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Best Bets: GRAND DANIEL (5th) – YODEL E.A. WHO (10th)

Race 1

- 2** TRACK OF MY TEARS – Led to final yards in longer test following hiatus; fitter now and can wire
- 7** FULL CONTACT – Used up chasing streaking winner in improved try; faces early pressure again.
- 1** THE GRAYT PUMPKIN – Recent claim drops within same tag and signs of progress recently.
- 5** HOT LOVE – Often far behind but takes significant drop and runs good race on occasion.

Race 2

- 5** ROSE OF SHARON – Prevailed in tight finish at Delaware and remains eligible as 3-year-old.
- 8** CRUISING GAL – Trailed compact field when overmatched; drops below amount of claim.
- 9** TREASURE PEACE – Weakened after chasing runaway favorite; might need to shake loose.
- 3** FLAG SONG FLYIN – Flashes of interest against similar but lone victory from 26 attempts.

Race 3

- 1** CHANNEL LOOP – Disappointed two months ago but stable excels with claims and might upset.
- 5** WYLDA WYLDE – Cost twice this amount in March claim but handles route and threat this spot.
- 8** WICKED CLOUD – Humbled by runaway winner in first route try; Pino barn clicking at 39%.
- 7** HOLY KINGDOM – Just over two lengths behind despite very wide trip; first stamina test.

Race 4

- 3** ANNIEWORKSTOOMUCH – Speedy and game filly ran into tigress at Pimlico; claimed this tag.
- 7** WILLFUL DESIRE – Difficult to like or dismiss plunge after fading as 8-5 chalk; new management
- 2** OLD HEAD – Nearly always gives her best and edged despite roughing; drops within same tag.
- 6** JEZEBEL JADE – Seen better days and losing streak but could benefit from contested fractions.

Race 5

- 2** GRAND DANIEL – Overcame early trouble to win local bow after layoff; repeats with clear trip.
- 8** SHOULDHAVEBEENGONE – Advanced behind smashing Ness barn winner; racing into shape.
- 7** WHAT A BLAST – Prone to excuses but re-claimed by DeMasi barn and stretching out again.
- 9** GOOD REUNION – Soundly beaten by second pick but closed huge gap to capture prior outing.

Race 6 THE \$100,000 UNIQUE BELLA STAKES

- 2** CARMELINA – Impressive score in return and perfect over home track; multiple stakes-winner.
- 5** DISCO EBO – Used up dueling talented group on Preakness undercard; won half of 14 local tries
- 3** CHAPA – Hit board in all 15 attempts but humbled by top choice in second race after layoff.
- 4** MARY Q – Hampered by gate trouble last pair and formidable on best; high percentage stable.

Race 7 THE \$100,000 PAGE MCKENNEY HANDICAP

6	HOUGHTON SHUFFLE – Edged by tough rival which next won Mr. Prospector at Monmouth.
4	GUN COLLECTOR – Repelled challenge of odds-on favorite and drew away after hiatus.
8	HARP'S HOT CORNER – Back sprinting after rare defeat at Delaware; very capable and game.
9	TWISTED RIDE – Terrific veteran shelved since October but 9 local scores and \$636,538 in bank.

Race 8

7	VALIANT MAJESTY – Hard-hitter set pace and conqueror scored again; very competitive field.
3	POPOVER GAL – Handled major class jump after Diaz barn claim and dangerous again.
2	LADY ZETA – Gained 12 th career score at Delaware and successful at various venues for Ness.
6	PEARLS AND HEELS – Exits best effort of career and re-claimed soon as possible by Hawthorne

Race 9

2	LIBERTY STAR – Four consecutive decisive scores for Soto-Martinez barn; peak form at age 7.
11	NEIGH DUDE – Failed to offer true measure on road trip after chasing tiger locally; always threat.
10	ENFORCER – Weakened after chasing rapid pacesetter; battled second pick here in March.
1	GRAHMALAMADINGDONG – Much-improved but no match for top choice; prior try excellent.

Race 10

1	YODEL E.A. WHO – Amazing 9-year-old with 19 victories; won last local try with speed to spare.
7	IT'S GAME TIME – Yet another Ness veteran with 19 triumphs, 10 locally, many with Pennington.
10	SPEIGHTSTER RED – Captured four of last five races and romped after Pino claim; dangerous.
5	MEGA CHARLIE – Hard used dueling when finishing behind top pick; keeping heavy schedule.