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Best Bets: VALIANT MAJESTY (4th) – GRUENE HALL (6th)

Race 1

- 7** STARLORD – Significant drop with leading rider aboard and ample early targets for set-up.
- 8** Z'S SO GOOD – Competing better than odds suggest lately but lone victory from 23 attempts.
- 4** CHECKING BOXES – Last more like it but often difficult to guess; must put it all together.
- 5** SUPREME MIND – Very quick elsewhere but hampered by stamina issues; yardage suits.

Race 2

- 6** COACH CLINT – Signs of ability at Turfway and adding Lasix; Pino stable hot recent weeks.
- 4** MINE SEEKER – Forced pace against solid field in longer test; chased pair of repeat winners.
- 1** CENTAUR CENTRAL – Overmatched in last and racing cheapest ever in ninth try; speed inside.
- 7** MATZOBALL MUHAMMET – Prominent to stretch and top two from that race won again next out.

Race 3

- 3** NAMORA – Pulled away eagerly in first stamina test; likely repeater with realistic next step.
- 1** LIAM'S KISS – Keeps firing at short odds and often forms bottom of exacta; major threat.
- 5** AMALFI LADY – Frequently close with similar but stuck in this spot since June; can't dismiss.
- 4** MO TOWN ANNIE – Finished behind pair above but edged this level in November; upset shot.

Race 4

- 4** VALIANT MAJESTY – Dueled to stretch at Aqueduct and numerous strong efforts over this track.
- 3** CREATIVE COPY – Romped and claimed yet again and Arce barn has them firing; threat on raise
- 1** PEARLS AND HEELS – Dueled this far in longer race for higher tag; veteran often very game.
- 6** PARISIAN VIBE – Slight upset in competitive field and logical next step for winning barn.

Race 5

- 1** HEY BROTHER – Failed as heavy favorite but drops again and conqueror ran huge next time.
- 9** FINANCIAL STRENGTH – Series of runner-up finishes since return; hot Miguel Rodriguez barn.
- 7** E T'S EVASIVE MOON – Led throughout with single winners and might need to shake loose.
- 2** KHOPEH – Last pair discouraging but runs solid race on occasion and merits attention.

Race 6

- 2** GRUENE HALL – Rallied behind heavily-backed newcomer in bow; progress anticipated.
- 8** SHE'S JUSTIFIED – Troubled trip in bulky field and showed excellent speed over wet surface.
- 9** GINGERSAYSCHILL – Closed gap in October debut at Penn National; adds Lasix and blinkers.
- 3** CAROUSEL QUEEN – Faded behind top choice in seventh try; good before and tries blinkers.

Race 7

4	SPEIGHTSTER RED – Veteran regained confidence in 11 th score and claimed again; keeps Lopez
7	LUCKY DUDE – Improved gelding pressured throughout but just missed; drops peg as danger.
1	HELIUM – Ness runner returns from failed New York outings; drops seeking to end loss streak.
2	BALANTYNE – Far behind last pair after two decisive scores; late punch on occasion.

Race 8

4	TIME TO CRUISE – Just two lengths back in tough field on road; romped this spot locally.
6	OPTIC WAY – Repelled challenges then just lasted when Ness took; 10-year-old still formidable.
7	AZTEC – Capable and versatile gelding stretching out again and threat with best effort.
3	DREAM KNIGHT – Third behind pair of Ness runners when closer than odds anticipated.

Race 9

7	TOMARIE – Close throughout this spot and 9-year-old mare with 13 victories; earned \$420,666.
10	COLOR CRUSH – Finished just behind top pick but tricky post and winless on conventional dirt.
1	ANNA ROCKS – Capable in past but lost all 15 local attempts; fired with Castillo up before.
6	BEYOND A MILLION – Soundly beaten after layoff and avoids claim tag again; seven local wins.