strong move to contention after stumbling start following hiatus; might upset.
- 5** DARING MAX – Overmatched at top maiden level in local bow after competing well in Indiana.
- 3** ESTILO UNICO – Quick filly from Ness barn yielded to decisive winner at Laurel; tries blinkers.
- 1** ROCK ME GENTLY – No match against smashing winner but finished ahead of top choice.

Race 3

- 2** NOTABLE BOB – Gained late when edged in tight finish this level and distance; soft opposition.
- 3** CRYPT – Veteran narrowed gap behind top pick and might continue progress in 60th outing.
- 4** AHSAD – Never involved in route but likely better suited this yardage; 12 career victories.
- 8** MASTERMIND – Good speed in longer events and prevailed at Santa Anita in May.

Race 4

- 8** CHECKITUP – Faced tougher company in last and romped previously; logical pick this level.
- 5** RENEGADE SERENADE – Hard used pursuing runaway winner for higher tag; speedy threat.
- 3** HEY RIVER – Rapid invader from Gulfstream usually fires and moves to Abrams barn.
- 7** BALANTYNE – Trailed early before rallying behind heavy favorite this spot; needs pace set-up.

Race 5

- 3** CHATTALOT – Dueled to final furlong after hiatus when claimed at Keeneland; first time gelding.
- 9** FINAL SHOT - Amazing 9-year-old with \$432,795 in bank seeks third in row with shorter break.
- 1** YOUNG SQUIRE – Improved speed and determination when edged this spot; easily second best.
- 2** MEET ME AT MUNDIS – Closer than odds predicted in solid field after \$32,000 claim at Delaware.

Race 6 THE \$75,000 TURKEY TROT

- 3** WARRIOR JOHNY – Switches turf to dirt after competing in three graded races; won at Saratoga.
- 1** CONCEALED CARRY – Rapid and game gelding draws inside again; tigerish when reaches lead.
- 5** IRISH CORK – Powerful stretch-runner hit board in 24 of 30 local attempts; ample early targets.
- 2** NINETYPRCENTMADDIE - Rebounded from poor showing when two lengths behind vs. similar.

Race 7 THE \$75,000 LET'S GIVE THANKS

1	ANGKOR – Edged in \$300,000 Churchill stake and third earlier in Grade I Forego at Saratoga.
6	SPIKEZONE – Terrific sprinter with 10 victories this year and 13-for-24 career; awesome locally.
3	VEESON – Pennsylvania-bred with loads of talent and determination; tested with this opposition.
7	WITTY – Powerful stretch-runner excels on dirt and turf and excellent record with Toledo aboard.

Race 8 THE \$100,000 PENNSYLVANIA NURSERY STAKES

1	THE BOY'S WARRIOR – Perfect in trio of outings including local romp; quick 5/8 work for this.
6	BABY DUKES – Weakened in Delaware route but likely better suited this yardage with blinkers.
3	BALLAD OF WARRIOR – Nice effort but no threat to top choice over synthetic; first dirt attempt.
2	REELIN N DEALIN – Humbled by first pick in debut and still a maiden; outrun by stablemate last.

Race 9 THE \$75,000 CORNUCOPIA

6	DISCO EBO – Looked like old self when crushing rivals in return; captured 7 of 13 local starts.
5	SPEEDY TRAVELER – Raced sparingly but captured four of six attempts at major venues.
2	BOURBON BON BAY – Game mare may have needed first race in over year; won first 5 outings.
1	CONFIRMED STAR – Very consistent and versatile Pa.-bred stablemate of top pick; tested here.

Race 10

8	FERRARI KID – Overmatched in routes but realistic drop to suitable yardage with Lopez aboard.
6	YOUBETTERBEJOKING – Advanced in better field and extra furlong should help with hot “bug.”
4	SO CLOSE SO FAR – Dueled to final furlong after layoff and romped previously; likely fitter now.
1	SCAMP WALKER – Late energy this level as longshot and prevailed this distance in September.