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Best Bets: UP THE KINGDOM (5th) – TWISTED RIDE (8th)

Race 1

- 4** SUPREME MIND – Rediscovered ability at Penn when clocked nearly as fast as allowance test.
- 7** CARNABY – Good effort at times and competing cheapest ever; Hawthorne barn with solid year.
- 6** COACH CLINT – Less than five lengths behind in classier company and lures leading rider.
- 3** PLANET – Distant fourth behind repeat winner but yet to regain encouraging Kentucky form.

Race 2

- 4** ROYAL UPSTART – Prominent throughout in mud as 3-5 chalk after crushing single-winners.
- 3** CHARM OF THE SONG – Nice try this spot behind drop-down winner and also from Solis barn.
- 6** ON PARADISE HILL – Frequently close and proven she fits with this kind; Linder barn hot.
- 2** ROSE OF SHARON – Far behind top choice when claimed as beaten favorite on sloppy track.

Race 3

- 2** BEWARE OF PRIDE – Switches turf to dirt in third outing since hiatus; faces soft opposition.
- 1** MALIBLUE – Used up chasing runaway winner at loftier level; shorter yardage provides relief.
- 4** CHECKING BOXES – Some progress over muddy surface but lone score from 26 attempts.
- 3** SUPERNESS – Led this far with Delaware routers and rallied from off pace in local victory.

Race 4

- 2** MERRYCHILL – Stumbled start when humbled by smashing winner; can overrun this group.
- 6** FAR HEART – Trounced single-winners in route after layoff for new management; threat again.
- 5** EMILY'S ON FIRE – Led throughout when taking plunge and re-claimed by Aristone for this tag.
- 4** FIVE STAR FRAN – Just missed when easily second best; must put it all together.

Race 5

- 6** UP THE KINGDOM – Dueled eventual winner after slow start in bow; half-brother to Bump N Run
- 5** BEYONDEXPECTATIONS – Showed promise as juvenile then idle since November; fast works.
- 1** MR PUNCTUALITY – Finished behind top choice in debut; tries blinkers and quick work since.
- 8** COOL MILLION – Shown talent but prone to early trouble; outside post might prove helpful.

Race 6

- 5** PACHELBEL – Talented and versatile mare seeks third straight and much success this yardage.
- 7** CHAPA – Dueled heavy favorite to late stages in stake and hit board in all 16 attempts.
- 2** SHETALKSTOMUCH – Much-improved stretch-runner finished strongly behind top choice.
- 6** MORNING MATCHA – Million earner back sprinting and yet to regain best form; must respect.

Race 7

5	LEILAUNI SUE – Failed to offer true measure against tough company on road trip; local romp.
2	BREEZETHRUTIME – Competed exclusively on turf and synthetic; Lupe Preciado barn on a roll.
1	RINGER CARD – Lightly raced but speed inside and could prove difficult to catch this level.
6	BLESSED CANDY – Laurel shipper back on dirt for high percentage barn; late kick anticipated.

Race 8

1	TWISTED RIDE – Determined veteran dueled to final yards in return; fitter now and can progress.
4	ONE MORE SCOOP – Big effort with similar following \$100,000 claim; on rare losing streak.
6	HOUGHTON SHUFFLE – Amazingly consistent shipper edged next-out winner here last month.
2	FAR MO POWER – Veteran with closing kick looking like old self again; threat with Lopez up.

Race 9

7	SONADORA GIRL – Hampered by traffic woes at higher level; romped prior and testing stamina.
6	DREAM CHASER – Drops again after failing as heavy favorite; \$25,000 claim dangerous here.
2	IRIE EMPRESS – Overmatched in mud after claim and could benefit from ample early targets.
1	AMY MULE – Slow fuse and hard to support off latest when claimed; favorable pace set-up.