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Best Bets: WARRIOR'S VENDETTA (6th) -- NEIGH DUDE (7th)

Race 1

- 6** ONE IMPROBABLE – Trounced single-winners last week; likely repeater with similar showing.
- 4** SOAR RICHARD – Used up dueling in tougher company after decisive score in prior outing.
- 2** GUAIO – Good effort against heavily-favored New York shipper; Arce stable excelled last year.
- 3** ROCK ANNA ROLL – Pair of sharp efforts at Penn after layoff; first local appearance.

Race 2

- 4** REAL TALENTED – Won last pair at Laurel and realistic next step for new management.
- 8** SIR MENDEL – Rallied well on muddy surface when rebounding from poor try; fits nicely.
- 3** CHARLIE'S EXPRESS – Capable in past but tends to weaken in late stages; classier in past.
- 1** HEY BUDDY – Brief trouble when issue decided last week; can't dismiss yet against this kind.

Race 3

- 4** HOTMESSNESS – Battled throughout at Laurel and won debut earlier at Delaware; ideal spot.
- 2** DOWNANDDIRTYDONNA – Absentee takes significant drop and outrun with better before.
- 6** SUGAR PRINCESS – Wore down loose pacesetter on wet footing in route; most losses on turf.
- 5** TUSH PUSH – Hard-earned maiden score in November; possibility with logical next step.

Race 4

- 1** SOUNDSMISCHIEVOUS – Made presence felt from tricky post when claimed from Turfway route.
- 4** ALYVIA'S LIL GIRL – Led to final yards twice in routes and also effective in most recent sprint.
- 5** NATURES FURY – Merits attention if disregard poor route try; some improvement necessary.
- 2** BULMA – Yet to duplicate debut showing at Laurel; frequent troubled trips, new stable.

Race 5

- 6** CARCHAROTH – Case of seconditis during career but back in route against soft opposition.
- 4** JACE IS NO JOKE – Several encouraging tries lately; tests stamina again and lone score on turf.
- 3** DESERT AIRE – Overmatched last week but forced pace in better field prior route attempt.
- 5** EVASIVE MOVES – Usual slow fuse but back with own kind and likely to be gaining late.

Race 6

- 7** WARRIOR'S VENDETTA – Ended losing streak for new connections and well-spotted again.
- 4** MARTY'S MAGIC – Repelled repeated challenges as 3-5 chalk and taking logical next step.
- 5** RACKATAPTAP – Veteran came up empty in stretch again but chance with some progress.
- 6** WILD CAPTAIN – Gained third victory of 2025 in Penn slop but far back recent local outings.

Race 7

6	NEIGH DUDE – Strong bid when closer than odds predicted in solid field; terrific recent months.
7	QUICK TEMPO – Rapid gelding been on road trips but 5-for-8 locally with 17 career victories.
5	YULETIDE GALLOP – Sharp at Penn and just missed to top pick previously; talented group.
3	NUEDORF – Developed nicely last season with five scores; threat but tested with this kind.

Race 8

1	EXCELLORATOR – Hard-earned victory at Aqueduct to boost mark to 12-for-31; inside trip.
3	RECKER POINT – Stablemate of top choice cruised wide past sprinters; also effective routes.
4	TEN GAUGE – Absent couple months after winning pair of photos; fits well if ready.
6	MISSOURI RIVER – Weakened in latest but posted upset prior try; Pino barn 27% last year.

Race 9

5	DEVIL'S CAY – Repelled challenges to edge solid field at Penn in rare test of stamina.
2	GOTTA GUY – Distant fourth against two-time winners after overrunning nice field previously.
3	EL TINMARIN – Ample ability but nearly all success on turf; winless on main track.
1	CHACHACHING – Tigerish earlier but fair showing this spot last month; deserves attention.

Race 10

2	THIS RUN'S FOR YOU – Good late energy after slow start last week in tougher version this spot.
1	POGI – Finished ahead of top pick but difficult to guess lately; often forms bottom of exacta.
3	DIAMOND HEIST – Defeated slightly easier when claimed fifth consecutive time; fits nicely.
5	DITHER – Contributes to lively pace and caught late as 3-5 favorite when claimed again.