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Best Bets: DR BAYTER (5th) – LATTA (8th)

Race 1

- 5** BULLET BREEZE – Narrowed gap after slow start in sprint and competed well in earlier routes.
- 7** SURFBOARD – Battled throughout this spot and often formed bottom of exacta in 22 attempts.
- 9** SHEER DOMINANCE – Significant drop to amount of October claim and should be gaining late.
- 4** VIN SANTO – Dueled to mid-stretch in good effort for new management; merits some attention.

Race 2

- 4** FENWICK JACK – Cruised past mud opponents after usual slow start; realistic next step.
- 5** ALILNALOT – Hard used chasing decisive winner as 8-5 chalk in sprint; controls route fractions.
- 2** RUN CORY RUN – Easily second best behind smashing winner; claimed from four recent races.
- 3** OCTOBER BLISS – Overmatched in last and crushed two-time winners in prior outing.

Race 3

- 5** LA DE PELUCHE – Runner-up to drop-down winner in improved try; sheds 10 pounds for this.
- 4** KEYSTORMRISING – Finished behind top choice as favorite and must put it all together.
- 1** ME SO LUCKY – Sidelined since summer and 15 defeats but could close gap late if ready.
- 3** DIXIE MUSIC – Last few discouraging and tries two turns again with hot apprentice aboard.

Race 4

- 4** KATES WARRIORHEART – Advanced wide after slow start in debut; faces very soft opposition.
- 2** CAN'T STOP A CHUB – Rookie full-sister to multiple stakes-winner Chug Wagon; must guess.
- 3** I'M A LUCKY GIRL – Shelved since poor turf showing in June; upset possibility if ready.
- 6** NORHO'S GAMBLE – Usually quick but hampered by stamina woes during 18 defeats.

Race 5

- 3** DR BAYTER – Edged by more numerous winners in better field; Miguel Rodriguez barn sizzling.
- 4** HARDY CHOICE – Ness runner sidelined since July but sufficient ability; prepared at Laurel.
- 2** BIG BEEMSTER – Ran into tiger when distant fourth as favorite this spot; prior tries encouraging
- 5** RUMAWAY – Soundly outrun by top choice but posted 49-1 and 30-1 shockers earlier.

Race 6

- 1** BURNING EMBERS – Came again vs. runaway winner this spot; even softer version this time.
- 8** DEL REY DOLLY – Good effort at loftier level last month; terrific 12-for-38 lifetime mark.
- 7** BOCA ROYALTY – Ten-year-old mare sprung 20-1 upset in last and steps up within same tag.
- 3** CAPTIVATING CARA – Unruly prior to dull effort but scored earlier with Elliott up; can't dismiss.

Race 7

2	ROCK ME GENTLY – Speedy filly exits solid try against capable firster; overcomes seconditis.
3	MISS RAUCUS – Top to bottom plunge after trailing badly when adding Lasix; debut good.
10	TREMOLO – Hurt chances at start again but outside post might help; edged by top one before.
6	MELITTLEFROSTGIRL – Remote fourth after awkward break in route; yet to offer much locally.

Race 8

2	LATTA – Early trouble behind formidable rival as 3-5 chalk; powerful rally in November score.
5	MISTER LINCOLN – Dominated field at Penn National in second race after hiatus; threat again.
1	ACTION HERO – Easily second best behind smashing winner again this spot; inside journey.
4	MALIBLUE – Speedy and improving gelding sharp twice at Laurel; competed earlier in Ky.

Race 9

5	VOODOO YOU DO – Lightly raced but ample ability and edged this spot in latest; set for best.
1	BOSSY KATE – Throw out road trip and captured two of last three local tries as main danger.
2	SUNDRIA – Anticipated better in mud defeat after powerful rally in fast track score previously.
7	TWIST HER – Solid effort behind second choice despite absent five months; should progress.

Race 10

3	HIDDEN PROMISE – Prominent throughout when dropping slightly; should obtain favorable trip.
9	WE READY – Lacked needed rally after sluggish as usual early; needs help with pace scenario.
5	MIZZEN MAN – Stuck this spot since September but capable of sneaking into gimmicks.
11	BOOM BOOM KABOOM – Dueled throughout when nailed by 3-5 chalk; just 3-for-80 lifetime.