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Best Bets: REMARKABLE MO (3rd) – YODEL E.A. WHO (5th)

Race 1

- 12** BROWNEYEDVALENTINE – Significant drop after slow start in slop; encouraging debut effort.
- 7** MARY LOVES LOUIE – Hits bottom after fading in routes and likely prefers this yardage.
- 2** DEMOLITION WOMAN – Used up dueling for higher tag on road trip in route; blinkers added.
- 9** FITNESS – Unruly at gate then steadied early at loftier level in bow; plunges with blinkers on.

Race 2

- 4** SEEYOUINMYDREAMS – Good speed in Gulfstream routes and should adjust to sprint for Ness.
- 5** ESTILO UNICO – Nice try as favorite with blinkers on; speedy and shorter yardage some relief.
- 9** NOHAI – Idle since September after flashes of interest at Delaware; gets Lasix for top stable.
- 8** TREMOLO – Purchased for \$75,000 but debuts with \$15,000 tag; works offering few clues.

Race 3

- 8** REMARKABLE MO – Repelled challenge and drew away last week and takes logical next step.
- 3** CARBONITE – Failed to offer true measure in muddy route after facing classier in prior losses.
- 6** FERRARI KID – Prominent throughout this level in narrow defeat; speed to pose threat for Lake.
- 7** BOBBY THE TANK – Claimed again from solid effort and hot “bug” rider aboard in Elliott.

Race 4

- 2** NORHO'S GAMBLE – Overmatched against winners; used up prior race dominated by closer.
- 6** DIXIE MUSIC – Finished behind top pick in mud and should be picking off rivals in 20th attempt.
- 4** FAUX PAS – Frequently hits board and back sprinting with soft opposition as possibility.
- 1** DREAMINGOFFREEDOM – Disliked wet surface again but several prior outings stamp contender

Race 5

- 7** YODEL E.A. WHO – Narrowed huge gap at Laurel when dropped to this level; back at two turns.
- 9** SPEIGHTSTER RED – Ran into Ness tiger again when easily second best for new connections.
- 8** PIT BOSS – Veteran earned \$409,577 and exits pair of solid efforts; serious contender again.
- 2** AMATTEROFTIME – Ten-year-old stretch-runner seen better days but might regain closing kick.

Race 6

- 1** CHARM OF THE SONG – Led to stretch in Turfway route and claimed in April for \$50,000.
- 7** MOMMA PIC – Fair showing for higher tag when adding Lasix after absent two months.
- 2** APOLLONIA VITELLI – Close up in blanket finish in route and appears suited at this yardage.
- 3** ON PARADISE HILL – Step forward in Woodbine finale as longshot this distance; must consider.

Race 7

2	NINJA PRIZE – Chased pair of rugged opponents lately and taking plunge; earlier \$25,000 claim.
10	GUAPONESS – Hard used dueling in race captured by closer; drops and removing blinkers.
5	WINNING CANDY – Quick and determined winner shelved since summer but threat if ready.
1	RABBIT – Hit board in five straight and handles various surfaces; works out inside rally.

Race 8

2	PRETTY LILY – Swung wide and closed well sprinting and should be prepared for two turns.
9	TOOTSIE TOES – Chased pair of smashing winners since Castillo claim; leading rider up.
8	XTRA EXTRAORDINARY – Possible pacesetter with slower fractions testing stamina again.
1	JOB'S NOT FINISHED – Trounced single-winners in route test and just behind top pick prior try.

Race 9

7	DEPOLI – Long losing streak vs. classier opposition; well-spotted and could fire at long odds.
1	PATRIARCHAL – Set pace in recent routes and shown sprint prowess earlier; speed along rail.
2	RENNIE – Victim of severe early trouble after Ness claim at Laurel; bulk of earnings on turf.
6	EDDIE W – Rallied behind streaking winner this spot after claim; threat with further progress.

Race 10

1	EXPECT TO BE READY – Realistic next step following two decisive scores with Elliott aboard.
10	CHIQUITA MOSCA – Edged two-time winners in Churchill finale to end long losing streak.
9	CHELSEA WALL – Racing into shape in third outing since layoff; success earlier for Smylie barn
5	GAMESTONKS – May have regained confidence defeating similar when claimed; fits nicely.

Race 11

6	FOUR DAYS EARLY – Finished strongly after early roughing in sprint; romped previously route.
11	VIN SANTO – Good effort this spot in second race since return; competed with better in past.
5	BULLET BREEZE – Dueled to final furlong again and should ensure contested fractions.
4	TAKEMETOTHEMOON – Plunges after poor showing but chance to rebound with this kind.