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Best Bets: Latta (4th) – Fenwick Jack (11th)

Race 1

- 2** ESTILO UNICO – Seems best of known quantities after good effort this spot trying blinkers.
- 10** MARY LOVES LOUIE – Hits bottom after fading in routes and likely prefers this yardage.
- 8** DEMOLITION WOMAN – Used up dueling for higher tag on road trip in route; blinkers added.
- 11** FITNESS – Unruly at gate then steadied early at loftier level in bow; plunges with blinkers on

Race 2

- 9** GEEBERT – Nine-year-old winless last year and seen better days but might overrun this kind.
- 1** HOTPOT – Claimed from six of last seven outings and success in past with Haddock aboard.
- 2** CRYPT – Gained late again this yardage and threat with helpful pace scenario; major threat.
- 4** GOLDEN WILDCAT – Prone to excuses but dangerous on best; chance if breaks alertly.

Race 3

- 3** PEACH PERFECT – Decisive score after hiatus and steps up within same claim tag at short odds
- 4** HEART LIGHT – Big effort this spot when edged in mud but also adept over fast surfaces.
- 2** PEACELOVENKARMA – Lacked response in wet sprint but up in time last route attempt.
- 7** SOLEMN OATH – Failed at short prices lately and outrun by second pick but remains danger.

Race 4

- 1** Latta – Hampered by early trouble as 3-5 chalk; impressed with acceleration in prior score.
- 2** ZANDUHOC – Crushed maidens in confidence booster and used up in blistering pace previously
- 7** BUSTINO SANTINO – Dueled throughout at Laurel in first try for Ness after competing in N.Y.
- 5** J J VALENTIN – Recent Ness claim crushed second pick here earlier; progress anticipated.

Race 5

- 1** WE BE THERE – Sidelined since June but six local victories; upsets if ready for new connections
- 3** DOCTOR DOOM – Weakened as odds-on chalk in softer version; often forms bottom of exacta.
- 6** SAINT MARCO – Defeated better in past and claimed last month but difficult to guess.
- 7** LONG GRAY LINE – Nine-year-old looked bit like old self in 90th start; merits some attention.

Race 6

- 2** LOVEUMOM – Easily second best this level in game try and capable of handling early pressure.
- 1** VICKY VALE – Making steady progress and outdueled heavy favorite last month for Moore barn.
- 5** ALYVIA'S GIRL – Crushed lesser in improved showing of stamina; third outing since layoff.
- 6** BLESSED CANDY – Maryland shipper very quick but drops after trailing twice at Laurel.

Race 7

11	AU SOME WARRIOR – Primed for sprint forcing pace in top level routes; first time in claimer.
6	CURIOUS SOUL – Speedy colt poises threat but beaten favorite last pair; stamina woes persist.
9	EL MEDIANOCHE – Finished after half mile in latest but fired this level in prior attempt.
7	SUNNY MAGIC – Back up claiming ladder after Turfway claim; benefits from recent activity.

Race 8

13	MAJESTIC TIGER – Preparing on private farm in Jersey and last victory over this track in 2023.
5	AHSAD – Veteran rebounded from poor showing in good effort with similar; 12 lifetime victories.
3	EMPIRE'S SCORE – Led to final yards in improved try; extra sixteenth mile possible obstacle.
8	MINXZHIPPSDONTLEYE – Nearly wore down heavy favorite for new management; fits nicely.

Race 9

3	KEITHSENDSHELLOOOO – Eliminated at break with bad stumble and faced classy rivals career.
1	B B BAD – Veteran stretch-runner advanced behind Ness winners last pair; contested pace plus.
4	QUICK TEMPO – Rapid gelding with terrific 12-for-31 mark may have needed first try after layoff.
7	ENFORCER – Chased streaking winner in last and numerous troubled trips last season.

Race 10

14	OBSTINATE – Set pace in route to final furlong vs. drop-down winner; back after eight days.
6	OUR LITTLE TIGER – Absent since dull effort at Monmouth in July; possibility if ready.
7	R TENDERONI – Failed to give true measure in sloppy route when claimed; prior try encouraging
8	LA TOURISTA – Back on bottom in just fourth race since March; Lake runner threat this level.

Race 11

2	FENWICK JACK – Powerful rally despite another slow start; sufficient early targets for late kick.
13	KHOPESH – Heavily-backed and overcame early roughing in sprint; handled route in past.
8	RENEGADE SERENADE – Set pressured pace before fading behind top pick; easy win earlier.
3	CLANCY O'TOOLE – Walloped single-winners taking plunge and claimed; aggressive next step.