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Best Bets: MISSPENT (5th) – DYLAN'S RUBY (7th)

Race 1

- 1** RAVENITE – Stretching out with likely speed inside in first stamina test; fires at square price.
- 3** WONDERFULVENEZUELA – Faced vastly tougher after claim and showed route ability prior try.
- 11** FIFTY NINE FIFTY – Closed big gap with similar and sufficient early targets aids late kick.
- 12** JOYFUL JOYCE – Moves turf to dirt and takes plunge; stakes-placed here last December.

Race 2

- 6** TESTED – Significant drop and proved main track prowess in Louisiana; stalks from outside.
- 4** ENCRYPT – Rallied very wide then went evenly as 3-5 chalk this spot; often bottom of exacta.
- 5** SKULL HONOR – Good effort after claim behind Colonial invader; usually hits board.
- 2** CARCHAROTH – Stretching out again while shedding 10 pounds; often close but one-for-25.

Race 3

- 6** BIAGIO – Speedy gelding faced better much of career and Pino stable 32% after claim.
- 1** MAX FORWARD SPEED – Crushed single-winners after slow start when taken for this amount.
- 5** REAL BLUES – Edged as odds-on chalk in blanket finish when Rosado claimed from this spot.
- 2** I CAN DO MAGIC – Battled throughout again and Lupe Guerrero barn having excellent year.

Race 4

- 5** SO SWELL – Hampered by stumbling start and close up in series of prior races; overruns these.
- 3** MOLLIEWANTACRACKER – Pressured throughout in narrow loss in route; rare sprint attempt.
- 6** LEVIOSA – Veteran with 11 victories but shelved since June; wired compact group at Penn.
- 4** FROSTED DIAMOND – Changed hands again and come progress necessary; sharp earlier.

Race 5

- 6** MISSPENT – Game effort with tougher group and conqueror ran big again; adding blinkers.
- 4** GOLDEN PHILLY – Speedy filly fired four straight and part of exacta in half of 18 attempts.
- 9** SILVER CITY KITTY – Hard used early when finishing behind second pick; adds to quick pace.
- 2** WESTERN WOMAN – Sidelined since winning with Carmouche aboard here in April; fast works.

Race 6

- 6** MAILATA – Excuses but signs of ability in both starts; tries route, blinkers, lures Sanchez.
- 2** LORDEN'S PRIDE – Rallied strongly behind impressive winner when trying route first time.
- 7** COST EFFECTIVE – Over 21 lengths behind in Spa debut but winner comprised 17 ¾ lengths.
- 8** HANDSOME LINC – Dueled and continued gamely in sprint; prior route attempt on Spa turf.

Race 7

1	DYLAN'S RUBY – Handles various surfaces and drops to ideal spot; both scores achieved here.
4	PIRATE – Rebounded from poor showing with solid effort when easily second best; prefers lead.
2	EL TINMARIN – Appears to prefer turf but Ness runner usually fires and won after Colonial claim.
5	CHAIN LIGHTNING – Good form at Penn but absent since June and switches to Tyler Servis.

Race 8

10	TATUM – Rapid gelding seeks fifth score of season and should break alertly from outside post.
7	FAST BOB – Stretch-running veteran rallied just ahead of top pick; lively pace scenario helps.
5	LIBERTY STAR – Ample heart and ability and voided claim two months ago; can't dismiss.
3	AL AMEEQ – Chased streaking winner in Delaware finale; handles different yardage and footing.

Race 9

7	MAXIMUS MERIDIUS – Multiple stakes-winner dueled and held on gamely vs. formidable rival.
1	TWISTED RIDE – Returns home after pair of big efforts at Laurel; rare losing streak but threat.
6	SMOOTH B – Terrific 10-year-old with over million in earnings back on dirt; 8 local victories.
3	BERNIE'S MITTS – Dueled long way with routers and likely better suited this yardage; hot barn.

Race 10

14	BOURBON AFICIONADO – Overmatched after layoff at Delaware; should regain closing punch.
15	BOB JOHN RAY - Back on dirt where he won two races in Jersey; competing cheapest ever.
3	HUMBLE JOE – Exits good effort but lost seven straight this spot; 3 scores in 42 attempts.
11	NIMMO – Determined score vs. two-time winners; needs to put pair together for another upset.