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Best Bets: **BESTSUGARDADDEVER (8th) – COCKTAIL HUMOR (9th)**

Race 1

- 8** SEVEN P R C – Improved effort from off pace this spot; edge with Lopez aboard in soft spot.
- 3** AMERICAN PEACHES – Rallied well behind top choice but lone victory from 25 attempts.
- 2** JOYFUL JOYCE – Drops notch and just missed this level earlier; likely to be gaining late.
- 7** CLASSIC MYSTERY – Advanced behind runaway winner and makes key third start since layoff.

Race 2

- 6** MR. MENDELSSOHN – Pursued huge favorite in tougher field last week; can wire this kind.
- 7** RUN MY CARD – Rediscovered ability when rallying last to first in easy score; logical next step.
- 3** PRAIRIE DUNES – Slow fuse but offers closing kick on occasion and fits well on best.
- 5** WAKE SURF – Plunges after stopping at Aqueduct and claimed three times for higher amounts.

Race 3

- 3** CHASE A DREAM – Cruised past rivals last week in double-digit romp; ready for stamina test.
- 4** BOYS OF SUMMER – Responded well to drop this spot when battling throughout as runner-up.
- 5** DONNELLY'S HOLLOW – Closer than odds predicted this level for high percentage stable.
- 6** DESERT AIRE – Led throughout vs. single-winners after idle two months; ensures honest pace.

Race 4

- 2** ROCKET NIGHT – Case of seconditis and numerous losses at short odds but ability advantage.
- 3** SWEET WINNER – Humbled by smashing winner in January and crushed maidens earlier.
- 6** WHAT IT TIZ – Wide bid in fair showing this spot and decisive maiden score at Gulfstream.
- 5** MUNYHUNGRY – Some progress when dropped to this level but lost all eight local outings.

Race 5

- 7** COACH RUDY – Second best in bulky Turfway route field and late punch anticipated sprinting.
- 5** CHANGE YOUR NAME – Edged by odds-on winner in another good effort; key threat.
- 4** WARHEADED – Signs of progress but outrun by second pick last pair; merits some attention.
- 1** THE FRIDGE – Outran seven rivals for higher tag at Aqueduct and moving to Pino stable.

Race 6

- 3** COBBLE ROAD – Wore down pacesetter in improved try and second finisher won next easily.
- 1** NICOLE'S KING – Crushed slightly easier after hiatus and dangerous with logical next step.
- 7** SHIPMAN – Difficult to like or dismiss plunge after far back when Ness claimed with \$20,000 tag.
- 2** MAGICNTHEMOONLIGHT – Veteran still quick but better in past and hampered by stamina woes.

Race 7

5	CHECK MY SIX – Hard used forcing pace in second race after layoff and claimed by Ness.
1	RERALLY – Veteran with 10 victories exits solid effort with cheaper and re-claimed by Penaloza.
4	WARRIOR'S VENDETTA – Frequently close and changed hands seven times in past year.
3	ALWAYS GAMBLING – Prominent throughout in game try in possibly softer version this spot.

Race 8

2	BESTSUGARDADDYEVER – Drew away this level after Padilla took and retains Carmouche.
6	GROUP TICKET – Winless last six outings but realistic drop and formidable here last summer.
7	TRICOLOUR – Steps up after Diaz claim but strong closing punch in past; upset possibility.
3	MELT WITH YOU – Runner-up to top choice when Abrams claimed; several decisive scores.

Race 9

3	COCKTAIL HUMOR – Game filly nearly always fires and ample success with Sanchez aboard.
1	OUR UPTOWN GIRL – Hampered by awkward start in latest and romped for this tag December.
6	SNAPPY RIDE – Lacked rally in compact field; likely needs pace set-up for best opportunity.
4	SHETALKSTOMUCH – Stretch-runner overmatched in New York; boasts 8 local victories.

Race 10

3	TUFF CONSTITUTION – Vanned off after Laurel outing but crushed solid version this spot locally
1	POWER AGENDA – Humbled by smashing winner but threat with excellent speed along inside.
7	LORD WINSALOT – Nearly rallied last to first this spot; nine-year-old with 13 career scores.
4	FIRST MONEY – Very capable in past but outrun in latest and just second start since January.