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Best Bets: **BIG BEEMSTER (1st) – CENTAUR CENTRAL (2nd)**

Race 1

- 4** BIG BEEMSTER – Easily second best to repeat winner after setting pace; has rallied from behind
- 1** DR BAYTER – Disregard poor showing in mud; edged previously this level in game effort.
- 8** RUN CORY RUN – Soundly outrun by top choice when claimed from third consecutive start.
- 5** AULA – Stopped after layoff on muddy surface but puts blinkers back on for hot Abrams barn.

Race 2

- 2** CENTAUR CENTRAL – Ran into tigers on wet surfaces but sharp on fast tracks earlier.
- 5** CURIOUS SOUL – Hard used chasing eventual winner this spot after hiatus; one to catch.
- 6** LIGHT MY WAY – Pressed pace at top maiden level in bow; experience and dry footing plus.
- 7** AIRMAN TREVOR – Used up dueling with solid company; back in for tag and merits attention.

Race 3

- 7** SKINNY JOEY – Fair showing in compact field at Penn National in return; soft opposition.
- 5** CARNABY – Signs of interest in both outings and \$230,000 buy could progress this level.
- 2** DON'T DOUBT DECLAN – Finished midpack on muddy footing; second finisher romped in next.
- 6** FAST N SWEET – Sire Tight Ten lightly raced son of Tapit trained by Steve Asmussen.

Race 4

- 4** MAVIS MISCHIEF – Dueled winner before tiring in stretch; second finisher upset 20-1 last week.
- 3** JADON'S HONOR – Rallied after slow break in October debut; serious contender if ready.
- 5** CHILLING TIME – Troubled trip on muddy surface and prior try encouraging; chance on best.
- 2** COACH KNIGHT – Unruly then raced greenly when trailing debut; pedigree to perform better.

Race 5

- 12** LERETHA – Weakened after three months off when chasing tougher foes; clear sailing outside.
- 11** ON PARADISE HILL – Stopped after half mile when arriving from Canada; drops and fits well.
- 1** WHISKEY AND RAIN – Chased smashing winner when competing better than odds predicted.
- 4** FAUX PAS – Fair effort in 13th defeat and conqueror fared poorly next start; might get part.

Race 6

- 8** LOST LOVE – Humbled by runaway winner after claim; drops and fired all six local outings.
- 4** MISS CINNAMON – Led early when finishing just behind top choice; hot rider aboard in Adorno.
- 5** MOLLY MALONE – Closed with rush for lower tag but needs to put pair together to threaten.
- 7** SNOW LAKE – Significant drop but much sharper earlier; claimed for this amount last summer.

Race 7

8	JEZEBEL JADE – Lacked best closing kick lately but claimed three straight and drops again.
11	BUCKS SOME – Ten-year-old mare with \$408,111 in bankroll; still capable against this kind.
3	CRÈME CARAMEL – Edged this spot and finished ahead of second choice; ages since last score
9	MENDED WE STAND – Failed on drop this level as 8-5 chalk; can't dismiss yet with Lopez up.

Race 8

6	PROUD DIVI – Good speed in final two Kentucky races and moves to Ness barn well-spotted.
5	BOSSY KATE – Overmatched in last but powerful score previously; idle over two months.
7	MOON FLEET – Narrowed gap after slow start 18 days ago at Turfway; figures close with these.
4	MT. MASADA – Used up initial half mile in classier field after shipping north; Lures Lopez.

Race 9

2	EPIC LUCK – Anticipated more last time but plunges and prior effort stamps serious contender.
4	WHISKEYROMEOSIERRA – Pressured nearly entire trip but held on gamely this spot; dangerous
7	AWESOME FLAY – Dueled throughout in race taken by stretch-runner; double-digit Delaware win
5	IT'S GAME TIME – Rare poor showing with wide trip but terrific 18 career scores, nine locally.

Race 10

6	KATE'S GOLDEN DUDE – Ten-year-old still quick and won last decisively; logical next step.
12	THESEGUYSGOTGAME – Effective in front or from off pace but absent couple months.
3	LIBERTY STAR – Latest discouraging but re-claimed by Aristone and drops notch for this.
10	JEBOLOGIST – Good effort behind top choice and prior setback on sloppy footing; fits well.