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Best Bets: MORE THAN GRACE (6th) – MR FLOWERS (8th)

Race 1

- 1** SMOOTH MOTION – Dominated opposition to stretch and resisted when challenged this level.
- 7** LOOKIN WILD – Overmatched in last and fired four previous outings since return; key threat.
- 9** COALVILLE – Rallied after early roughing when finishing just ahead of top pick; often hits board.
- 10** HEY BUDDY – Rebounding from poor effort sprinting; handled route last season in Iowa.

Race 2

- 3** SUNDRIA – Looked bit like old self sweeping past easier and appears capable of repeating.
- 1** SHEZA BERNARDINI – Game mare keeps firing and won and claimed again three weeks ago.
- 5** REE NEE'S SIX – Weakened after setting pace in route but likely better suited this yardage.
- 7** MISSPENT – Wired lesser when re-claimed by Padilla-Preciado barn; 7-for-22 lifetime.

Race 3

- 4** PARLAY FOR DESTINY – Cruised past pacesetter in decisive score after layoff; soft rivals.
- 1** CHARTAGE – Controlled pace and lasted with maidens; inside speed with logical next step.
- 3** CARRY GRANT – Improved effort as major longshot for new management; just 1-for-33 career.
- 6** SUNNY MAGIC – Difficult to support off latest and best try over wet surface; hard to guess.

Race 4

- 6** CHELSEA WALL – Veteran mare with 13 victories been on shelf; avoids claiming tag in return.
- 5** ROWSIE EXPRESS – Faced much tougher last local attempt and could provide Ness exacta.
- 3** GOLDEN PHILLY – Claimed back by Mosco barn and capable in past; merits attention.
- 4** TOMARIE – Ten-year-old mare upset easier in 15th score; nearly half million in earnings.

Race 5

- 1** CAP STEAK ROBBERY – Speedy gelding battled throughout last and speed along inside helps.
- 5** SAMS AFTER PARTY – Pulled away eagerly after half mile duel and obvious next step.
- 2** MORETHANAFEELING – Finished behind top choice as heavy favorite; prior outing excellent.
- 7** POSSUM – Offers closing kick on occasion but making just second start since November.

Race 6

- 2** MORE THAN GRACE – Impressive romp after Pino claim and seeks third straight in peak form.
- 5** WANNA GO HOME – Exits strong effort in talented field; competes against older foes first time.
- 3** BYEBYEJEALOUSEYE – Humbled by runaway winner when stepping up after Kirby claim.
- 8** TIZ PURPLE – Victim of severe trouble in last and prior try encouraging; earlier Aqueduct score.

Race 7

3	CHANCE – Trounced routers in powerful score after Catalano claim; ready to tackle tougher.
1	TRY HARDER – Dueled long way in game try this spot in race captured by closer; key threat.
2	TRUST ISSUES – Competed well at Colonial after battling repeat winner here this level.
6	LUCKY DUDE – Excellent form and returns from successful New York trips for Kirby re-claim.

Race 8

6	MR FLOWERS – Primed for elongated sprint dueling to late stages in route; adjusts to sprint.
2	COOL MILLION – Finished in front of top choice but faded in prior sprint; speedy contender.
7	BEYONDEXPECTATIONS – Failed to give true measure in sloppy route; numerous big races.
5	BRAVELY – Heavily-backed capturing debut at Penn; meets quicker but can't dismiss.

Race 9

12	ROMANTIC GAMBLE – Awaited room long way inside in good effort; Pino claim in same spot.
7	YOUNG SQUIRE – Very capable in past and rallied mildly this level after Ness took; dangerous.
6	BOOK RUNNER – Retreated in better field after hiatus; drops in just second start of season.
11	TIME TESTED – Weakened in stretch and faces severe early pressure again; moves to Arce barn.