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Best Bets: MAGGIE MISCHIEF (3rd) – THIRSTY PAPPY (6th)

Race 1

- 5** ANGELIC STORM – Narrowly missed despite slow start in improved effort; soft opposition.
- 4** FROSTED DIAMOND – Closed gap at Monmouth and bulk of success locally; needs alert break.
- 2** DREAM CHASER – Drops after far behind again on muddy surface; hard to like or dismiss.
- 1** CRÈME CARAMEL – Prominent to late stages this spot and decent record at this distance.

Race 2

- 5** SIX WHIPS – Nearly wore down loose pacesetter two weeks ago when easily second best.
- 4** POWER AGENDA – Sidelined since February but ample speed and ability; dangerous if ready.
- 2** CARBONITE – Victim of early trouble behind runaway winner as longshot; ages since last score.
- 6** PYLON – Used up after awkward start at Penn and handled this kind in past; upset possibility.

Race 3

- 1** MAGGIE MISCHIEF – Returns to main track and drops and chance to shake loose from inside.
- 3** MOMMA PIC – Far behind early then finished well in longer test; logical drop as threat.
- 6** MISS RAUCUS – Prominent throughout latest and won twice earlier; figures close again.
- 2** CDAKHAT – Overmatched at Saratoga and drops for new management; nice local workout.

Race 4

- 4** GOTMISTYONTHEMIND – Dueled winner to final stages for higher tag in bow; adds blinkers.
- 5** AMELIORATE – Speedy filly fired this level in July but hampered by stamina issues; back on dirt.
- 6** FAUX PAS – Fair try last week with similar but had 23 chances; soft spot to pick up check.
- 2** HURRICANE JANE – Faded at loftier level in bulky field on muddy track; stablemate of third pick.

Race 5

- 3** VANELLOPE – Absentee plunges for high percentage stable; ample early targets to set up kick.
- 2** BREEZY DANCE – Pressured long way but continued well sprinting; showed route ability July.
- 6** UMBRAL – Weakened behind runaway winner at Monmouth; romped there in previous outing.
- 5** MY SPRING SUNSHINE – Adds to contested fractions and drops to level of claim trying route.

Race 6

- 2** THIRSTY PAPPY – Dominating score in confidence booster when claimed; should handle raise.
- 4** AVA K'S BOY – Chased rapid winner and finished gamely as usual; part of exacta 18 of 34 tries.
- 6** WE READY – Veteran might benefit from shorter yardage and Pino barn amazing 38% locally.
- 5** TUFF CONSTITUTION – Major gaps between starts but competing cheapest ever as threat.

Race 7

3	WEEK'S STRONG – Yielded to stretch-runner after leading in stretch; racing into peak form.
7	LOVEMEAKAREN – Victim of early roughing when finishing behind top pick; first time Lasix.
2	MOVING TO KENTUCKY – Shelved since June claim at Churchill; dangerous in 11 th attempt.
1	GENTLEMAN DON – Outrun throughout debut but could benefit from drop and experience.

Race 8

3	PRACTICAL COACH – Perfect since Pino claimed and takes aggressive drop with Lopez aboard.
1	JEBOLOGIST – Battled repeat winner at Monmouth and stablemate of top pick with inside speed.
2	GO EAST – Back against own kind and upset winner at Delaware; often better than odds predict.
4	BORRACHO CONCHO – Finished behind pair above after taking prior two races; merits attention

Race 9

3	CHIP'S FRIEND – Upset in tougher version this spot and led this far against routers previously.
1	ICONIC LEGACY – Plunges after eliminated by bad start after hiatus; ample ability in past.
2	ZIPPY GIZMO – Back sprinting on dirt but most success on turf; slow fuse and must adjust.
7	RETWEET – Not much since return but excellent grass runner last season; sheds six pounds.

Race 10

4	REINA MAR – Gulfstream invader shown flashes of interest and moves to Pino barn in soft field.
6	FIFTY NINE FIFTY – Overmatched in big field on muddy track; prior outing encouraging.
5	SHE CAN SCAT – Bothered early in Jersey after beaten favorite twice locally; just one-for-26.
1	MELITTLEFROSTGIRL – Faded in Monmouth route but likely better suited this distance.