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Best Bets: PREACHA MEYERS (2<sup>nd</sup>) – MIDNIGHT FLIGHT (3<sup>rd</sup>)

### Race 1

- 9** NOHAI – Slow fuse but finished strongly several times; sufficient targets to set up late kick.
- 7** FIFTY NINE FIFTY – Made second run behind heavily-favored winner; must put it all together.
- 8** DOWNANDDIRTYDONNA – Overmatched twice since taken for higher tag; threat this level.
- 5** SAINT GRACE – Edged on wet footing at Penn and close this spot locally in January.

### Race 2

- 1** PREACHA MEYERS – Pair of solid efforts over track, exits convincing score; logical next step.
- 2** TROTSKY – Crushed slightly easier field to end losing streak; fits with renewed confidence.
- 6** HUGGY – Used up forcing pace in mud and top pair won next time; won twice in winter.
- 4** SMILE MAKER – Retreated in muddy route but shown ability and suited by yardage.

### Race 3

- 1** MIDNIGHT FLIGHT – Overcame trouble to win again when claimed; proven route ability.
- 5** PITTORE D'ORO – Turfway shippers excelling here; switches to Padilla-Preciado, blinkers on.
- 4** ASTRID – Better than odds suggest sprinting after outrun by top pick prior try; speedy factor.
- 3** CYNTHIA GALE – Trounced soft group of maidens in mud and formidable Pino-Sanchez duo.

### Race 4

- 3** CALISA – Hard used dueling after slow start in race taken by deep closer; fits with these.
- 6** ROSIE WARRIOR – Signs of life with tougher last pair and crushed maidens previously.
- 1** NEZY'S GIRL – Runner-up to smashing winner again but fired four straight for King barn.
- 2** ALLENHURST – Sidelined nearly year showing one romp at Aqueduct; likely to need this.

### Race 5

- 4** DOWNTOWNCHALYBROWN – Vied through rapid fractions to final furlong in strong showing.
- 6** HARP'S HOT CORNER – Amazing gelding with 11-for-23 mark keeps scoring for various barns.
- 2** GET SET – Good effort with similar and claimed from three straight; rates off pace if necessary.
- 5** PRINTRACK – Veteran shelved over year with 12-for-35 record; initial attempt for Ness stable.

### Race 6

- 2** NEW COMMISSION – Nine-year-old captured two of last three outings; boasts 11 local victories.
- 4** WARRIOR'S VENDETTA – Stretch-runner closed behind top pick; Pino barn 33% off claim.
- 1** ASSEMBLY POINT – Menacing wide bid then weakened last week when claimed by Diaz.
- 7** MASTER OF NONE – Full of run too late in local bow when Gallimore took; merits attention.

**Race 7**

<b>6</b>	FUHGEDDABOUDIT – Prominent throughout in tougher version this spot; chased drop-down foe
<b>1</b>	POPTHECHAMPAGNE RO – Drew away quickly from slightly easier field; dangerous again.
<b>2</b>	MOOR STRENGTH – Remote third on wet surface after decisive score vs. three-time winners.
<b>8</b>	SO SWELL – Drops far behind then rallies too late; needs help with pace set-up.

**Race 8**

<b>1</b>	I AM RUE – Cruised past slightly easier in best yet and likely ready for initial stamina test.
<b>3</b>	PAM PAM - Battled throughout in New York after prevailing at similar distance locally.
<b>2</b>	EQUUS – Good effort behind impressive sprint winner and encouraging two turn tests.
<b>6</b>	PRINCESS KALAMOH – Retreated in sprint but might prefer this distance; adds to lively pace.

**Race 9**

<b>3</b>	PRINCE COLTON – Sharp again vs. tough field on road trip after wiring this spot locally.
<b>8</b>	JUST STEP ON IT – Closer than anticipated after long absence; fitter now and can progress.
<b>6</b>	BOSS LOGIC – Shelved after pair of poor showings and 15-time winner romped here September.
<b>2</b>	LOVE ME NOT – Finished behind top choice but won twice before with Sanchez up for Ness.

**Race 10**

<b>4</b>	ADIOS JERSEY – Led to final yards in longer test; must survive early pressure in tough field.
<b>8</b>	SOAR RICHARD – Speedy gelding re-claimed soon as possible by Carlos Guerrero barn.
<b>9</b>	ONE IMPROBABLE – Hard used forcing pace in race taken by stretch-runner; won twice easily.
<b>12</b>	CARBONITE – Pressed top choice to final furlong after idle over two months; fits nicely.