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Best Bets: RINGER CARD (8th) – AUGUSTINE RED (9th)

Race 1

- 5** AMATTEROFTIME – Ten-year-old with \$727,999 in bank exits good effort in stake; major plunge.
- 2** SAINT MARCO – Slow fuse but finished well this spot and contested pace to his advantage.
- 4** ARAK – Speedy and determined and raced strongly in Jersey slop after Padilla-Preciado took.
- 6** PIT BOSS – Used up after hampered by early trouble and numerous good efforts previously.

Race 2

- 3** GAMETIME GLADIATOR – Re-claimed soon as possible by Ness barn and back on main track.
- 1** CARCHAROTH – Pursued huge favorite throughout and fired in both outings since hiatus.
- 6** WE LIVE THIS GAME – Crushed maidens on wet footing at Monmouth; handles various surfaces
- 5** RILEY'S ROCKSTAR – Failed as always on off track but drops and flashes of ability in past.

Race 3

- 6** WAMPANOAG CHIEF – Quick shipper from Gulfstream tries dirt first time while adding blinkers.
- 3** CHANGE YOUR NAME – Narrowly beaten this spot at Monmouth when easily second best.
- 1** KERNER – Hard used early after layoff and cost \$25,000 in April; some progress anticipated.
- 2** FASTIDIOUS – Signs of life at Penn in return but stamina issues persist; making 16th attempt.

Race 4

- 4** ZANDUHOOC – Rapid gelding led this far in longer test when Ness took; drops, one to catch.
- 3** CHINESEIAM – Ran into tiger this level when Kirby claimed and major threat with Lopez aboard.
- 2** SOLO IN PARIS – Trailed then surged late behind lively fractions and ample early targets again.
- 1** UNSWAYED – Speed inside but lightly raced and faces severe early pressure from top pair.

Race 5

- 7** LADY SRIRACHA – Remote fourth in better field and should pounce with outside stalking trip.
- 4** NEIGHBELLINE – Finished ahead of top choice and flattered when runner-up won easily in next.
- 3** ROCK ME GENTLY – Difficult wide trip in bulkier field and usually close with case of seconditis.
- 1** WHATTA WORLD- Re-claimed by Breen stable at Monmouth; back on dirt as possibility.

Race 6

- 2** AHSAD – Advanced in tough version this spot and much success in past for Kirby stable.
- 5** DR BAYTER – Closer than odds predicted in classy field and captured 7 of 25 outings.
- 7** NO NO JOE – Prevailed after hiatus as heavy favorite at Colonial; nearly always fires.
- 6** MEGA CHARLIE – Drops notch after dueling long way with routers; 19th start of season.

Race 7

7	FLUFF THE PILLOW – Battled repeat winner this spot and lone poor recent showing in mud.
1	TAKEMETOTHEMOON – Very quick inside and determined effort in narrow loss; romped prior.
8	RENEGADE SERENADE – Weakened behind top choice after forcing pace; in peak form.
6	SHOULDHAVEBEENGONE – Mild rally as favorite with similar and winless nearly one year.

Race 8

6	RINGER CARD – Raced sparingly but ample ability and significant drop; stable firing at 22% here
3	MISSPENT – Captured three of last five outings including recent Jersey score when claimed.
4	LEILAUNI SUE – Failed as heavy favorite in mud but impressed earlier on fast footing in May.
5	CALISA – Trounced maidens after layoff as longshot but likely tested against this kind.

Race 9

1	AUGUSTINE RED – Disappointed at Delaware but decisive score locally despite traffic problems.
4	CISCO KID – Trounced lesser after moving to Linder barn; dangerous again stepping up.
6	DEVIL'S CAY – Dueled to late stages in last but trailed last local outing; Lopez back aboard.
5	ACTION HERO – Offers strong closing kick on occasion and ample early targets might help.

Race 10

1	CHECKITUP – Knocking on door this spot and should get beneficial inside journey from rail.
2	DARVESH – Decent try sprinting after layoff and prevailed at similar yardage last season.
6	MENDELSFLY – Progressed in recent start and making key third race after layoff; fits nicely.
5	HEY RIVER – Roughed early in compact Timonium field; shorter time between races a plus.