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Best Bets: NOT A DIME BACK (3rd) – DATHOSS (5th)

Race 1

- 4** TIZ RACE DAY – Led to late stages when taking plunge and enough left to handle this kind.
- 7** SOLEMN OATH – Keeps firing and finished just ahead of top choice; retains Lopez as threat.
- 2** QUARTERFLASH – Made up ground sprinting after shipping from Turfway; handles two turns.
- 1** SIRENETTA – Improved effort when easily second best with lesser; seventh start of season.

Race 2

- 9** SPOOKY GAL – Sharp drop returning to sprint; sheds nine pounds and suited by distance.
- 1** SILVER CITY KITTY – Dueled in encouraging debut and third finisher won next time; key threat.
- 3** DON'T POST IT – Possibility if disregard Turfway finale; led long way in previous route.
- 7** J J'S HONOR – Prominent to final furlong in route after arriving from Gulfstream; upset shot.

Race 3

- 2** NOT A DIME BACK – Second best behind George Weaver runner in sharp finale at Gulfstream.
- 5** KERNER – Responded well to drop at Turfway in second race after layoff; moves to hot barn.
- 1** JOSH – Pushed heavy favorite to limit in much-improved effort; back up claiming ladder.
- 8** RIVER'S GAMBLE – Trailed throughout at top maiden level but flashes of ability previously.

Race 4

- 8** JEZEBEL JADE – Classy in past and closed well in shorter event; stable clicking at 18% rate.
- 7** BETWEEN DREAMS – Hampered by sluggish break and fired in two prior outings; fits nicely.
- 6** ROLLS ROYCE JOYCE – Drops notch after Coletti barn claimed back yet again; must respect.
- 3** BUCKS SOME – Ten-year-old mare with \$408,921 in bank seen better days but can't dismiss.

Race 5

- 6** DATHOSS – Battled tougher company since return and should regain confidence this level.
- 11** DREAM KNIGHT – Disappointing try in last but signs of interest in solid fields prior months.
- 4** BRINDISI – Faded in route when changing barns but merits attention sprinting at this level.
- 1** GEEBERT – Veteran formidable in past and narrowed gap this spot; leading rider aboard.

Race 6

- 4** REELIN N DEALIN – Back sprinting at amount of Moore claim; half-brother to Our Uptown Girl.
- 5** AIRMAN TREVOR – Twice finished just behind top choice and key threat despite 11 chances.
- 7** WE MISS NEIL – Faltered when remote third in route but first time in claimer as possibility.
- 6** DONNELLY'S HOLLOW – Kin to rapid filly Pure Lure and also from Moore barn; must guess.

Race 7

7	TARA'S TALENT – Nine-year-old mare nearing half million in earnings; helpful pace scenario.
3	BUSTIN DOWN DOORS – Hard used dueling in race taken by streaking winner; racing into shape
6	VALIANT MAJESTY – Game mare overmatched in last but crushed foes when hot Arce barn took
1	REE NEE'S SIX – Lightly raced but ample ability with speed inside; fits well with Pennington.

Race 8

1	COJELO PA TI – Rapid colt from sizzling Pino barn seeks fourth straight in competitive field.
6	BALLAD OF WARRIOR – Wired compact but capable field at Colonial; twice stakes-placed.
5	ALCHEMISM – Fires every time sprinting and game narrow loss when adding Lasix; dangerous.
2	SON OF THOR – Bargain claim seeks third in row and effective in front or from just off pace.

Race 9

7	HARP'S HOT CORNER – Winning streak ended at six with some trouble as even-money chalk.
4	YOUNG SQUIRE – Defeated top choice on wet footing to boost mark to 7-for-20; obvious threat.
6	PARTY AT SAM'S – Speedy and extremely determined gelding proven he fits with this kind.
2	RESPIRATOR – Hampered by traffic woes behind smashing winner; ample early targets a plus.

Race 10

10	SAL N LOUIE – Significant drop and formed part of exacta in 16 of 36 attempts; likely flying late.
7	PARDSY – Battled throughout again and making key third start since hiatus; speedy contender.
3	MUCHO MACHO EDDIE – Rediscovered ability when easily second best to smashing winner.
12	HIDDEN PROMISE – Victim of early excuses late pair as favorite this spot; clear sailing outside.