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Best Bets: MAVILUS (4th) – LEFTOVER SUSHI (9th)

Race 1

- 9** ALWAYS IN PLAY – Forced pace in vastly better company after shipping from Gulfstream.
- 4** IN THE BIZ – Prominent this far in route this level and likely better suited this distance.
- 8** TUSH PUSH – Weakened at two turns after layoff but dangerous competing cheapest yet.
- 7** UPTOWN ART – Flashed speed at top state-bred maiden level in debut and adding blinkers.

Race 2

- 8** DAVOLA – Lightly raced but romped here in lone local try; rapid half mile workout for this.
- 4** SOAR RICHARD – Set pace to final yards in longer test as odds-on chalk; conqueror fired again.
- 3** STILLWATER MOON – Outrun by second pick but sharp as longshot earlier; hot “bug” aboard.
- 5** FASTIDIOUS – Contributes to lively pace but stamina woes persist; progress necessary.

Race 3

- 1** IT'S GAME TIME – Nine-year-old won by double-digits in 20th victory; slight raise not obstacle.
- 2** YOUTBETTERBEJOKING – Trounced three-time winners after hiatus for new management.
- 5** COBBLE ROAD – Easily second best to favored Saratoga invader this spot; veteran still game.
- 7** RACKATAPTAP – Overmatched last pair but narrow score this spot when claimed last month.

Race 4

- 1** MAVILUS – Big effort for higher tag despite difficult post; often closer than odds predicted.
- 2** ALWAYS LAUGHING – Speedy road warrior with good form elsewhere; 8-for-32 lifetime.
- 7** THEGODDESSOFSNAKES – Solid effort after three month's absence when claimed by Arce.
- 3** RACEY RUBY – Far behind last pair but sharp drop and formidable earlier; can't dismiss yet.

Race 5

- 5** COALVILLE – By leading sire Into Mischief out of Kentucky Oaks winner Cathryn Sophia.
- 2** WE MISS NEIL – On decline lately but drops again and merits attention this level for Linder.
- 4** AU SOME WARRIOR – Faded over synthetic but faced better in prior local outing; Kulp 29%.
- 3** CRACK THE CODE – Trailed throughout after sidelined year; some progress anticipated.

Race 6

- 5** DRUNKLE – Plunges switching to Pino barn and adds blinkers in first attempt on main track.
- 2** GUAIO – Narrowed gap in improved effort after claim and second finisher won last week.
- 8** SCUDETTO – Fair showing this spot after idle two months; lone victory this year at Monmouth.
- 9** BAD ADVICE – Only one length behind despite trouble near top of stretch; inconsistent lately.

Race 7

8	EASY ACTION – Survived taxing duel in decisive score and won three of four races since return.
4	DIAMOND HEIST – Rallied behind top choice when claimed; often forms bottom of exacta.
3	PRACTICAL COACH – Hard-hitter fired all six outings this season; Aristone buy retains Sanchez.
2	TRACK OF MY TEAR – Adds to lively fractions and prevailed at this yardage despite pressure.

Race 8

1	SOUTHERN DREAM – Decent showing with classier in route; late kick likely returning to sprint.
6	LEGENDARY THUNDER – Appears to prefer turf but also handles dirt; sharp first try for Lake.
2	CAP STEAK ROBBERY – Finished ahead of top pick as longshot and conqueror scored again.
4	LEO'S LEGACY – Early excuse at Penn and shorter break between races likely plus.

Race 9

5	LEFTOVER SUSHI – Used up chasing rapid pacesetter after ducking out at start; fits this level.
1	REE NEE'S SIX – Dueled throughout this spot and back in Brown barn; on rare losing streak.
8	UMBRAL – Game filly seeks fourth straight and up another notch as major contender.
7	COULD BE A COUGAR – Crushed lesser last pair and moves to Moore barn; retains Rivera.

Race 10

5	BOLD ENDEAVOR – Switches to Ness barn after stumbling start in New York; terrific veteran.
10	ASMODEUS – Battled to final furlong at higher level and fourth outing since hiatus; dangerous.
4	AMEDEUS MUSIC – Drops below amount of claim and offers closing kick with ample targets.
1	KHOPESH – Trio of wide-margin romps in recent months but outrun by pair above in September.