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Best Bets: RIGHT WING RUNNER (8th) – KOHLER'S (9th)

Race 1

- 1** YOU'RE FOREVER – Hampered by stumbling with similar; best when able to reach front early.
- 7** EVERHEART – Dueled throughout when caught by stretch-runner late in game try; sizzling barn.
- 3** SUNNY SIDE UP – Rebounded from poor wet track outing in good effort sprinting on fast track.
- 6** MERRYCHILL – Led routers long way, likely better suited this yardage; must put it all together.

Race 2

- 2** BRINDISI – Offered little after claim but back on bottom where he competed well previously.
- 4** HIDDEN PROMISE – Easily second best to odds-on winner and often forms bottom of exacta.
- 5** GEEBERT – Veteran seen better days but retains some closing kick; 12 local victories.
- 1** FLOAT ON – Formidable in past but raced sparingly and idle since January; new management.

Race 3

- 3** MY DEVILS CHILD – Advanced wide behind huge favorite after layoff; progress anticipated.
- 2** WIZARD SERRAT – Recently eligible to drop within same claiming tag; likely gaining late.
- 5** HARLEY'S CHARLY – Closer than odds predicted last pair and yet another closing threat.
- 1** GOLDEN WILDCAT – Just over one length behind in blanket finish after outrun by top pick.

Race 4

- 4** FAST BOB – Veteran might benefit from five months hiatus; classy in past and avoids claim tag.
- 6** MUSICAL HEART – Ten-year-old with excellent career mark and \$472,723; re-claimed in last.
- 5** FULL CONTACT – Victim of bad start when facing two-time winners; fourth outing since return.
- 7** BIG BROWN SHOES – Fair showing in seemingly softer version this spot; long losing streak.

Race 5

- 3** SIR ROB ROY – Drops testing stamina first time and should handle soft maiden opposition.
- 5** MAX FORWARD SPEED – Chased runaway favorite in last and competed well in prior route.
- 4** PEACE CRUSADER – Probable pacesetter stretching out but 6-year-old question of stamina.
- 6** ALPHADINI – Drops again after remote fourth and can't dismiss yet adding blinkers.

Race 6

- 5** ENFORCER – Carried out badly attempting to rally into stretch; game veteran drops notch.
- 7** KEITHSENDSHELLOOOO – Prevailed last week when taken and back up claiming ladder.
- 6** FIRST MONEY – Good form last pair but hasn't sprinted since November; late kick likely.
- 3** EDDIE W – Nice effort on occasion and fits well this level for hot Solis stable and Pennington.

Race 7

5	REE NEE'S SIX – Early excuse in better company and drops switching to Ness barn.
3	PEARLS AND HEELS – Crushed cheaper in confidence booster when Pino claimed; dangerous.
2	TEMPEST RISING – Used up forcing pace with solid state-breds; may revert to rating tactics.
1	SUE ELLEN MISHKIN – Speedy mare faltered as odds-on chalk; Mosco claim 10-for-28 career.

Race 8

1	RIGHT WING RUNNER – Set pressured pace when overmatched in Laurel stake; tigress locally.
4	MR. BOGAN – Much-improved gelding came again after brief stretch trouble; leading rider up.
2	LIGHT FOREVER – Good form at Gulfstream but might prefer turf; can rally from off leaders.
3	YARA'S QUEST – Rough trip after layoff at Laurel when adding Lasix; removes blinkers.

Race 9

5	KOHLER'S – Powerful effort against streaking winner in return and progress anticipated.
6	YOUNG SQUIRE – Brief traffic trouble at top of stretch against top pick; proving astute claim.
1	ALCHEMIST – Excellent form sprinting and tries blinkers moving inside; deserves attention.
3	UNCLE DAR – Rapid gelding shelved since July but ample ability and working quickly.

Race 10

6	DOS DE OROS – Chased smashing winner in sprint and good effort prior outing at two turns.
9	HEY RIVER – Used up dueling from outside post and moves to Pino barn; speedy contender.
3	FAST PAYDAY – Closed well with similar last three and ample early targets to set up late kick.
8	BULLET BREEZE – Broke slowly in sprint and contributes to lively pace while back in route.