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Best Bets: TIGGY THUNDER (1st) – EGO MAN (2nd)

Race 1

- 7** TIGGY THUNDER – Encouraging rally in muddy debut and should benefit from experience.
- 1** INSTANT VISION – Signs of interest in tougher fields and main threat despite eight chances.
- 8** SHE'S JUSTIFIED – Victim of early trouble at top maiden level and good speed this level.
- 2** EDGE OF THE BLADE – Closer than odds predicted at Monmouth; outrun by third pick locally.

Race 2

- 5** EGO MAN – Classy veteran with 12 victories claimed for this amount; outside stalking trip.
- 4** JEWELS IN THE BAY – Re-claimed soon as possible by Arce barn and shorter yardage a plus.
- 2** NUEDORF – Used up dueling when Pino took back and dangerous when able to control pace.
- 1** POPPY'S PRIDE – Failed at short odds again and claimed from last four races; speed inside.

Race 3

- 4** JESS'S MOMENT – Narrowed gap in sloppy sprint after just missing this spot in prior route.
- 1** MISS JONES – Crushed maidens when adding Lasix then absent four months; threat if ready.
- 6** VICKI VALE – Trained when overmatched after upset previously; remains eligible with claim tag.
- 3** MOMMA PIC – Flashes of interest with similar; possibility if puts it all together at square odds.

Race 4

- 6** DR BAYTER – Nearly always gives his best and returns to amount of claim with Castillo back up.
- 5** ALILNALOT – Speedy gelding walloped three-time winners and likely one to catch again.
- 1** BALANTYNE – Prominent throughout vs. repeat winner at Monmouth; Ramirez barn at 20%.
- 3** THIRSTY PAPPY – Dueled entire trip in game try just six days ago; stretching out again.

Race 5

- 4** ZOPPI FISCHBEIN – Failed to offer true measure in mud and re-claimed by Padilla stable.
- 3** NIMMO – Back on main track and drops; romped locally with Lopez aboard in April and February
- 7** FLUFF THE PILLOW – Edged this spot when claimed after easy score at Laurel; obvious threat.
- 6** HEAT ALERT – Realistic drop after outrun again but series of strong efforts earlier in year.

Race 6

- 1** NEW DIAMOND – Gulfstream invader from winning barn and should handle soft opposition.
- 2** CLASSIC MYSTERY – Proven she fits against this kind and Solis stable has them firing.
- 4** SILVER CITY KITTY – Solid effort this spot when adding blinkers; Lupe Guerrero barn at 18%.
- 6** BE MY QUEEN – Rapid filly easily second best to smashing winner and likely one to catch.

Race 7

5	BORRACHO – Ran into tigress in latest and amazing 9-year-old with 18 career victories.
4	FINAL SHOT – Yet another veteran with ample ability and excellent record with Lopez up.
6	WHISKEYROMEOSIERRA – Back home and gives formidable effort at times; aggressive drop.
3	GUAPONESS – Chased runaway repeat winner when claimed for this amount; likes to win.

Race 8

3	CALIFORNIA TIGER – Often claimed for high tags at top meets and switches to Ness barn.
4	PRAETORIAN GUARD – Wide trip behind pair of classy sprinters; long losing streak but fits well.
5	JUST STEP ON IT – Used up after soundly bumped early and runner-up in Smarty Jones 2024.
2	MR. BOGAN – Fired in eight straight and determined score with slightly softer company.

Race 9

7	GOLDIENESS – Overmatched in slop and big effort for higher tag previously; finds proper spot.
8	ERIN'S ENTHUSIASM – Back sprinting where she wired with Lopez earlier; 12 career victories.
2	AVATAL HERO – Led throughout in route edging rival which won last week; rare sprint outing.
3	WAITWAITDONTTELLME – Claimed by 38% Pino barn when failing as odds-on chalk this level.