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Best Bets: LEFTVOER SUSHI (4<sup>th</sup>) -- RUMINT (7<sup>th</sup>)

### Race 1

- 5** LUCCHESI – Closed well with bulky fields in final two Kentucky sprints; edge facing winners.
- 1** HERO'S SPIRIT – Used up dueling better company and decisive score earlier; speed along rail.
- 3** VINI VIDI VICI – Crushed maidens this yardage and threat again with renewed confidence.
- 4** ONLYGODCANJUDGE – Gained well this spot two months ago but ages since lone victory.

### Race 2

- 3** COACH KNIGHT – Chased smashing winner in sprint when taking step forward with Lasix.
- 1** WILD CAPTAIN – Easily second best to favorite when showing ability around two turns.
- 4** BIG SHOT VEGAS – Traffic trouble on first turn in debut; better trip and experience can help.
- 5** FAST N SWEET – Bothered early against similar in debut and upset chance with progress.

### Race 3

- 2** BAD ADVICE – Drops after dueling winner long way in route; making third start since hiatus.
- 5** STOUTHEARTED – Battled throughout this yardage and racing into shape after layoff.
- 1** AVES MAKIN' WAVES – Flashes of interest but finished behind top choice in 29<sup>th</sup> attempt.
- 3** LORD SEABEE – Narrowed gap wide in latest and improved last pair; soft opposition.

### Race 4

- 5** LEFTOVER SUSHI – Crushed two-time winners sprinting and showed route ability on turf.
- 6** AMALFI LADY – Prominent throughout latest but stuck this spot since July; often gets close.
- 4** BELLA MARIA – Not much sprinting but could make progress stretching out with weight off.
- 3** JOB'S NOT FINISHED – Far behind in last after taking two prior outings; leading rider named.

### Race 5

- 3** SUNNY SIDE UP – Recent claim finally gets stamina test and should manage to control fractions.
- 1** JAYCE AND LIAM – Easily second best to longshot winner this spot; good form at Finger Lakes.
- 2** SISTER EVE – Soundly outrun by second pick but sheds 10 pounds switching to “triple bug.”
- 6** LADY ROBO – Faded under pressure as huge favorite after claim; likely to press pace.

### Race 6

- 4** NUEDORF – Victim of awkward break as favorite this spot and likely proves difficult to catch.
- 6** ALMOND CIDER – Speedy gelding shown determination lately and often forms bottom of exacta.
- 5** TRUTH AND NOBILITY – Not much since shipping from Florida but showed some speed in route
- 1** MIZZEN MAN – Fits well if throw out latest and numerous races closer than odds predicted.

### Race 7

<b>6</b>	RUMINT – Led throughout at Laurel and local conqueror stepped up and scored again.
<b>7</b>	EXPECT TO BE READY – Plunges after retreating in mud last week; always threat this level.
<b>8</b>	CATTI LA BELLE – Never involved for higher tag after winning “key” race for this amount.
<b>4</b>	SIRENETTA – Would prefer dry surface after failing as always on muddy footing; upset chance.

### Race 8

<b>3</b>	GRUENE HALL – Rallied behind heavily-backed newcomer in bow; progress anticipated.
<b>5</b>	SHE’S JUSTIFIED – Troubled trip in bulky field and showed excellent speed over wet surface.
<b>6</b>	GINGERSAYSCHILL – Closed gap in October debut at Penn National; adds Lasix and blinkers.
<b>4</b>	CAROUSEL QUEEN – Faded behind top choice in seventh try; good before and tries blinkers.

### Race 9

<b>1</b>	ENFORCER – Hard-earned score when claimed and should fire again with logical next step.
<b>4</b>	AZTEC – Blocked on turn then closed well when clear this spot; major threat with Carmouche.
<b>7</b>	B B BAD – Stretch-runner with ample ability but on rare losing streak; needs aid of pace set-up
<b>2</b>	REAL TALK – Weakened late behind decisive Ness barn winner in November; speedy and game.

### Race 10

<b>3</b>	WE READY – Exploded late in narrow defeat and extra sixteenth mile could prove helpful.
<b>1</b>	MUSICAL HEART – Solid effort with tougher in route and adjusted well too sprint in past.
<b>2</b>	GEEBERT – Nine-year-old seen better days but stretch-runner can’t dismiss with this kind.
<b>4</b>	GOLDEN WILDCAT – Used up early from extreme outside post and outran top pick previously