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Best Bets: HARRIGAN (9th) – SPEIGHTSTER RED (10th)

Race 1

- 4** MELITTLEFROSTGIRL – Chased runaway odds-on winner for higher tag after shipping from Ky.
- 2** SISTER MARY LOU – Advanced well in debut despite some traffic trouble in lane; can progress.
- 1** ESTILO UNICO – Speed along inside for Ness filly but numerous losses at short odds.
- 3** LIL SALLY – Finished ahead of top pick in improved showing; switches to hot apprentice.

Race 2

- 6** MAGICAL ROAD – Good effort after early excuses at loftier level for hot Ramirez stable.
- 4** VINI VIDI VICI – Used up forcing pace after arriving from Canada; Linder barn won Big A stake.
- 3** AWESOME FORCE – New Yorker absent couple months with 11 losses but threat this level.
- 2** TEXAS AIR FORCE – Taken wide on first turn in route and benefits from recent activity.

Race 3

- 5** NAMORA – Failed to offer true measure in slop but won prior try and testing stamina again.
- 1** SUDOKU TERRY – Florida invader poses threat but bulk of outings on turf and synthetic.
- 6** PENNY POLKA – Prominent throughout this spot in local bow after decisive Penn National win.
- 4** TOOTSIE TOES – Another nice effort after breaking slowly this spot; chased runaway winners.

Race 4

- 5** ROCK ME GENTLY – Easily second best to favored Ness winner in tougher version this spot.
- 1** TREMOLO – Disqualified from narrow score in debut this level and threat with blinkers added.
- 2** SEEYOUINMYDREAMS – Led to final yards in blanket finish and must respect all Ness runners.
- 6** DEMOLITION WOMAN – May have needed first outing since early November but stamina woes.

Race 5

- 8** WARRIOR'S VOW – Cruised past rivals in decisive victory at similar yardage; capable of repeat.
- 6** BIG JOHN – Rediscovered ability behind pair of favorites as longshot; faced classier in past.
- 7** REMARKABLE MO – Captured three straight and taking logical next step following Mosco claim.
- 5** ONE WAY TRAFFIC – Faded after dueling as odds-on chalk in mud; ensures lively fractions.

Race 6

- 4** APOLLONIA VITELLI – Adjusted nicely to sprint with double-digit romp three weeks ago.
- 5** TELEPHONE LINE – Began career with promise and taking significant drop to this spot.
- 6** ZONING ORDER – Dueled to final furlong with similar after shipping from Canada; must consider
- 1** NEIGHBELLINE – Hit board all four attempts this spot since layoff but some progress necessary

Race 7

12	WIKI LIO – Outran next time winner and takes realistic next step for successful Moore stable.
5	UNION BELLE – Advanced wide late in tight finish and claimed for much higher tags earlier.
8	MERRYCHILL – Anticipated better last out but close with top pick before; merits attention.
11	LEFTOVER SUSHI – Game effort when just missing and defeated top choice in November.

Race 8

5	DOUBLE YOUR MONEY – Sharp twice locally since Kentucky claim; repelled next-out winner.
3	PATRIARCHAL – Easily second best at Aqueduct and often close; takes aggressive drop.
7	IFEELUCKY TONITE – Poor showing when unruly at gate but fired prior pair; tests stamina.
2	CURLIN GUNNER – Hard-earned score at Laurel after beaten favorite locally; \$40,000 Ky. claim.

Race 9

1	HARRIGAN – Powerful move in decisive debut score despite steadying early; \$130,000 purchase.
8	LET'SMAKEITADouble – Blocked on turn then pulled away impressively when clear in bow.
7	ALCHEMISM – Less than two lengths behind in stake after double-digit romp in maiden victory.
4	ANALOG JONES – Far behind on road trips but back home where he crushed foes this yardage.

Race 10

7	SPEIGHTSTER RED – Re-claimed yet again by Lupe Guerrero barn where he achieved in past.
11	PIT BOSS – Dueled when finishing behind top choice; taken back quickly by Arce stable.
3	HEY PORTER – Far behind in latest but plunges and determined stretch kick here last season.
2	MUSICAL HEART – Ten-year-old nearly always fires; nearing half million in earnings as threat.