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ANALYSIS

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Best Bets: SHOUT TO THE LORD (9th) – SAL N LOUIE (10th)

Race 1

- 6** HARD SPICE – Set up nicely for this yardage forcing pace in route taken by drop-down rival.
- 3** MELITTLEFROSTGIRL – Nailed at wire this level last week and also lost photo in September.
- 9** LAUGH LIKE LUCY – Finished just behind top choice and lone victory this distance earlier.
- 4** RAVENITE – Retreated at longer but likely better suited this yardage; capable but hard to guess.

Race 2

- 5** CENTER STAGE – Looked more like old self crushing cheaper and ready to handle tougher.
- 8** SUMMARY JUDGMENT – Speedy and determined mare with 15 victories, 13 locally as threat.
- 2** PEACH PERFECT – Difficult to support off last but re-claimed soon as possible by Abrams.
- 7** DIVINE GRACE – Far behind last three but takes realistic drop and tigress in past for Ness.

Race 3

- 7** TRULLI WARRIOR – Competed well this spot after trouncing maidens prior try; 33% Padilla barn
- 6** GUNG HO – Drew away from maidens at Laurel for top Fair Hill stable; \$360,000 buy last year.
- 2** TROTSKY – Lacked speed when failing as 8-5 chalk this level; edged by repeat winner prior try.
- 4** CAPTAIN FANCY – Close up with similar in blanket finish despite traffic problems; upset shot.

Race 4

- 4** SONADORA GIRL – Led throughout in decisive score; one to catch with realistic next step.
- 8** WHY NOT BABE – Nosed heavy favorite following hiatus and ample success for Curry barn.
- 6** MISS M M – Advanced behind loose pacesetter this level but just 1-for-17 this season.
- 2** DENALI RAE – Faded after half mile in first try for Pino barn; captured this spot in July.

Race 5

- 3** I CAN DO MAGIC – Keeps on firing and re-bid for higher tag; offered speed in prior outings.
- 6** GET LIKE MIKE – Led to final yards after idle three months since voided claim at Monmouth.
- 9** SIR CUPID – Edged this yardage but actual drop in class but raise in claiming tag.
- 5** DARVESH – Close all four outings since hiatus but ages since last victory; Perez barn hot.

Race 6

- 2** CURLINS CRUZIN – Battled 21-time winner when easily second best in improved effort.
- 7** FIRST MONEY – Narrowed big gap after layoff and drops again returning to sprint as danger.
- 9** JAKE ROCKS – Veteran exits hard-earned score at Delaware and moves to Padilla-Preciado barn
- 11** SOPHIA'S PRINCE – Competed well at loftier level after shoe repair in paddock; merits attention.

Race 7

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| 6 | DR. STEVE – Terrific veteran raced sparingly but nearly always fires; three local victories. |
| 1 | MIDLANER – Gained strongly late when Pino claimed for \$25,000; formidable on best. |
| 2 | FINAL SHOT – Defeated second pick in 10 th career score and nearing half million in earnings. |
| 3 | GORDIAN KNOT – Sharper last season including stakes win but can't dismiss this level. |

Race 8

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| 7 | PEARLS AND HEELS – Game mare taken back by prior connections and seems well-spotted. |
| 2 | SNAPPY RIDE – Rallied strongly to surprise quality opposition; needs to put pair together. |
| 5 | OUR UPTOWN GIRL – Last couple discouraging but shorter break and excellent at times. |
| 3 | SWEET LAURA – Slow fuse but 11-time winner shows closing kick; needs aid of pace set-up. |

Race 9

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| 3 | SHOUT TO THE LORD – Powerful move in impressive Laurel score after layoff; ships from Penn. |
| 9 | UP N RUNNIN – Caught late in big effort against capable state-breds; has beaten older foes. |
| 7 | PAM PAM – Often game when reaches front early and fits nicely for Ness-Sanchez combo. |
| 8 | DAZZY – Road warrior faced tough company elsewhere and frequently close here in past. |

Race 10

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| 3 | SAL N LOUIE – Chased smashing winner in route when claimed again; finds ideal spot. |
| 9 | FIGHT FIERCELY – Fired all six outings at Delaware with similar and latest in bulky field. |
| 10 | BIG JOHN – Absent few months but capable on occasion and gains late at square odds. |
| 2 | THREE CAPTAINS – Dueled to final furlong with 3-time winners and speed to pose threat. |