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Best Bets: GET SET (10<sup>th</sup>) -- CISCO KID (11<sup>th</sup>)

### Race 1

- 5** YES MY LADY LINO – Set clear pace this far in muddy debut in finish dominated by closer.
- 1** BE MY QUEEN – Quick filly began career with promise but sidelined since summer; rail speed.
- 2** INCAN MOON GODDESS – Absent three months and yet to justify heavy support; threat on best.
- 3** MOPSY – Making debut at age four but worked half mile “bullet” earlier; guess with newcomers.

### Race 2

- 6** RON DON SCORESE – Romped twice since Ness re-claimed and also effective on fast tracks.
- 7** BALANTYNE – Crushed easier again and Ramirez stable has them firing; late kick anticipated.
- 3** VINE JET – Failed to offer true measure in mud and drops notch with eight career victories.
- 5** LEVEL UP – Possibility if disregard last when claimed again; double-digit score in October.

### Race 3

- 4** HEAT ALERT – Battled throughout when edged by Ness runner; drops notch at same distance
- 3** BAD ADVICE – Flashes of interest and much shorter time between races; lures Carmouche.
- 9** MAGICAL ROAD – Rallied to front then outfinished as 1-2 chalk when claimed; merits attention.
- 1** MUCHO MAGNIFICO – Private purchase closed big gap in Woodbine finale; making 14<sup>th</sup> try.

### Race 4

- 5** TARA'S TALENT – Narrow miss this spot and appears ready to end losing skid for Moore barn.
- 3** LADY ZETA – Set pace when finishing just ahead of top pick; facing early pressure again.
- 2** ANNIEWORKSTOOMUCH – Overmatched in New York after decisive local score; always fires.
- 8** PEARLS AND HEELS – Game effort in blanket finish and pair of convincing wins earlier.

### Race 5

- 7** TAKE TIME TO DREAM – Racing into peak form since layoff and prevailed twice earlier in N.Y.
- 2** JAVA'S LUCKY LADY – Among several front-runners in field but often shown determination.
- 6** DENALI RAE – Shelved since voided claim in October but sufficient ability and threat if ready.
- 9** SHAKE IT BABY – Ness filly drops notch but hampered by stamina issues; won only local try.

### Race 6

- 5** LOVEUMOM – Easily second best this level in game try and capable of handling early pressure.
- 2** VICKY VALE – Making steady progress and outdueled heavy favorite last month for Moore barn.
- 6** MANDY'S MISS – Overmatched last pair after surviving poor start in debut; fits with this kind.
- 7** BURNER ACCOUNT – Makes fifth attempt at different venues and adds Lasix as possible threat.

### Race 7

<b>3</b>	<b>SUMMARY JUDGMENT</b> – Faltered with tougher in slop and most effective when reaches front.
<b>6</b>	<b>CATTI LA BELLE</b> – Strong recent form and taking logical next step as threat; classy in past.
<b>7</b>	<b>MORE RANSOM</b> – Led to late stages and conqueror ran big again last week; good local mark.
<b>5</b>	<b>RUMINT</b> – Walloped lesser opposition last month and Ness stable on usual hot streak.

### Race 8

<b>11</b>	<b>SNOW LAKE</b> – Significant drop returning to sprint and extreme outside post biggest obstacle.
<b>2</b>	<b>WIKI LIO</b> – Steady progress and defeated next-out winner last month; realistic next spot.
<b>5</b>	<b>NAMORA</b> – Numerous eventful trips and fits nicely with alert break; should be gaining late.
<b>9</b>	<b>UNION BELLE</b> – Edged in blanket finish this spot and claimed twice earlier; picks off rivals late.

### Race 9

<b>1</b>	<b>TRADERS LUCK</b> – Rapid gelding ultra-consistent and trounced rivals after frustrating losses.
<b>3</b>	<b>BORRACHO</b> – Faded behind top choice after defeating same foe over similar footing previously.
<b>4</b>	<b>LIKE A SALTSHAKER</b> – Terrific 17-for-40 lifetime but no match for top pick; yet to win locally.
<b>5</b>	<b>PRACTICAL COACH</b> – Hard-hitting veteran upset slightly easier at Penn National; tested here.

### Race 10

<b>4</b>	<b>GET SET</b> – Used up against solid rivals in mile test at Laurel; powerful local score prior outing.
<b>1</b>	<b>YOUNG SQUIRE</b> – Ample ability but tends to hurt chances at start; draws inside again but threat.
<b>5</b>	<b>MEET ME AT MUNDIS</b> – Late rush behind favored Ness winner in November; claimed for \$32,000
<b>7</b>	<b>PRINCE OF RAIN</b> – Stretch-runner with ample ability but sidelined year; edged in local stake.

### Race 11

<b>3</b>	<b>CISCO KID</b> – Easily second behind streaking winner in best yet; overcame traffic woes prior try.
<b>2</b>	<b>SUNDAY SPIRIT</b> – Bargain claim seeks third straight but must adjust to sprint; barn heating up.
<b>4</b>	<b>TRY HARDER</b> – Bothered early when soundly outrun by top pick; chased streaking winner.
<b>9</b>	<b>I FEELUCKY TONITE</b> – Kept talented company lately and closer than odds predicted in latest.