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Best Bets: BUTTER KISSES (6th) – DOUBLE YOUR MONEY (9th)

Race 1

- 8** J J'S HONOR – Battled throughout when edged by heavy favorite this spot; Polanco barn on roll.
- 2** MELITTLEFROSTGIRL – Showed good speed this spot when claimed; often bottom of exacta.
- 5** RAMA BAMA LANA – Vied to mid-stretch as heavy favorite when changing barns; blinkers on.
- 6** MOON FLEET – Frequently close and competed well after hiatus; lone win from 17 attempts.

Race 2

- 4** SUGAR PRINCESS – Significant drop returning to main track; tests stamina new management.
- 1** ALYVIA'S LIL GIRL – Prominent throughout as longshot and probable pacesetter trying route.
- 3** IN THE BIZ – Failed as 7-5 chalk this level sprinting; contributes to lively fractions.
- 7** ALWAYS IN PLAY – Came again in good effort in second race over track; first route attempt.

Race 3

- 1** NANTUCKET – Absentee faced tougher twice in Kentucky; first time gelding for Ness barn.
- 5** ATLANTIC CAT – Sidelined over year and also switches to Ness stable after being gelded.
- 3** NEVER TILL NOW – Pair of decent local efforts but failing to run to backing; "bullet" work.
- 2** GUNMAN JAYVO – Fair at times in 15 outings but some progress necessary at same level.

Race 4

- 2** GUCCI VISION – Won and claimed at Delaware in second start after layoff; aggressive drop.
- 3** ADIOS JERSEY – Hampered by breaking through gate prior to start then early roughing.
- 4** COMPA – Crushed maidens after layoff and dangerous again with realistic next step.
- 5** AUTHENTIC KINGDOM – Overmatched lately but one convincing score and fits with this kind.

Race 5

- 4** MELODY'S KISS – Much closer than odds predicted last pair; drops stretching out again.
- 6** REPAYNT – Chased smashing winner when claimed and trounced single-winners previously.
- 3** ANTONACCI GIRL – Handles various surfaces and returns to amount of claim; usually fires.
- 7** MISS JONES – Blocked on final turn then drew away quickly when claimed; new management.

Race 6

- 2** BUTTER KISSES – Powerful wide rally when easily second best; back with maidens after DQ.
- 7** MISCHIEVOUS TWINS – Major improvement when runner-up to heavily-backed newcomer.
- 5** SILENT WRATH – Speedy filly hampered by stamina issues for high percentage barn.
- 6** UNTOUCHABLE – Displayed promise then shelved since April; blinkers on moving to Pino barn.

Race 7

1	BEYONDEXPECTATIONS – Humbled by capable Penn shipper; finished first in stake earlier.
2	MARVELOUS MO – Just over two lengths behind top pick and fired in seven straight as threat.
5	TROTSKY – Beaten favorite behind capable Kentucky invader; fits but lone score from 18 tries.
3	STAR MAN BOB – Improved effort dueling talented Pa.-breds; powerful maiden score 2024.

Race 8

4	DIVINE SEEKER – Second best behind awesome winner in bow; Reid barn with top prospects.
1	SPOONBILL – Led to final yards in promising debut; sire won 2016 Pa. Derby and Cigar Mile.
9	PANAMA LIMITED – Sharp debut in softer company and avoids claiming tag for Lake barn.
7	INTO HIJINKS – By excellent sire Maximus Mischief and cost \$65,000 at auction this year.

Race 9

1	DOUBLE YOUR MONEY – Exits victory on Claiming Crown day at Churchill and ultra-consistent.
2	TUNISIAN SPRING – Close up on Aqueduct turf after trio of nice local efforts; initial route try.
3	AZTEC – Ended long losing skid after Ness claim and sizzling apprentice rider in Hazlewood.
7	FROMANOTHAMUTHA – Moderate success elsewhere and just second attempt for Ness.

Race 10

9	BRIGHT KOHANA – Dominated slightly easier after voided claim in August; repeats Rosado barn
5	SONADORA GIRL – Brutal trip as favorite this spot and romped in prior outing; main threat.
2	CLOUT CHASER – Absentee winless for years but plunges and merits attention if ready.
6	GOLDCREST – Led routers to final yards and claimed back soon as possible by Ramirez barn.