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Best Bets: **AWESOME ANNMARIE (2nd) – DUCALE (10th)**

Race 1

- 4** ACCELERATED DATING- Improved behind favored winner when adding Lasix; drops notch.
- 1** HOUSEBUSTER DUDE – Passed numerous rivals in sprint and showed route prowess October.
- 2** LUCKY CAPO – Victim of severe early trouble for new connections; tests stamina first time.
- 9** ELUSIVE REWARD – Some progress in second attempt and stretches out with slight raise.

Race 2

- 9** AWESOME ANNMARIE – Chased solid opponent throughout when easily second best in return.
- 3** FLOWER MOUND – Excuses in last two defeats and drops below price paid and keeps Sanchez.
- 2** BRIGHT KOHANA – Game mare formidable at times but finished behind top pick December.
- 6** KILLY START – Just three lengths behind at Charles Town after voided claim in New York.

Race 3

- 1** SWEET MARIE – Battled throughout this spot and trio of good efforts with Rodriguez up.
- 4** REINA MAR – Less than one length behind top pick with late kick and adding blinkers.
- 3** MISS JONES – Rebounded from poor showing with encouraging try against similar.
- 2** ELOPER – Bothered early this spot in fair effort but long losing skid and winless locally.

Race 4

- 7** SAINT EPHREM – Cruised past softer after slow start when claimed from debut; logical next step
- 5** HONOR MAGS – Solid effort this spot after layoff and major threat with further progress.
- 2** GAELICHEARTOFGOLD – Swept past entire bulky field despite slow start at Laurel; dangerous.
- 1** REVERSE THE CURSE – Dueled to stretch this level in first local try; speed along rail a plus.

Race 5

- 2** NEZY'S GIRL – improving mare trounced maidens in last and appears ready to tackle tougher.
- 3** CALISA – Closer than odds predicted at Aqueduct after overmatched locally in return.
- 7** BYEBYEJEALOUSEYE – Hard used pressing pace after switching to Lake barn; likely pacesetter
- 6** ROZZYROO – Weakened late at Penn and stamina woes persist; ships from Delaware.

Race 6

- 3** ZEENA SWIFT – Primed for this yardage dueling to stretch with tougher in route; could upset.
- 2** WESTERN WOMAN – Used up after sluggish break with similar; firing each outing since hiatus.
- 6** MINK STOLE – Proving she fits with this kind and sufficient early targets to set up late kick.
- 4** LERETHA – Altered running style to win last and possibility with realistic next step.

Race 7

6	N.Y. FINEST – Fired both attempts and recent runner-up to huge favorite; best of known factors.
2	GOLD IN MY HANDS – Less than two lengths behind top choice after forcing pace in debut.
5	BUFF GARY – Hampered by early trouble in debut and should benefit from experience.
7	SAM'S GLORY – Slow fuse in both starts but offered late energy; steps up and gets blinkers.

Race 8

9	JUMP A FOX – Accelerated on turn then flattened out in stretch; favorable pace set-up.
1	CONCRETE FAZE – Runner-up to impressive winner when Kirby claimed; 6 scores last season.
5	PAM PAM – Yielded late in muddy route as 3-5 chalk; speedy and able to adjust to sprint.
6	MILDOON – Dead-heated in game effort after trailing prior outing; excellent closing punch.

Race 9

7	LUCKY DUDE – Powerful upset in solid field after Kirby re-claimed; repeats in same spot.
2	COLD FEET – Rapid gelding faded behind top choice for new barn but 8-for-20 lifetime.
5	GRAHMALAMADINGDONG – Latest discouraging but formidable earlier; trio wins for Haddock.
1	LASSO – Overmatched after Lake bought back after capturing prior two outings; upset chance.

Race 10

6	DUCALE – Battled repeat winner and just became eligible for drop within same claiming tag.
8	DITHER – Set pace and continued well at loftier level after claim; shorter yardage likely plus.
7	AMAZING WOO – Difficult to guess lately but drops and four-time winner here last season.
4	POWER AGENDA – Contributes to lively pace and caught late by drop-down winner last month.