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Best Bets: SUNNY SIDE UP (2nd) -- HARP'S HOT CORNER (8th)

Race 1

- 3** TIME TESTED – Less than one length behind despite early trouble and wide rally when claimed.
- 1** FOUR EYES – Gained behind pair of next-out winners first local try; blinkers on in 17th attempt.
- 5** ROSSINGTON – Second best behind runaway newcomer this spot; frequently hits board.
- 8** MARINE PATROL – Progressed last pair and stumbled at start behind third selection.

Race 2

- 5** SUNNY SIDE UP – Used up chasing smashing repeat winner in tougher spot; double-digit romp.
- 3** CHANCE OCCURRENCE – Weakened after forcing pace in classier spot; speed to pose threat.
- 6** DUELA DENT – Led under pressure then faltered in better company; stamina issues persist.
- 1** LOVE LIKE CRAZY – Prominent final furlong in route and likely better suited this distance.

Race 3

- 4** SUMMERSATTHESHORE – Crushed two-time winners able to control pace; same scenario likely.
- 6** COVER THE SPREAD – Far behind in Laurel finale but major drop by leading barn dangerous.
- 2** DOROTHY'S THE BOSS – Upset slightly easier with favorable pace set-up; can't ignore this time.
- 5** AMALFI LADY – Fair showings against similar and surprised once in June; merits second look

Race 4

- 7** AVES MAKIN' WAVES – Exits pair of solid efforts and faces soft opposition in 25th try on bottom.
- 6** BOBO LIVER – Rookie obviously need not be much and worked :47 from gate here in October.
- 3** JAKNAVA – Closer than odds predicted last pair and hit board just twice in 18 outings.
- 2** STOUTHEARTED – Quick from gate but sidelined since May of last year; likely needs this.

Race 5

- 2** BUCKS SOME – Nine-year-old mare with \$399,795 in bank been idle but can handle this bunch.
- 3** BURNING EMBERS – Seen better days but drops again and should make presence felt early.
- 5** AKNA – Reluctant loading then faltered after pressing pace against three-time winners.
- 4** GIA'S FUEGO – Regained early foot in last but conqueror fared poorly in next; must shake loose.

Race 6

- 1** COJELO PA TI – Heavily-backed with excuses in both defeats and blinkers likely to help.
- 7** AIRMAN TREVOR – Good effort against capable opponent on wet surface at Penn National.
- 5** HOLY MITOLE – Soundly beaten by second choice but only prior try encouraging; new pilot.
- 2** IL ROSSO – Newcomer reveals little in workouts; sire Cupid captured 5 stakes and \$1.7 million.

Race 7

5	GRAHMALAMADINGDONG – Bargain claim placed first on pair of disqualifications; pace set-up.
2	CARBONITE – Capable but bit erratic; figures close if disregard latest and Sanchez aboard.
3	SLEIPNIR – Walloped easier switching to Tapsas barn and taking realistic next step.
7	JAKE BRAKE ALLEY- Speedy gelding exits good try after claim by 25% Irving Rodriguez stable.

Race 8

5	HARP'S HOT CORNER – Pulled away eagerly after dueling quick rival half mile after Ness claim.
7	I FEELUCKY TONITE – Easily second best vs. heavily-favored repeat winner; barn heating up.
9	CURLINS CRUZIN – Improved last pair and second finisher from latest romped next time.
6	MASK PATROL – Numerous good efforts with solid opposition; scored after layoff earlier.

Race 9

5	JOB'S NOT FINISHED – Made up ground sprinting and should be prepared for rare route try.
4	ONTHISHARVESTMOON – Forced pace to midstretch as longshot in sprint; adds to lively pace.
1	SENSIBLE MARRIAGE – Competed primarily over synthetic at Presque Isle; outrun locally past.
6	LUCKY OPPORTUNITY – Soundly outrun by top pick and stamina woes continue; might get part.