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Best Bets: COULD BE A COUGAR (3rd) – MIA TOSCA (8th)

Race 1

- 5** WINNING SONG – Narrowed gap after early trouble on turf; gained locally behind heavy favorite.
- 2** BAG O'LOOT – Used up setting rapid fractions when claimed; weight off and one to catch.
- 1** CARRY GRANT – Slow fuse and 23 defeats but back on dirt and should rally with this kind.
- 6** IT'S AUTHENTIC – Humbled by smashing winner but well-bred gelding yet to run to pedigree.

Race 2

- 5** GIRLFROMOUTERSPACE – Good effort for higher tag behind odds-on winner; fired this spot.
- 4** CENTER STAGE – Competing cheapest ever and key threat although might prefer turf.
- 3** TOMARIE – Nine-year-old mare making 100th outing with \$443,562; ages since last score.
- 6** FAST MULE – Hard to support off last with very slow fuse; entered with light package.

Race 3

- 10** COULD BE A COUGAR – Overcame slow start in decisive score to boost career mark 7-for-25.
- 8** ONTHISHARVESTMOON – Speedy and improved last pair for hot Bullock barn; drops notch.
- 6** GOLDCREST – Swung wide and finished strongly this spot; ample early targets might help.
- 4** QUEEN WIGGY – Very quick mare held on gamely in first local try; Perez claims retains Silvera.

Race 4

- 3** HONOR ROLL – Set fast fractions in debut race taken by heavy favorite; shorter yardage plus.
- 1** HAUNTING ECHOES – Sire won Grade I stake at Saratoga and \$50,000 purchase this season.
- 4** DREAMING OF BELLA – Flying here in a.m. with ample preparation but here \$8,000 yearling buy.
- 2** BELLANOVA – Dam captured Aqueduct stake and by son of great Unclo Mo; \$81,000 purchase.

Race 5

- 9** BUNNY BONUS – Sharp effort this level pursuing wire-to-wire winner; good form since re-claim.
- 6** LOUELLA STREET – On road last eight attempts but versatile mare should adjust to dirt.
- 5** AVATAL HERO – Dueled eventual winner but finished behind top pick after Pino claimed.
- 8** HI HEELED WARRIOR – Four scores this year and shows nice acceleration at times; upset shot.

Race 6

- 5** REE NEE'S SIX – Very capable in past and switches to Ness barn after failed turf experiment.
- 1** POPOVER GAL – Speedy and determined mare back in Moore barn soon as possible; dangerous
- 3** AMBITIOUSLY PLACED – Veteran with 18 victories sharper earlier and on rare losing streak.
- 4** MENDED WE STAND – Perfect trip to defeat slightly softer group; likely gaining late again.

Race 7

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| 4 | QUAKER CITY – By outstanding sire Tiz the Law which won 5 graded stakes and \$2.7 million. |
| 6 | MONSTER MAX – Flying here in a.m. and sire Maximus Mischief produces many quick ones. |
| 5 | FREEDOM'S ECHO – Sire undefeated as juvenile including graded stake; stable on a roll. |
| 2 | BOOTLEG RUNNER – Excellent speed at Delaware and experience edge over many of these. |

Race 8

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| 3 | MIA TOSCA – Rallied then flattened out in second-tier allowance test; regains confidence. |
| 2 | MAVILUS – Wide middle move in solid field and competing much better than odds predicted. |
| 4 | BEAUTIFULCRAZYGIRL – Rapid filly awesome earlier in year but hampered by stamina issues. |
| 7 | WARRIOR'S RANSOM – Ages since last success but closing kick when right; ample targets. |

Race 9

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| 1 | JAMIE DREAMS – Shelved since June but terrific on best and offers rail speed; hot Linder barn. |
| 5 | EXPENSIVE CUT – Looked like old self again cruising past slightly easier; stalking trip outside. |
| 2 | EXCELLORATOR – Amazing 11-for-27 career mark but making first start of year for Ness stable. |
| 4 | FIRST GLIMPSE – Battled throughout last pair at Delaware and nearly always fires for Kreiser. |

Race 10

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| 2 | CURIOUS SOUL – Drops and returns to main track where he won here in May; many possibilities |
| 5 | BOOTED UP – Plunges after soundly beaten in New York; bore out local outing in August. |
| 7 | MOVING TO KENTUCKY – Led routers long way after decisive score this yardage prior try. |
| 10 | JACKSON'S LEGACY – Good effort this level and competed with better in past; fits nicely. |