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Best Bets: MISTER LINCOLN (5th) – BRONX BOYS (6th)

Race 1

- 1** BOLD HOPPORTUNITY – Good effort after claim this level and romped earlier similar yardage.
- 5** FAST PAYDAY – Improved try when adding blinkers as extreme longshot; continues progress.
- 8** ASCRIBE – Closed big gap at Penn after outrun locally; Miguel Rodriguez stable on major roll.
- 4** LUCKY RUNNING CAT – Difficult to support off latest but runner-up three consecutive outings.

Race 2

- 6** WIZARD SERRAT – Veteran stretch-runner sharp in latest and should appreciate added furlong.
- 7** HOTPOT- Finished just behind top choice and excellent record this distance; serious threat.
- 2** WE READY- Closer than anticipated with better after early roughing; must put pair together.
- 8** SAILOR'S RETURN- Less than four lengths behind in “open” company; likes this yardage.

Race 3

- 1** AMBITIOUSLY PLACED – Captured five of six outings since Pino re-claimed; hard to fault.
- 2** OUR UPTOWN GIRL – Exits very quick field and working briskly; twice humbled by top choice.
- 5** ANNIEWORKSTOOMUCH – Speedy and extremely game filly pushed top pick to limit last month.
- 3** BOSS LIKE BETH – Poor showing when claimed but ended losing streak in prior outing at Penn.

Race 4

- 5** JW'STRICKYMISCHIEF – Stopped after hiatus in tougher company but can wired this group.
- 4** SIX WHIPS – Used up after early trouble and very successful in past; needs alert break.
- 1** TAP IN FORMATION – Dueled eventual 3-5 winner in solid effort when dropping; speed inside.
- 3** PYLON – Veteran fired on road trip after poor local outings; eight victories over this track.

Race 5

- 3** MISTER LINCOLN – Hard used dueling this spot and conqueror next scored in New York.
- 6** ACTION HERO – Chased numerous runaway winners this level and should be gaining late again.
- 9** BIAGIO – Crushed lesser after long absence; retains Lopez but likely tested with this kind.
- 5** PALLINO – Led to final yards at Penn after shelved eight months; fitter now and sharp in past.

Race 6

- 3** BRONX BOYS – Looking like old self again and ships after firing this spot; capable on or off lead
- 8** RYAN'S FLEET – Excellent speed leading to stretch after layoff; can progress at square price.
- 7** CISCO KID – Giving his best every time and caught late after appearing likely winner in stretch.
- 2** DEPOLI – Victim of early trouble in improved showing; long loss streak but talented in past.

Race 7

3	CARBONITE – Renewed interest this level in latest and ready to end loss streak at good price.
11	AARAJ – Frequently close and led to final yards and conqueror ran well again last week.
9	BULLET BREEZE – Trounced lesser in confidence booster and dangerous with similar effort.
6	GOOD REUNION – Edged for new connections when outrunning top pick; merits attention.

Race 8

1	WAX BOX – Sire won Kentucky Jockey Club and Gotham and runner-up in Wood Memorial.
7	SHOWTIME MATINEE – Dam easily captured Delaware stake as juvenile; “bullet” works at Penn.
4	SAMS AFTER PARTY – Pressured heavy favorite in easily best effort yet; avoids tag this time.
3	CHILLING SENSATION – Ample preparation for debut and dam was excellent turf runner.

Race 9

4	ROMINSKI – Amazing veteran with 12 victories from 23 starts; seeks seventh in row for top barn.
3	BERNIE’S MITTS – Dueled winner to final yards when testing stamina; better suited this yardage.
7	VEESON – Captured last four outings on Lasix with stakes losses in between; late kick likely.
2	TRADERS LUCK – Among best claims in history of track; very quick, determined for Guerrero.

Race 10

3	UNDER THE RADAR – Re-claimed by Ness barn and just fourth race since layoff; can improve.
8	PIT BOSS – Formidable in past and back on bottom seeking tenth score; main threat this spot.
6	MAKABIM – Advanced behind decisive winner and narrow loss at Penn; very slow fuse.
4	COBBLE ROAD – Stretching out again as possible pacesetter and likely needs to shake loose.