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Best Bets: GRAHMALAMADINGDONG (8th) – KAREN'S HONOR (10th)

Race 1

- 8** VICKI VALE – Overmatched in last but takes significant drop; enough left to handle this kind.
- 7** ROYAL PRADO – Drew away in stretch again and remains eligible as 3-year-old; retains Rangel.
- 2** MIKEY'S SONG – Set pace before weakening for higher tag; shorter time between races a plus.
- 6** CRUISING GAL – Switches turf to dirt and most recent score at Penn; deserves second look.

Race 2

- 2** LUCKY DUDE – Fired last pair and returns to level of August claim; rooting for fast surface.
- 3** LORD WINSALOT – Determined score last month and Pino barn 32% off claim; dangerous.
- 1** SPEIGHTSTER RED – Plunges after poor showing following hiatus; boasts 15 wins, 12 locally.
- 7** SOPHIA'S PRINCE – Less than five lengths behind stablemate in fair effort; upset possibility.

Race 3

- 4** BALA DE PLATA – Sharp twice on Colonial turf; stretches out on dirt first time with blinkers.
- 5** VINO GRAY – Son of excellent sire Vino Rosso broke slowly in large debut field; tests stamina.
- 2** FILLED WITH DESIRE – Eliminated at start in latest and signs of ability only prior attempt.
- 6** KING OF FOG – Led early after awkward break on Spa turf with N.Y.-breds; likely pacesetter.

Race 4

- 7** OLD HEAD – Hard used forcing pace when heavily-backed this spot; chance to shake loose.
- 1** SO SWELL – Appeared likely winner but hung final furlong; often forms bottom of exacta.
- 4** BURNING EMBERS – Sufficient ability but shelved four months since voided claim this level.
- 2** WHO NOT BABE – Raced sparingly but defeated similar in past; can make presence felt early.

Race 5

- 8** UNCAPTURED STAR – Used up forcing pace in much tougher field; good form this yardage.
- 6** NO NO JOE – Sluggish early when lacking usual speed but drops notch; Padilla barn firing.
- 7** LASSO – Came again in blanket finish when Diaz took from this spot; earlier success Gulfstream
- 1** RUSSIAN HAMMER – Slow fuse but frequently close elsewhere; chased streaking winner Aug.

Race 6

- 3** OMEY ISLAND – Edged away after long duel when Pino claimed and takes logical next step.
- 9** NOSTALGIA'S SMILE – Narrowly missed as odds-on chalk and re-claimed; also from Pino barn.
- 6** CRACK THE CODE – Sidelined year and eligible for single-winners but upset chance if ready.
- 5** BAD ADVICE – Lacked response on turf but beat second pick previously with closing kick.

Race 7

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| 3 | MIDLANER – Solid effort this spot in just second outing since January; progress anticipated. |
| 6 | GET SET – Gained late as 1-2 favorite after eventful trip; ample early targets should help. |
| 4 | FINAL SHOT – Ten-year-old battled to final stages with similar; nearing half million earnings. |
| 8 | YO YO CANDY – Failed to give true measure at Delaware after local score; merits attention. |

Race 8

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| 2 | GRAHMALAMADINGDONG – Gained strongly behind heavily-favored Spa invader; up in time. |
| 6 | WAX BOX – Overmatched in graded stake after defeating next-out winner prior try; fits well. |
| 4 | BOOK RUNNER – Pressed winner throughout in route in possible best effort yet; must adjust. |
| 5 | FACE THE FACTS – Determined score in just second outing since April; back vs. state-breds. |

Race 9

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| 9 | MISSY SIXTYSIX – Humbled by smashing winner this spot and numerous big tries this season. |
| 5 | I AM RUE – Ran into tigress when closer than odds suggest; threat with similar effort. |
| 2 | CENTRAL TO SUCCESS – Sidelined since summer of last year but won debut here impressively. |
| 4 | VOODOO YOU DO – Usually close and possibility if disregard last; edged top pick prior pair. |

Race 10

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| 3 | KAREN'S HONOR – Narrowly missed in better field for top stable; often close earlier in New York |
| 1 | GOLDINESS – Game mare survived early pressure in decisive score when Danny Velazquez took |
| 2 | MISS EASY – Wide trip behind top choice and won previous start in second outing after layoff. |
| 8 | SHEZA BERNARDINI – Yet another Pino claim with bulk of success this year against routers. |