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Best Bets: AMBITIOUSLY PLACED (7th) – CAROUSEL QUEEN (9th)

Race 1

- 7** GET LIKE MIKE – Double-digit romp in second race after layoff and takes realistic next step.
- 9** GAMETIME GLADIATOR – Used up forcing pace in higher quality field; aggressive drop for Arce.
- 4** B D SAINTS – Rebounded from poor showing with hard-earned score vs. odds-on favorite.
- 3** HE'S GOT SWAGGER – Slow fuse and humbled by smashing winner; competes cheapest ever.

Race 2

- 3** OUR NOTION – Used up dueling in last but drops in for tag and removes blinkers for Ness.
- 4** FILLED WITH DESIRE – Pressed eventual winner this far in route; maybe better suited sprinting.
- 6** VINO GRAY – Ducked out at start losing best chance and closed well prior try; adding blinkers.
- 5** SUPERNOVA DREAM – Sire captured Hollywood Derby in brief career; must guess newcomer.

Race 3

- 4** WE MISS NEIL – Battled to final furlong in better version this spot; enough left to handle these.
- 6** STILLWATER MOON – Easily second best behind huge favorite; likely outside stalking trip.
- 1** WYATT HUNTER – Prominent to stretch at loftier level; hampered by stamina issues but threat.
- 3** DAVOLA – Hard used dueling in return when finishing well behind second selection.

Race 4

- 4** POWER AGENDA – Keeps firing over various surfaces and locations; capable of wiring these.
- 1** BACKTRACK – Plunges again in third outing since hiatus; cost \$32,000 in claim at Saratoga.
- 3** BIG BROWN SUGAR – Runner-up in three of last four races; good form with “double bug” up.
- 2** SHANGHAI SUPERFLY – Nine-year-old showed some interest in last but seen better days.

Race 5

- 5** MY KID SYD – Rallied behind easy winner after slow start and wide trip for higher tag.
- 1** CRACK THE CODE – Outrun twice since comeback but could recover against soft opposition.
- 2** PRIVATE CABANA – Third outing since absence and finished mid-pack in much quicker field.
- 4** PRINCE LUCAS – Hampered by gate antics last pair but shown ability at times when behaves.

Race 6

- 4** BORRACHO – Nine-year-old with 20 victories and \$752,576 in bankroll takes plunge for Ness.
- 8** TATUM – Rapid gelding often changes barns and drops notch as danger for new connections.
- 2** CURLINS CRUZIN – Weakened after chasing loose pacesetter when Pino took; faces pressure.
- 6** SOPHIA'S PRINCE – Game winner with perfect trip ; logical next step with Williams aboard.

Race 7

4	AMBITIOUSLY PLACED – Terrific veteran with 18 scores on rare losing skid; drop aids rebound.
1	POPOVER GAL – Speedy and game filly draws inside again; just behind top pick previously.
3	GOLDIENESS – Captured fourth on 28 attempts and contributes to lively pace for new stable.
7	KAREN'S HONOR – Offers closing kick on occasion but just 3-for-37 career; helpful pace set-up.

Race 8

5	CONNOR'S CREW - Signs of talent both starts but failed as 7-5 chalk; blinkers, experience edge.
7	FRANKIE COFFEECAKE – Sire captured five of six starts including Grade I sprint in New York.
2	CAPITAINE – By son of top sire Into Mischief and Lynch barn excels with juveniles; many works.
6	GOLD IN MY HANDS – Veteran sire Weigelia with ample success this season; few clues A.M.

Race 9

1	CAROUSEL QUEEN – Cruised past rivals in best effort of career; ready to tackle even tougher.
3	CENTRE COURT CHAMP – Terrific mare weakened late but returned bleeding; awesome on best
4	MILA ROSE – Faded when claimed for \$62,500 in Keeneland return; Dunn barn having great year
2	MAXIMUS ANGELICUS – Absentee formidable on best; Reid barn won three stakes Wednesday.

Race 10

11	QUEEN WIGGY – Used up pressing smashing winner; might shake loose and knows how to win.
10	BUCKS SOME – Gained late when just ahead of top choice; 10-year-old mare won twice July.
4	UNION BELLE – Progressed as longshot when dropped within same tag; figures close on best.
6	BEDTIME STORY – Defeated lesser at Penn after competing over synthetic; 8-for-18 lifetime.