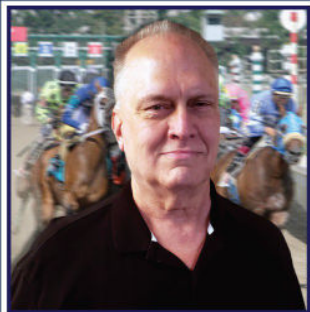




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Best Bets: WIFFLEBALL (2nd) – BUTTER KISSES (4th)

Race 1

- 2** RIVER'S GAMBLE – Early trouble when overmatched; re-claimed by Wyner barn in prior outing.
- 6** DARVESH - Hard used early in finish dominated by stretch-runner; improved form since return.
- 7** PRIME MOTIVE - Close up in bulky field at Delaware and keeps firing elsewhere; lures Sanchez.
- 1** GET LIKE MIKE – Shelved since voided claim in July; switches to Pino stable as threat.

Race 2

- 2** WIFFLEBALL – Runner-up to Churchill repeat winner at Laurel and determined effort locally.
- 6** TRULLI WARRIOR – Trounced maidens in 12th attempt in confidence booster for 33% stable.
- 5** FRIDAY SURPRISE – Speedy colt overmatched in pair of stakes; drops in for tag first time.
- 3** REELIN N DEALIN – Solid effort with slightly easier company; re-claimed by Linder earlier.

Race 3

- 2** SOLEMN BEAUTY – Yet to compete on turf but faced vastly better in New York with excuses.
- 5** ROSIES PINOT – Prominent throughout in turf dash at Meadowlands; stamina tested again.
- 3** ASTRID – Signs of interest at Delaware and tries route in third start; adds to contested pace.
- 4** IN THE BIZ – Remote fourth in compact field and tries two turns; some progress necessary.

Race 4

- 4** BUTTER KISSES – Improving filly closed strongly despite wide trip in tougher version this spot.
- 6** KATE'S LOVE – Finished behind top choice but keeps firing on main track here and in Jersey.
- 2** CAPTAIN WHINER – Wide trip when failing at short odds with state-breds; kin to top runners.
- 3** SWEET DISTRACTION – Surprised maidens at 40-1 in 25th attempt; tested with this kind.

Race 5

- 4** COJELO PA TI – Battled to final furlong at loftier level and won 4 of 9 outings this season.
- 6** DEPOLI – Rushed to contention after slow start in solid effort but on extended losing streak.
- 1** BANJO – Offers speed inside and handles various surfaces but case of seconditis recently.
- 7** LUCCHESI – Absent over four months since decisive score and often close with finishing kick.

Race 6

- 5** PREACH IT WARRIOR – Set rapid pace before tiring when claimed by Padilla-Preciado stable.
- 6** HEY RIVER – Pressed heavily-favored winner sprinting and both victories at this distance.
- 3** FULLY COMMITTED – Defeated single-winners in convincing style and takes logical next step.
- 2** AUDEN – Far behind last pair but returns to main track where he prevailed at Monmouth.

Race 7

8	HOT ROD RUMBLE – Used up dueling in race taken by closer; might shake loose and wire these.
7	CARBONITE – Progressed last pair and unlucky in prior defeat but ages since last victory.
2	UP AGAINST IT – Nine-year-old with 19 victories shelved since July but dangerous if ready.
5	CATCH MY VIBE – Closer than odds predicted in latest and possibility with further improvement.

Race 8

5	TUSKEGEE AIRMEN – Stumbled at start at Laurel after local loss in stake; racing into shape.
1	HOULTON – Excellent form elsewhere and returns to tag of April claim; won with Carmouche.
3	MARGIN OF AIR – Game veteran with 12 victories often claimed and much local success in past.
6	HOKU – Rallied from last to first in convincing score; dangerous again with similar effort.

Race 9

8	CHACHACHING – Nearly perfect here since arriving from Kentucky and takes realistic next step.
4	MAD BANKER – Runs big race on occasion and upset winner last local try; fits nicely again.
3	CISCO KID – Just missed in sprint but yet to prove route prowess; likely speed this distance.
6	CALL ME FAST – Faltered as 8-5 chalk and \$50,000 Spa claim on long losing streak.

Race 10

1	KHOZANALL – Back on dirt and removes blinkers with speed inside; many possibilities in finale.
11	GRUENE HALL – Absent since June and takes plunge returning to sprint; key threat if ready.
7	CANDOTTHIS – Less than three lengths behind after year's absence at Delaware; should progress
8	SUPERSONIC BETTY – Closed big gap after slow start with lesser in debut; needs alert break.