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Best Bets: SHE'S JUSTIFIED (7<sup>th</sup>) – WOULDJA COULDJA (8<sup>th</sup>)

### Race 1

- 2** AWESOME FORCE – New York shipper drops and stretches out and likely to control fractions.
- 7** TEXAS AIR FORCE – Gained late in sprint and close earlier in Gulfstream route; soft company.
- 9** JOSH – Failed to run to debut backing on wet surface; extra yardage and experience helps.
- 8** MARINE PATROL – Possibility if disregard latest; upset chance despite 15<sup>th</sup> attempt.

### Race 2

- 5** KERNESS – Difficult to like or ignore plunge after idle two months; speedy and leading barn.
- 3** OLYMPIC ROMP – Frequently claimed and runs big race on occasion; last couple discouraging.
- 7** ZAP MOTION – Weakened at short odds in mud but fired three prior outings since layoff.
- 2** MUCHO MACHO EDDIE – Eight-year-old woke up as longshot in mud; merits attention.

### Race 3

- 6** SUNNY SIDE UP – Dueled throughout this level in longer test; benefits from recent activity.
- 2** SWANS ISLAND – Retreated as favorite when claimed again; fast track and blinkers can aid.
- 8** EMILY'S ON FIRE – Absent several months but holds ability advantage; dangerous if ready.
- 7** ANGEL OF HARLEM – Used up early when humbled by smashing Ness stable opponent.

### Race 4

- 3** FAST PAYDAY – Advanced behind tougher version this spot and middle move in prior defeat.
- 5** YES POINT – Faded after dueling when claimed at Turfway but Midwest shippers excelling here.
- 1** DANCE A DINI – Drops notch after remote fourth to runaway winner; possibility this level.
- 7** RENEGADE SERENADE – Hampered by stamina issues but smashing winner in September.

### Race 5

- 4** FENWICK JACK – Powerful rally despite another slow start; sufficient early targets for late kick.
- 2** CLANCY O'TOOLE – Walloped single-winners taking plunge and claimed; aggressive next step.
- 7** DARVESH – Late energy sprinting in return and back after one week stretching out again.
- 8** HEY RIVER – Weakened under pressure after arriving from Florida; likely capable of better.

### Race 6

- 7** WIZARD SERRAT – Roughed early then rallied behind repeat winner; back around two turns.
- 1** THIRSTY PAPPY – Soundly beaten last pair but plunges as threat for high percentage stable.
- 5** NOTABLE BOB – Gained behind heavy favorite in sprint and rare attempt at this distance.
- 4** HIDDEN PROMISE – Rebounded on fast surface sprinting and better suited this yardage.

**Race 7**

<b>4</b>	<b>SHE'S JUSTIFIED</b> – Hard used dueling heavy favorite in improved try; dam earned 200k for Lake.
<b>5</b>	<b>ADDIEADDIEBOBADDIE</b> – Encouraging effort in sloppy debut; kin to Bartlett and Pachelbel.
<b>12</b>	<b>GINGERSAYSCHILL</b> – Strong rally in October debut at Penn National; lures Sanchez as threat.
<b>8</b>	<b>QUEEN KHALEESI</b> – Progressed over wet surface when just ahead of top choice; must consider.

**Race 8**

<b>10</b>	<b>WOULDJA COULDJA</b> – Battled pair of talented newcomers at Aqueduct; powerful local debut.
<b>9</b>	<b>DADOO</b> – Slow fuse but advanced behind heavy favorite again; stakes-placed at Penn National.
<b>5</b>	<b>CAPTAIN WHINER</b> – Half-sister to terrific Ninetyprcentmaddie sharp despite eventful trips.
<b>8</b>	<b>SPUNDERELLA</b> – Big effort after arriving from \$50,000 Kentucky claim; obvious contender.

**Race 9**

<b>2</b>	<b>HARRIGAN</b> – Powerful move in decisive debut score despite steady early; \$130,000 purchase.
<b>6</b>	<b>LET'SMAKEITADouble</b> – Blocked on turn then pulled away impressively when clear in bow.
<b>1</b>	<b>ALCHEMISM</b> – Less than two lengths behind in stake after double-digit romp in maiden victory.
<b>5</b>	<b>ANALOG JONES</b> – Far behind on road trips but back home where he romped at this distance.

**Race 10**

<b>5</b>	<b>NEIGH DUDE</b> – Veteran with ample heart and ability; absent seven weeks since voided claim.
<b>1</b>	<b>AWESOME FOR SURE</b> – Narrowly missed after changing barns again; conqueror ran big again.
<b>4</b>	<b>JEBOLOGIST</b> – Exits solid effort and frequently hits board; faces severe early pressure again.
<b>10</b>	<b>HARLEY'S CHARLY</b> – Bit difficult to guess but knows how to win; from 21% Soto-Martinez barn.