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Best Bets: YODEL E.A. WHO (6th) – TALIESIN (8th)

Race 1

- 8** MALIBLUE – Hard used pressing classier company but might shake loose early this level.
- 5** MUNYHUNGRY – Battled throughout in narrow loss when dropped to this spot; Solis barn hot.
- 2** EL MEDIANOCHE – Recent claim won three of last four outings; remains eligible as 3-year-old.
- 7** SAVE A PRAYER – Latest discouraging but drops and couple solid efforts earlier for DeMasi.

Race 2

- 2** CHANNEL LOOP – Set pace when easily second best to runaway winner; shorter time between.
- 4** HOLY KINGDOM – Finished behind top choice in rare route try; very wide in previous sprint.
- 7** SHE CAN SCAT – Making third start since layoff and probable pacesetter stretching out.
- 8** J J'S HONOR – Decisive score with soft opposition and likely forces pace this distance.

Race 3

- 2** AHSAD – Re-claimed by Kirby barn where he excelled earlier; veteran making 99th attempt.
- 7** POPPY'S PRIDE – Speedy gelding competing cheapest ever after Padilla claimed back in June.
- 4** FAST BOB – Trailed on road trip after showing closing kick locally in return; always a threat.
- 5** WE READY – Keeps firing and scored after Pino claim in mud; leading rider Sanchez sizzling.

Race 4

- 6** CINDY'S SONG – Edged away after contested pace after arriving from Tampa for Rodriguez.
- 8** EXPECT TO BE READY – Game mare lacked her best on muddy footing; often formidable.
- 5** CHELSEA WALL – Rallied last to first at Delaware and Ness runner boasts 7 local victories.
- 2** HALEIGH B – Faded after pressing pace at loftier level and romped previously; 8-for-25 career.

Race 5

- 2** IRISH WISH – Back sprinting on main track and appears capable of leading throughout on best.
- 5** DAVOLA – Sidelined six months after competing at loftier levels; quick and need not be much.
- 4** MATZOBALL MUHAMMET – Claimed for twice this amount when tiring as 1-2 chalk in May.
- 1** LORD SEABEE – Just over length behind despite troubled trip; possibility despite 20 chances.

Race 6

- 1** YODEL E.A. WHO – Humbled by smashing winner on wet footing after winning four of prior five.
- 6** DREAMING OF GERRY – Improved dueling to stretch in race taken by closer; formidable in past.
- 7** VALENZAN DAY – Raced sparingly but terrific 10-for-24 lifetime; ships from Belmont for top barn
- 3** TWENTYEIGHTTOTHREE – Solid effort on occasion, yet to pass stamina test; merits attention.

Race 7

7	MAXIMUS MERIDIUS – Used up dueling in Grade 2 Carter after series of powerful efforts.
1	WAX BOX – Failed to offer true measure in sloppy route after pair of big sprints; blinkers added.
2	ROAN BURGUNDY – Scored few weeks ago despite bearing out badly in stretch; dangerous.
3	GRAHMALAMADINGDONG – Never better and cruised past dueling leaders in impressive score.

Race 8

4	TALIESIN – Proven ability to rate and bargain claim seeks third straight; romped this yardage.
3	HOW SWEET SHE IS – Rallied at Laurel after solid effort vs. frequent local winner; flying late.
1	RACEY RUBY – Shelved since January after trio of decisive route scores; talented Pa.-bred.
7	BURNER ACCOUNT – Returns home to main track where she has been perfect; fast work for this

Race 9

6	SPEIGHTSTER RED – Amazing veteran scored again with speed to spare; seeking 16 th victory.
1	REAL MEN VIOLIN – Road warrior with ample ability but winless two years and just one-for-17.
3	GOLDEN ICE – Offered good closing kick on wet surfaces since shipping from Kentucky.
8	TRAFFIC MASTER – Captured pair of tight finishes recent months; remains eligible with tag.

Race 10

5	TRACK OF MY TEARS – Speedy gelding crushed two-time winners and good form this distance.
4	JIGSAW – Rebounded from dull road trip with another nice local try; must put it all together.
10	REMARKABLE MO – Signs of life against and lures Lopez; likely outside stalking trip.
1	ALWAYS GAMBLING – Moves turf to dirt and back in sprint; Laurel shipper likely gaining late.