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Best Bets: URBAN SYMPHONY (7th) – SHETALKSTOMUCH (8th)

Race 1

- 1** UNCAPTURED STAR – Nearly upset Aqueduct rivals after excellent Tampa form; avoids claim.
- 6** MR. GEORGIE – Easily second best behind huge favorite this spot; beat compact Penn field.
- 7** RYAN'S FLEET – Primed for this yardage setting pace and resisting when hooked in route.
- 2** OKIE DEN DEN – Needs to better latest but often close previously against similar this season.

Race 2

- 4** WE MISS NEIL – Pushed heavily-favored Ness runner to limit; 12 chances but scores on best.
- 6** CENTAUR CENTRAL – Another 12-time maiden but outran top choice in this spot earlier.
- 8** UNION PURRFECTION – Solid effort with softer group when claimed from debut; tries blinkers.
- 7** KEEPING THE FAITH – Used up after awkward break in Churchill finale; merits attention.

Race 3

- 3** THAT'STONY'SSISTER – Sidelined since November but working well and avoids claiming tag.
- 2** MISS CHAMITA – Progressed last pair and edged this spot when easily second best.
- 4** SO SWELL – Often narrows gap sprinting and rare try around two turns; likely closer to pace.
- 1** TOMARIE – Finished behind pair of these when claimed by 19% Arce stable; must consider.

Race 4

- 6** IT'S GAME TIME – Failed to offer true measure on wet footing again; 19-time winner rebounds.
- 2** WARRIOR'S VENDETTA – Outrun in tougher field but nosed this spot prior try after hiatus.
- 5** FULL IRISH – Drops again after Padilla took at Pimlico; sheds 11 pounds and capable in past.
- 4** MOSE PERFECT – Retreated as "weak half" of Laurel coupling; fitter now and threat this spot.

Race 5

- 6** WEEK'S STRONG – Set pace long way in Tampa finale; competes cheapest ever for new barn.
- 5** LOOKIN WILD – Advanced behind heavy favorite in sprint and makes initial route attempt.
- 3** SULLIVAN – Yet to get close while racing exclusively on turf; third outing since hiatus.
- 8** MIDNIGHT DREAMER – Hit board all three attempts but yet to run to backing; stretches out.

Race 6

- 2** KOHLER'S – Battled throughout in narrow loss to stretch-runner; very game and consistent.
- 4** NINETYPRCENTMADDIE – Solid effort less then length behind top choice; multiple stakes-place
- 5** HARP'S HOT CORNER – Victim of severe early trouble on wet surface; terrific 8-for-14 lifetime.
- 6** DR. STEVE – Yet another determined effort holding off strong challenger; third race since layoff.

Race 7

2	URBAN SYMPHONY – Just missed at Laurel after pair of wide-margin scores for leading stable.
7	LIGHT FOREVER – Romped after shipping from Gulfstream and remains eligible with no tag.
1	FENTON FOREVER – Pair of decisive victories but making first start of year adding Lasix.
5	LET'SMAKEITADOUBLE – Chased rival on four-race win streak and impressed here in debut.

Race 8

3	SHETALKSTOMUCH – Powerful stretch-runner proven bargain claim and ample early targets.
5	CENTRE COURT CHAMP – Chased talented group after year's absence and 8 local victories.
1	PLEASANT EMBRACE – Lightly raced but very talented; faded in Delaware stake after winning 4.
7	BELLA QUEEN – Bit difficult to guess but runs big race on occasion; upset possibility.

Race 9

3	RUNANDSCORE – Consistently fires at various venues and distances since return; needs best.
7	NINJA PRIZE – Very determined score when leading throughout; outside stalking trip likely.
9	SOZE – Improved stamina to upset solid field and facing severe early pressure again.
5	MAGNIFICENT MILE – New Yorker claimed for \$40,000 at Aqueduct and usually gets close.

Race 10

5	MR SANDMAN – Long losing streak but significant drop; might regain confidence this level.
9	MY MAMBA – Improved gelding just over length behind in capable Laurel field; first local attempt
7	PRACTICAL COACH – Classy in past and Pino stable 34% off claim; seeking 10th victory.
4	UP AGAINST IT – Amazing 9-year-old game as ever with 16 career scores; often changes barns.