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Best Bets: LATTA (4th) – DREAM CHASER (9th)

Race 1

- 8** JUMP A FOX – Trailed early then closed with rush nearly catching loose pacesetter; back route.
- 4** SPANISH GIRL – Several good efforts lately and tests stamina again; threat despite 17 chances.
- 10** APOLLONIA VITELLI – Easily second best for higher tag and competing cheapest ever.
- 2** FAUX PAS – Rebounded from poor showings when prominent throughout in softer version.

Race 2

- 2** INSTITUTION – Steady progress in Maryland and romped when trying blinkers against maidens.
- 4** LOVEUMOM – Dueled throughout this spot but failed as odds-on chalk; Ness-Silvera combo.
- 7** EXHALE – Gained late with similar and likely contested fractions in her favor with hot “bug” up.
- 6** LINO AND ME – Shipper drops with one decisive score earlier; appears best with rating tactics.

Race 3

- 6** ONE EYED JACKIE – Sidelined over year but holds major ability advantage and yardage suits.
- 5** ANGEL OF HARLEM – Used up dueling at loftier level in return and progress anticipated.
- 7** NORHO'S GAMBLE – Weakened after pursuing quick fractions for new management; 14th try.
- 4** MARYVIC – Hampered by stamina issues and faded as 1-2 chalk at Penn National; winning barn

Race 4

- 2** LATTA – Powerful move on turn then gamely held off huge favorite after arriving from Kentucky.
- 5** DROPLINE – Solid effort in return and impressed here last winter; likely improves with Sanchez.
- 1** BIG Z OG – Edged on Laurel turf after chasing rocket following hiatus locally; speed along rail.
- 6** BRONX BOYS – Bit difficult to guess and on losing streak but has ability and capable of surprise

Race 5

- 6** NOISY ON THE BAY – Humbled by speedy Gulfstream invader in sprint; also faced good routers
- 1** TIZ RACE DAY – Moved clear then drifted out and steadied in stretch after caught by longshot.
- 5** MELODY'S KISS – Nice effort for new connections in return when easily second to huge chalk.
- 2** GO MARGIE GO – Just behind second pick in encouraging try; must put it all together.

Race 6

- 5** NEIGH DUDE – Chased heavy favorite in starter allowance at Laurel; success at various venues.
- 4** REBEL EMPIRE – Speedy runner drops following numerous frustrating losses; long losing skid.
- 6** DATHOSS – Another nice effort after idle three months; effective in front or from off pace.
- 9** SIX WHIPS – Fired all four local attempts after failing in Jersey and Florida; merits attention.

Race 7

1	MAXIMUS SPEED – Sideline since sharp debut outing at Gulfstream for Pletcher; Russell barn.
8	ADDYSON'S DREAM – Hit board in 8 of 12 races, chased formidable duo in last; figures close.
5	ATROCIOUS – Disappointed in route but possibility if adjusts to sprint; best effort necessary.
6	PILOTE COMETE – Nice effort in Delaware finale and third race since hiatus; late gain likely.

Race 8

3	DIVINE GRACE – Game filly absent few months but 4-for-8 locally, 7-for-24 lifetime; good spot.
6	THEGODDESSOFSNAKES – Weakened with tough group of state-breds but winless this year.
4	SHE'SAROLLINGSTONE – Stablemate of top choice fair in last pair and makes first local attempt
2	FLASHNDYNAMITE – Nine-year-old mare on rare losing streak but boasts 19 career victories.

Race 9

4	DREAM CHASER – Exits score in Penn National route after decisive local score; can shake loose
1	PACHELBEL – Among best local claims of year and overcame traffic woes in two recent romps.
3	OUR UPTOWN GIRL – Exploded past slightly easier in best yet and dangerous with late punch.
6	SHETALKSTOMUCH – Stablemate of second choice showing powerful closing charge recently.

Race 10

2	AWESOME PAL – Failed to offer true measure on road trip after upsetting 1-2 chalk locally.
3	LAMASCO – Re-claimed by Pino barn when failing at short odds but good lifetime record.
11	SO SWELL – Stretch-runner back home and often shows late kick; breaking from tricky post.
4	ROAD TO DREAMS – Speedy filly drops and threat if able to control pace; easy September win.