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Best Bets: PERSUASIVE (3rd) – FREAKAZOID (6th)

Race 1

- 9** ADDIEADDIEBOBADDIE – Plunges after stopping in route; improves with this kind sprinting.
- 4** FAUX PAS – Frequently close at various distances but had 19 chances; edged at this yardage.
- 2** LADY AMELIE – Prominent throughout at Penn after far behind in pair of local outings.
- 1** J J'S HONOR – Takes top to bottom plunge and flashes of interest in prior races.

Race 2

- 1** E T'S GYPSY ROSE – Significant drop from “key” race and ran down loose pacesetter prior try.
- 2** FIFTY NINE FIFTY – Used up early when in too deep but fits nicely with this kind as threat.
- 6** SILVER CITY KITTY – Back sprinting for amount of April claim; gets blinkers as contender.
- 3** MISS RAUCUS – Trounced weak compact field in confidence booster; outrun by second pick.

Race 3

- 5** PERSUASIVE – Discovered ability when plunging and trying blinkers; initial test of stamina.
- 3** MIDWAY VOW – Walloped maidens in Oaklawn finale then absent three months; barn firing.
- 4** MOMMA PIC – Closer than odds predicted this spot and possibility with further progress.
- 1** TARIBA DREAM – Decisive score in Tampa route in second race of season; new management.

Race 4

- 3** TIZ RACE DAY – Speedy filly re-claimed by Ness and drops; difficult to catch with this kind.
- 2** BEYOND A MILLION – Drew away with energy in reserve despite early trouble when claimed.
- 1** CINDY'S SONG – Moves turf to dirt with speed inside; best effort this season on wet footing.
- 6** QUARTERFLASH – Defeated second choice when Kirby barn took to end long losing skid.

Race 5

- 7** NORMANDY HERO – Used up early in classier company at Pimlico; led routers this far locally.
- 5** BOBBY'S CANDY – Fired this spot one week ago and formed bottom of exacta 12 occasions.
- 8** ZIPPY GIZMO – Slow fuse but likely gaining late with helpful pace scenario; merits attention.
- 3** TIEMPO PERFECTO – Nailed heavy favorite and logical next step but just 3-for-42 lifetime.

Race 6

- 4** FREAKAZOID – Pulled away impressively despite long duel after arriving from Gulfstream.
- 5** SUNDAY SPIRIT – Eventful trip this spot as odds-on chalk and numerous losses at short prices.
- 7** EXCLUSIVE DANCER – Second best to huge favorite in possibly strongest effort of career.
- 6** MODERN ERA – Rallied last to first in just second outing of season; pair of scores from 26 races

Race 7

1	BIG BOYS ANSWER – Game and versatile gelding won last three sprints on fast surfaces.
5	NO EASY DAYS – Edged away at Monmouth after long duel and battled streaking winner locally.
4	SPEEDYNESS – Set up nicely for elongated sprint dueling in classy routes; threat in tough field.
3	FAR MO POWER – Passed entire quality field this yardage when looking more like old self.

Race 8

6	JUMP A FOX – Improved stretch-runner exits pair of strong efforts since Gallimore re-claimed.
1	ANGEL OF HOPE – Decisive score after layoff when adding Lasix; threat with realistic next step.
2	TRUE PHENOMENON – Humbled by smashing route winner 10 days ago; just 4-for-33 career.
7	WARRIOR'S DEFENSE – Crushed lesser at Penn and usually close; Kulp stable hitting at 29%.

Race 9

3	SUE ELLEN MISHKIN – Weakened as odds-on chalk when Ness claimed back; can wire these.
8	POPTHECHAMPAGNE RO – Drops notch in third outing since layoff; likely gaining late.
2	CRÈME CARAMEL – Just over length behind despite very wide rally; close to top pick before.
4	BUCKS SOME – Ten-year-old mare with stamina issues but can't dismiss with \$415,545 in bank.