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Best Bets: MEGAN'S NOEL (4th) – YODEL E.A. WHO (5th)

Race 1

- 7** JEZEBEL JADE – Stretch-runner just missed this spot; sufficient early targets for late punch.
- 4** BUCKS SOME – Ten-year-old mare looked bit like old self again when just behind top choice.
- 10** SO SWELL – Very slow fuse but drops within same claiming tag after wide rally last month.
- 8** TOMARIE – Set pace when easily second best to runaway route winner; rare sprint attempt.

Race 2

- 4** SHE CAN SCAT – Used up in tougher version after stumbling start; absentee scores if ready.
- 5** LIL SALLY – Overmatched in last after defeating next-out winner in prior maiden victory.
- 1** CRUISING GAL – Decisive score when trying blinkers and claimed from two of four outings.
- 3** I'M A LUCKY GIRL – Hard used opening half mile in better field; trounced maidens after layoff.

Race 3

- 5** SHADY NIGHTS – Chased formidable opposition as 7-5 chalk and drops for 43% Pino stable.
- 2** JOYFUL JOYCE – Advanced well this spot and stakes-placed earlier over wet surface.
- 1** ADDIEADDIEBOBADDIE – Possible pacesetter along inside but tends to weaken in stretch.
- 3** MY SPRING SUNSHINE – Humbled by smashing winner after hiatus with Lasix; blinkers added.

Race 4

- 1** MEGAN'S NOEL – Crushed lesser recently with energy in reserve; repeats after Gallimore took.
- 4** TIZ RACE DAY – Speedy filly sharper in past and tired as 2-5 chalk when claimed; can't dismiss.
- 5** MORE RANSOM – Drops notch after Ness claim and capable here during winter; fits nicely.
- 2** GIRLFROMOUTERSPACE – Poor showing in latest but Pino barn 33% after claim; losing streak.

Race 5

- 3** YODEL E. A. WHO – Veteran trounced cheaper in 18th career score; continues up claim ladder.
- 4** NEW COMMISSION – Finally broke alertly and shows trio of decisive wins last five attempts.
- 6** HERMOSO HOMBRE – Gained late this level and fourth finisher won next easily; hot stable.
- 8** PRINCE COLTON – Retreated after forcing pace in finish dominated by closers; significant drop.

Race 6

- 6** CISCO KID – Roughed early then rallied wide this spot; sharp in six previous races locally.
- 7** WHITEWALKER – Steady progress in three starts since long absence; likely gaining late.
- 2** STARLORD – Good try behind second pick then humbled easy next-out winner in latest.
- 1** VINI VIDI VICI – Determined score on wet track and takes logical next step; steady improvement.

Race 7

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| 1 | CAROLYN DORIS – Lost rider in last and solid effort against speedy rival here in January. |
| 6 | GREYHOUND STATION – Claimed for this amount and gets blinkers in third race since layoff. |
| 10 | SPOOKY GAL – Disappointing try in route but flashes of interest in two sprints; upset chance. |
| 9 | CAN'T STOP A CHUB – Full-sister to multiple stakes-winner Chub Wagon; fair try when claimed. |

Race 8

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| 1 | NO EASY DAYS – Talented gelding faced classy foes in Maryland; part of exacta in 17 of 32 tries. |
| 7 | BORRACHO – Amazing 9-year-old with 18 victories and \$714,356 in bank; major speedy threat. |
| 5 | TATUM – Contributes to lively pace but faces difficult task again with severe early pressure. |
| 2 | ADELEKE – Weakened late at Aqueduct after winning five straight previously; meets colts. |

Race 9

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| 3 | DOUBLE AIRO – Survived constant pressure at Laurel and shown liking for wet track if needed. |
| 2 | VOODOO YOU DO – Edged this spot by longshot when heavily-favored; retains Lopez as threat. |
| 5 | TRUE PHENOMENON – Remote third in compact route field after Ness claim; progress needed. |
| 4 | MOONBOOTS – Hard to support off last but returns to preferred yardage; long losing streak. |

Race 10

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| 12 | ONE LAST KISS – Pushed heavy favorite to limit and tries blinkers with leading rider aboard. |
| 5 | MASTER OF TWEETS – Good effort behind runaway winner when removing Lasix; main threat. |
| 8 | LOOKIN WILD – Weakened as odds-on favorite and drops again; hampered by stamina woes. |
| 9 | IRISH WISH – Showed usual speed after arriving from Gulfstream; sheds 10 pounds for this. |