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Best Bets: QUEEN CADENCE (5th) -- SUNDRIA (7th)

Race 1

- 1** RUN CORY RUN – Defeated next-out winner when claimed again; takes realistic next step.
- 8** TROPIC STORM – Sluggish break over muddy surface sprinting; likely pacesetter trying route.
- 7** DR BAYTER – Weakened in slightly better field and makes presence felt early stretching out.
- 2** TITLE SHOT – Possibility if throw out mud effort; upset more numerous winners in prior start.

Race 2

- 4** DOCTOR DOOM – Veteran on long losing skid but back in route in third race since hiatus.
- 2** SUIGU STAR – Returns home with logical drop; won this spot in March and suited by yardage.
- 5** SAILOR'S RETURN – Drops within same claiming tag but best recent showing in sprint.
- 6** SOCIAL GROUP – Veteran capable in past but dull recent months; Gonzalez won pair Friday.

Race 3

- 4** FOUR DAYS EARLY – Steadied early then rallied with quicker group; likely prepared for route.
- 2** CAUTELOSO – Chased runaway newcomer in last and competed in tougher field previously.
- 5** MERGING TRAFFIC – Forced pace before retreating in route; top three scored next time.
- 1** CURAGIO – Added Lasix and blinkers but trailed again; ensures honest pace from inside.

Race 4

- 2** YODEL E. A. WHO – Eight-year-old takes plunge seeking to end losing streak for top stable.
- 7** NIFTY – Ran down loose pacesetter when claimed by 20% Padilla barn; figures close again.
- 3** JACOHARE – Another good effort when finishing behind second pick; hit board 18 times locally.
- 4** AMATTEROFTIME – Veteran with slow fuse but offers closing kick on occasion; drops notch.

Race 5

- 6** QUEEN CADENCE – Game mare hampered by troubled trips lately; contested pace in her favor.
- 1** MARION GRACE – Speedy filly hard used dueling solid field and takes realistic drop for Moore.
- 4** TARA'S TALENT – Veteran still capable but lone victory this year via disqualification; fits well.
- 5** LADY ZETA – Formidable in past but failed at short odds last pair; must respect Ness runners.

Race 6

- 3** GAMESTONKS – May have needed first outing since July and could regain closing kick at price.
- 2** SOLEMN OATH – Outrun at short odds when taken from this spot; romped prior try with Lopez.
- 1** SECRET TEMPTATION – Very quick along inside and seeks fifth score of season; fired 7 in row.
- 4** CHELSEA WALL – Humbled by smashing winner in comeback; racing into shape again.

Race 7

2	SUNDRIA – Closer than odds predicted vs. rugged foe; hotly-contested pace to her advantage.
4	AEGEAN SEA – Set pace before weakening but powerful score here in September; speedy threat
5	REE NEE'S SIX – Rediscovered ability when dueling throughout; conqueror romped next time.
1	PRINCIPIA – Excellent speed before fading in routes; success sprinting earlier at Gulfstream.

Race 8

8	SPLENDOR BEAUTY – Repelled challenges before caught late by stretch-runner; wide-open race
2	ROADTRIP TONOWHERE – Prominent all way this spot when claimed; often forms bottom exacta
4	PREDOMINATE – Failed to offer true measure on muddy surface after pair of solid efforts.
5	THIRSTY PAPPY – Edged off after dueling in sprint and showed route ability in spring; fits well.