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Best Bets: GAMESTONKS (4th) – DIVINE MIRACLE (7th)

Race 1 I CAN DO MAGIC – Strong rally on turn this spot then tired late when claimed; ample targets. VINI VIDI VICI – Set pressured pace in finish dominated by stretch-runners; romped prior outing. TROPANDHAGEN – Ample ability but idle several months; competed only once since August. TIZ MARKS SPIRIT – Prone to early trouble but fits well and from high percentage Penn stable. Race 2 HALEIGH B - Crushed Laurel rivals and probably best last local attempt; speedy and 6-for-21. SUMMARY JUDGMENT – Rapid mare back in route and at her best when shakes loose early. CHIQUITA MOSCA - Shelved two months since voided claim but sufficient talent to threaten. GIRLFROMOUTERSPACE – Overmatched in last and claimed from prior two starts for high tags. Race 3 CASA JUANITA – Wired capable routers at Penn for leading stable; also proven adept sprinting. ROZZYROO – Used up early in classier company at Aqueduct; wired N.Y.-breds in debut there. TOWER TWENTY TWO – Improved with blinkers, also against state-breds in N.Y.; fits nicely. SHE'S INCREDIBLE – Rallied wide in bulky field when claimed from winning debut; must respect Race 4

	GAMESTONKS – Narrowly missed this level despite poor start; keeps firing with closing punch.
4	PATTY CAKES – Trailed compact Big A field but drops in third try after layoff; Ness barn now.

IRIE EMPRESS – Signs of progress lately and closer than odds suggest in sprint; yardage suits.

TAVIN – Roughed early in fair effort but faced solid foes previously; very capable at Monmouth.

Race 5

- TYCOON MOGUL Good effort in better company in New York and won prior Gulfstream outing.
- SUPERNESS Prominent throughout vs. similar for hot Arce barn; might revert to rating tactics.
- 2 SON OF THOR Dueled to final furlong in first start of year when claimed by Pino; speedy threat
- 3 AU SOME WARRIOR Pulled away from maidens after dueling and retains Lopez as contender.

Race 6

- 2 I FEELUCKY TONITE Dueled and continued well in sprint; excellent try in lone route attempt.
- SUNDAY SPIRIT Stablemate of top pick nearly always fires but beaten favorite last three races.
- MAJESTIC LION Closed gap sprinting in second race after hiatus; might regain closing kick.
- PRINCE OF CHILL Chronic poor starter but takes significant drop; Padilla barn 22% last year.

DIVINE MIRACLE – Terrific veteran crushed rivals three weeks to boost record to 15-for-36. EPIC LUCK – Solid effort when Wyner took and likely aided if wet footing; late bid anticipated. GREENER PASTURES – Disappointed in latest but series of strong efforts in previous months. YES SIR COLONEL – Trailed early then rallied behind top choice when no threat; needs set-up. Race 8 HARP'S HOT CORNER – Powerful effort to extend winning streak to six, all with Sanchez aboard. YOUNG SQUIRE – Roughed early then pulled away eagerly in decisive score with Pa.-breds. PARTY AT SAM'S – Very game gelding no match for second pick; draws inside again as threat. CATTY'S UNCLE – Improved and determined efforts last pair; won three straight earlier. Race 9 YO YO CANDY – Ran into streaking winner in December and worked quickly since; solid field. TRICOLOUR – Bargain claim exits sharp score after wide trip this yardage; major danger again. POINT DUME – Shown ample ability in past and switches to Ness barn; stakes-placed last year.

EDDIE W – Pressed classy winner long way in route and upset chance with further progress.