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Best Bets: DAVOLA (5th) – FEELING WOOZY (9th)

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- 5 DIRTY HARRY Chased heavy favorite and continued well when claimed third straight outing.
- 4 CASSATION Plunges after solid effort in turf route and obvious threat switching to dirt sprint.
- SCUDETTO Absent couple months since eliminated at start; often faced tougher in past.
- NOSTALGIA'S SMILE Narrowly missed when re-claimed soon as possible by 34% Pino barn.

Race 2

- 4 ROXTON Poor showing with classier group but prior try encouraging; competes cheapest yet.
- SOAR RICHARD Battled repeat winner when plunging to this level; sheds 10 pounds for this.
- PRAIRIE DUNES Used up early with routers and conqueror stepped up and won again.
- A VOTRE SANTE Prominent throughout at Delaware just 12 days ago; prior races West Coast.

Race 3

- GUN IT Nine-year-old still formidable and numerous good efforts in New York; moves to Ness.
- GUAPONESS Fired this spot again when closer than odds predicted; often forms part of exacta
- NUEDORF Perfect in three attempts for Pino barn, all with Sanchez aboard; stepping up again.
- MAGICNTHEMOONLIGHT Dueled to mid-stretch in first outing since March; fitter now as threat

Race 4

- REDOUBTABLERIPKEN Improved last pair and chased heavy favorite in latest; stamina test.
- KING DEIVYS Responded nicely to drop this level and should be gaining late again.
- KEVIN'S STRIKE Determined maiden score after Arce took; fits with realistic next step.
- 2 IF I WERE YOU Often showed late kick at Delaware but on long losing skid; new management.

Race 5

- 2 DAVOLA Overmatched on road trips after double-digit local romp against maidens; ideal spot.
- 8 IRISH TENOR Racing into shape following long absence and threat with continue progress.
- WYATT HUNTER Changed hands two months ago; tries blinkers, hampered by stamina woes.
- | ISLAND SPIRIT Switches from turf route to dirt sprint and drops; only faced Jersey-breds.

Race 6

- B B BAD Veteran claimed by Pino from sharp effort this level and likely outside stalking trip.
- 2 LUCKY DUDE Trounced cheaper when Kirby claimed; finished ahead of top pick previously.
- NEIGH DUDE Overcame traffic problems to win after layoff; success in various stables.
- 4 HATCH Led early then retreated in Monmouth route but likely better suited this yardage.

Race 7 UNINVITED GUEST – Re-claimed by Ness for twice this amount at Delaware; soft opposition. JIGSAW – Fired last pair and drops within same claiming tag; Brown-Wolfsont combo. SIR CUPID – Easily second best to runaway winner which scored again last week; fits well. UNDER THE RADAR – Improved speed before weakening against smashing winner. Race 8 RHYTHM'N BLUES – Easily second best behind solid rival at Delaware; edged locally prior try. CHOWSER – Pulled early when second best and flattered when third finisher won next time. DARK DEVIL – Ample ability and hit board 10 times but still maiden after 17 outings. ZIO SALINO – Sidelined since July of last year; showed promise but might need this. Race 9 FEELING WOOZY - Led throughout this spot and remains eligible competing with claim tag. PRAETORIAN GUARD – Better than odds predicted in marathon stake; long losing streak. GOLDEN ICE - Excellent form for Dunn barn since Keeneland claim; needs aid of pace set-up. LATTA – Raced sparingly but plenty of heart and ability; tries two turns for first time. Race 10 MARTY'S MAGIC – Folded under pressure in last but terrific speed in prior defeat; wires on best.