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Best Bets: WYNN GIANT (5th) – LERETHA (6th)

Race 1

- 2** PROBATIONER – Overmatched in route after crushing two-time winners sprinting; sizzling barn.
- 9** HOPPY TIME – Gained late behind heavy favorite and humbled by smashing winner previously.
- 7** Z'S SO GOOD – Finished ahead of second choice but lone victory from 26 tries; shorter break.
- 4** PLANET – Flashes of ability in tougher spots since arriving from Turfway; possibility this level.

Race 2

- 1** WHAT A BLAST – Chronic poor starter made strong move to contention; alert break the cure.
- 7** HE'S A GOOD DANCER – Improved effort vs. repeat winner this spot after Lupe Guerrero took.
- 4** DANCE A DINI – No match for runaway winner in compact field at Penn; sharper in past.
- 3** SHOULDHAVEBEENGONE – Used up dueling in slop but racing into shape again as threat.

Race 3

- 5** SUE ELLEN MISHKIN – Trounced slightly easier after Ness re-claimed; steps up within same tag.
- 7** FROSTED DIAMOND – Hard used setting pace in slop and drops seeking fast track relief.
- 3** BETWEEN DREAMS – Bit difficult to guess but runs solid race on occasion; 9 career victories.
- 4** BOCA ROYALTY – Veteran mare less than one length behind in softer version of this spot.

Race 4

- 6** DREAM CHASER – Drops and stretches out in third race following hiatus; wide-open event.
- 4** GUN RUNNIN' GAL – Mild rally this spot after upset score previously; should be gaining late.
- 1** BOSS LIKE BETH – Back with routers but lone score recent months at Penn; must progress.
- 7** DIVINE GRACE – Last couple on wet footing discouraging but 9 time winner can't be dismissed.

Race 5

- 8** WYNN GIANT – Exploded past rivals aided by heated duel; retains Gonzalez with likely repeat.
- 3** ARTISTIC REASON – Rediscovered ability to defeat cheaper in mud; logical next step with Paco.
- 4** FENWICK JACK – Back around two turns and runs good races at times; merits attention.
- 7** UNCLE IRISH – Edged this level in another game effort and offers speed from outside.

Race 6

- 10** LERETHA – Battled throughout route with state-breds; set up nicely for elongated sprint.
- 4** GOLDEN PHILLY – Ample ability but prone to early trouble; Arce claim formidable on lead.
- 2** GREYHOUND STATION – Traffic excuses when distant third to repeat winners; logical drop.
- 1** LOVE LIKE CRAZY – Trained throughout in Jersey after edged at Penn; lone win in 20 attempts.

Race 7

7	RUNANDSCORE – Consistently fires at various venues and distances since return, needs best.
1	CALIFORNIA TIGER – Claimed from quality Oaklawn meet and back in sprint; first time Ness.
8	NINJA PRIZE – Very determined score when dueling throughout; outside stalking trip likely.
3	SOZE – Improved stamina to upset solid field and facing severe early pressure again.

Race 8

4	MR SANDMAN – Long losing streak but significant drop; might regain confidence at this level.
7	MY MAMBA – Improved gelding just over length behind in capable Laurel field; first local attempt
1	PRACTICAL COACH – Classy in past and Pino stable 34% off claim; inside trip with Sanchez.
3	UP AGAINST IT – Amazing 9-year-old game as ever with 16 career scores; often changes barns.

Race 9

9	JEANNE MARIE – Determined score after layoff with capable Pa.-breds; outside stalking trip.
1	SHETALKSTOMUCH – Powerful stretch-runner proven bargain claim and ample early targets.
7	CENTRE COURT CHAMP – Chased talented group after year's absence and 8 local victories.
6	PLEASANT EMBRACE – Lightly raced but very talented; faded in Delaware stake after winning 4.

Race 10

7	UNCAPTURED STAR – Nearly upset Aqueduct rivals after excellent Tampa form; avoids claim.
4	LUCCHESI – Pulled away after dueling and taking logical next step; fired in four straight.
1	MR. GEORGIE – Easily second best behind huge favorite this spot; beat compact Penn field.
9	OKIE DEN DEN – Needs to better latest but often close earlier and Lopez back aboard.