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Best Bets: REAL CONVICTION (4th) – WESTERN WOMAN (8th)

Race 1

- 8** K D CAKES – Sidelined since voided claim in May but sufficient ability and from top stable.
- 1** LADY ANNABELLE – Advanced late behind lively pace and third finisher won next easily.
- 2** SNOW LAKE – Distant fourth on drop and much sharper earlier but chance with this kind.
- 4** MERRYCHILL – Disappointing try in last but claimed from 4 of last 5 outings; must consider.

Race 2

- 5** TAKE TIME TO DREAM – Another solid effort as heavy favorite; battled classy rival previously.
- 4** NO FAKE – Fired every local outing and walloped two-time winners; retains Lopez as threat.
- 6** BRIGHT KOHANA – Speedy filly fits well but tends to weaken in late stages; extra yardage here.
- 3** JAVA'S LUCKY LADY – Chased runaway winner at Penn and should contribute to quick pace.

Race 3

- 3** ADDYSON'S DREAM – Hard used pressing impressive Ness winner at Penn; third race of year.
- 5** SHORE TIME – Faced state-breds at Aqueduct for higher tags; possibility with this kind.
- 4** ONE LAST KISS – Led to final yards after arriving from Gulfstream; back up claiming ladder.
- 2** BAD ADVICE – Faded after half mile in latest but Pino stable winning with third of starters.

Race 4

- 6** REAL CONVICTION – Trounced solid field in route and finds perfect spot in elongated sprint.
- 3** OKIE DEN DEN – Dueled under severe pressure to late stages this spot; prior try excellent.
- 1** BOTTLES – Crushed easier adding Lasix in return; fitter now and danger despite step-up.
- 4** SUPERNESS – Possibility if throw out latest; capable but needs to put pair together.

Race 5

- 7** PIT BOSS – Edged by Ness barn drop-down when easily second best and claim again; nine wins.
- 6** WINGED FOOT – Just missed at Laurel after closing big gap locally; ample early targets a plus.
- 3** TYCOON – Distant third in possibly better version this spot; veteran terrific last season.
- 2** SUPREME SONG – Shelved since September but speedy and successful on Ohio circuit.

Race 6

- 3** WYNN GIANT – Rallied behind Ness re-claim with strong closing kick again; very wide prior try.
- 1** SAILOR'S RETURN – Finished well in sprint this level and most recent poor tries on wet tracks.
- 7** AULA – Far back against tougher last pair but double-digit romp earlier; difficult to guess.
- 8** INSPEIGHTOFTRAINER – Overran two-time winners despite early trouble; up class down in tag.

Race 7

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| 2 | SPEIGHTSTER RED – Game veteran sharp again after claim; conqueror stepped up, repeated. |
| 4 | NEW COMMISSION – Lightly raced but loads of ability; impressed in October and threat if ready. |
| 5 | WARRIOR'S VENDETTA – Wide trip behind top choice but on long losing streak; Rivera hot rider |
| 7 | FIRST MONEY – Overmatched in last but sharp against frequent winner prior try; chance on best |

Race 8

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| 4 | WESTERN WOMAN – Major step forward in second local start when crushing solid opposition. |
| 2 | VICKY VALE – Decent effort following hiatus when Linder took; only poor showing on turf. |
| 1 | MAJESTIC JO – Vied to final furlong this spot when adding Lasix and claimed; speed along rail. |
| 5 | ROCK ME GENTLY – Repelled strong challenge in softer field when claimed; tested with these. |

Race 9

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| 5 | THEGODDESSOFSNAKES – Outrun on road trip after big effort vs. stablemate here; ends skid. |
| 1 | MOONBOOTS – Looked more like old self when trying blinkers; fits but yet to pass stamina test. |
| 6 | SUMMARY JUDGMENT – Rapid mare led throughout in 13th victory, 12 locally; back in one week. |
| 3 | THEARCHERORTHEPREY – Pair of good efforts since layoff and likely to continue progress. |

Race 10

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| 3 | ARTISTIC REASON – Veteran better in past but takes significant drop; might regain confidence. |
| 4 | HELIUM – On losing streak and failing to run to backing but can't dismiss this level for Ness. |
| 7 | MAKABIM – Nosed when easily second best at Penn; slow fuse but always threat with these. |
| 2 | SAINT MARCO – Runs well on occasion but spotty record and on long losing streak. |