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Best Bets: KEEPING THE FAITH (3rd) – BEYONDEXPECTATIONS (8th)

Race 1

- 4** DELICATE – Difficult to like or ignore plunge but major ability advantage at suitable distance.
- 6** ALYVIA'S GIRL – Chased more numerous winner when claimed fourth consecutive outing.
- 8** DARK DUTCHESS – Some success here last winter but most effective on turf; can't dismiss.
- 5** SOFSTER – Flashing speed recent outings but stamina woes persist; best race after layoff.

Race 2

- 7** DESERT AIRE – Shelved since voided claim in April but ability edge vs. soft opposition.
- 3** WINNING SONG – Stablemate of top choice remote fourth this spot but capable of better.
- 2** CARRY GRANT – Very slow fuse and 24 defeats but likely gaining late to hit board.
- 5** LITTLE SNECKDRAW – Finished mid-pack in sprint debut; experience aids and tries route.

Race 3

- 3** KEEPING THE FAITH – Chased smashing winner in tougher version this spot; testing stamina.
- 1** IT'S AUTHENTIC – Edged when easily second best at lower level following Abrams claim.
- 6** PASTERO – Just over length behind top choice as longshot; speed from outside in route.
- 2** SUNNY MAGIC – Absent over four months but ample ability; should ensure lively fractions.

Race 4

- 1** CHRIS'S REVENGE – Adjusted nicely to dirt sprint after Colonial claim; logical next step.
- 5** OKIE DEN DEN – Consistently close at various distances; often forms bottom of exacta.
- 6** ORTHO STAR – Overcame early trouble in decisive score; just missed top pick prior outing.
- 4** TWENTY ONE KID – May have needed first race since April when prevailing at Aqueduct.

Race 5

- 2** MISS JONES – Rallied through traffic for higher tag; raced sparingly but talent advantage.
- 4** WEST SIDE DIVA – Trounced weak group of maidens in just second outing since January.
- 1** BREEZETHRUTIME – Far back twice when overmatched but likely suited stretching out again.
- 3** SAINT GRACE – Gained late at 35-1 in blanket finish at Delaware; won prior try this yardage.

Race 6

- 3** HI HEELED WARRIOR – Tired after middle move with similar; upsets if puts it all together.
- 1** BEYOND A MILLION – Set pace in race taken by deep closer; veteran capable in past.
- 8** EXPECT TO BE READY – Forced pace then retreated for higher tag after claim; 10 victories.
- 4** MEGAN'S NOEL – Won this spot as heavy favorite two months ago; obvious threat for 32% barn

Race 7

8	UNION PURRFECTION – Unruly at gate then broke poorly when third to pair of favorites.
10	IMMORTAL J – Narrowed big gap when edged at Penn on wet footing; adding blinkers.
7	BIG DOSSER – Led to stretch with routers and competing better than odds predict lately.
11	MOVING TO KENTUCKY – Used up after awkward start and puts blinkers on again.

Race 8

4	BEYONDEXPECTATIONS – Exits pair of frustrating losses when disqualified and beaten by head
3	MARVELOUS MO – Fired all five outings this season but outrun by top choice with wide bid.
2	QUASI WARRIOR – Pair of strong showings at Penn vs. state-breds; pair of quick works for this.
1	WILLISAU – Flashed speed when finishing behind pair above; some progress necessary.

Race 9

4	HARP'S HOT CORNER – Amazing 9-for-15 locally with loads of success in Ness barn; good spot
2	GRAHMALAMADINGDONG – Game score after tossing rider in gate; bargain claim by Guerrero.
3	NINJA PRIZE – Hard-earned score when re-claimed soon as possible by Pino; speedy and game.
6	FACTOR U AND ME IN – Vastly improved and led throughout but disqualified for interference.

Race 10

2	RAMA BAMA LANA – Drew away from maidens after Padilla claim; edge with logical next step.
12	YO LEVEN – Set up nicely for sprint dueling long way in route; often claimed for high tags.
5	SHUDABEENACOWGIRL – Prominent throughout last pair but lone victory in 21 attempts.
4	LUMENIQUE – Narrowed gap at Delaware and ample targets with leading rider Sanchez aboard.