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Best Bets: WILLFUL DESIRE (7th) – GOLDEN ICE (9th)

Race 1

- 3** ROCK ME GENTLY – Firing in every outing and appears capable of shaking loose and wiring.
- 6** SHE TAKES CASH – Absent three months since crushing single-winners; claimed 3 times Gulf.
- 7** VANELLOPE – Distant third after early bumping but romped earlier and should like distance.
- 2** TELEPHONE LINE- Major threat if disregard latest and began career with impressive score.

Race 2

- 5** WYATT HUNTER – By son of great Into Mischief and dam won 9 of 21 races; encouraging works.
- 3** NEVER TILL NOW- Sharp despite trouble trips in two of three races since layoff; obvious threat.
- 6** SAPPHIRE PRINCE – Failed as 9-5 chalk at Penn after easily second best to rocket locally.
- 1** CHILLING ZENSATION – Flashed speed then taken up sharply on turn in debut; speed inside.

Race 3

- 5** SKULL HONOR – Exits series of good efforts at Gulfstream and switches to leading Ness barn.
- 4** SUNNY MAGIC – Dueled eventual winner to final furlong when trying blinkers; makes 12th try.
- 3** GUNMAN JAYVO- Closed with rush after poor start in local bow; adds Lasix stretching out.
- 2** JUST CHEESY – Soundly beaten by second pick in latest but prior outing stamps contender.

Race 4

- 5** QUARTERFLASH – Slow fuse but exits good try in better field after Turfway claim by Padilla.
- 6** BEYOND A MILLION – Frequently close but long losing streak and Pino claim tries blinkers.
- 4** BUNNY BONUS – Chased pair of repeat winners and claimed again; 6-for-27 lifetime mark.
- 3** MISS CHAMITA – Chronic slow starter remote fourth after claim; very capable in past years.

Race 5

- 5** DATHOSS – Convincing score when claimed and excellent record with Paco Lopez aboard.
- 7** TAP IN FORMATION – Speedy gelding won decisively and suited by abbreviated yardage.
- 4** SIX WHIPS – Outrun by second choice when Gallimore took and retains “triple bug” Torres.
- 1** PARDSY – Just missed after setting pace in longer test and contributes to lively fractions.

Race 6

- 1** CAPTAIN FANCY – Battled throughout after hiatus at Keeneland when adding Lasix, blinkers.
- 6** FRIDAY SURPRISE – May have needed race after layoff when facing winners; good at Saratoga.
- 7** MARVELOUS MO – Absentee improved in second start and working quickly for return.
- 3** CENTAUR CENTRAL – Determined in narrow loss but had 10 chances; avoids tag this time.

Race 7

6	WILLFUL DESIRE – Used up forcing pace in solid field at Aqueduct after romping three straight
3	SNAPPY RIDE – Much closer than odds predicted last pair when rallying with tough Pa.-breds.
1	AMBITIOUSLY PLACED – Terrific mare just keeps winning for Pino; likely tested in this field.
4	ET’S MOON MAIDEN – Poor showing after firing in four straight; ample early targets can help.

Race 8

6	LIBERTE DE BAYEUX – Caught late as huge favorite; gelded since and tries two turns first time.
2	DOUBLE YOUR MONEY – Excellent form since Dunn claim but series of frustrating defeats.
1	REAL CONVICTION – Bargain claim by hot Solis barn won last three local routes; fits nicely.
3	IKE’S GAMBLE – Fair try in compact field and humbled by second pick prior try; best needed.

Race 9

1	GOLDEN ICE – Improving colt taken for \$40,000 at Keeneland and moves to sizzling Dunn stable.
3	HUGGY – Overmatched in N.Y.-bred stake after \$75,000 buy locally; chance to control fractions.
2	JADON’S HONOR – Progressed since using blinkers and late energy with good rivals sprinting.
6	THE TIRE MAN – Offered good closing punch to finally defeat maidens; logical next step.

Race 10

3	SHE’SAROLLINGSTONE – Strong record at Laurel and competed well only local try December.
7	PHOTO FINISH – Dueled long way when easy runner-up this spot; bottom of Ness barn exacta.
6	BOSS LIKE BETH – Rebounded from dull effort when just two lengths behind with solid rivals.
5	PEACH PERFECT – Game mare just keeps on winning and claimed from five consecutive starts.