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Best Bets: WEEKEND HONOR (5th) – MORETHANAFEELING (7th)

Race 1

- 1** UNION LIGHTS – Humbled by odds-on winner when second best; set to end losing streak.
- 2** TWENTY ONE KID – Signs of progress lately and should be prepared for rare route attempt.
- 6** BATTER UP BUD – Slow fuse but capable in past and likely gaining late in soft field.
- 5** THIRSTY PAPPY – Much better in past but making key third start since hiatus.

Race 2

- 3** FUSSY GIRL – Crushed two-time winners in local bow and likely repeater for 30% Pino stable.
- 2** MILA ROSE – Overcame early roughing to score when claimed; formidable last season.
- 5** ROSE OF SHARON – Remote third in solid field and second finisher prevailed last week.
- 1** PADDY'S GIFT – Speedy filly stopped as 4-5 chalk when claimed; needs to shake loose.

Race 3

- 3** POM POM – Drops after good effort and eliminated at start in prior outing; should outrun these.
- 1** ENGLISH ELSA – Wide rally behind runaway winner in 11th attempt; hit board last three.
- 6** IRIE AND MELLOW – Set pace before yielding to smashing winner in route; shortens up.
- 2** MIA COUNTING – Remote third going long and short lately; still maiden after 18 tries.

Race 4

- 6** UP THE KINGDOM – Poor showing in last but takes significant drop and posted upset earlier.
- 3** CHUBASCO SAUCE – Edged away after dueling when taking plunge; threat for new barn.
- 2** CHANGE YOUR NAME – Crushed bottom maidens in 21st start; chance with renewed confidence.
- 5** ACCELERATED DATING – Distant fourth in route when claimed; shown he fits with these.

Race 5

- 1** WEEKEND HONOR – Broke slowly when easily second best to drop-down winner in return.
- 5** REGAL RULES – Prominent all way in Tampa finale and moves to Pino barn with blinkers on.
- 4** ROSIE OUTLOOK – Fair showing on road trip and back sprinting with late gain likely.
- 3** THINK I'M IN LOVE – Flashed speed before fading behind top pick; further progress needed.

Race 6

- 3** LAW SCHOOL – Failed to give true measure in New York and some of best efforts locally.
- 6** SOUNDSMISCHIEVOUS – Excellent form since arriving from Kentucky and keeps improving.
- 1** MOON HALORY – Swept past rivals in decisive score and second finisher romped next time.
- 4** DALE – Versatile filly successful here and at Penn and seeks fourth victory of season.

Race 7

6	MORETHANAFEELING – Dueled then edged away in strong effort; takes logical next step.
4	SAINT EPHREM – Battled streaking winner in last and appears to give his best every outing.
2	OKIE DEN DEN – Frequently close with similar and merits attention if disregard latest.
1	ORTHO STAR – Came up empty as 4-5 chalk when taking plunge; must improve for new barn.

Race 8

6	DURATION – Battled formidable rival in route after winning three straight sprints decisively.
1	FIRE PIT – Used up dueling after layoff at Aqueduct; impressed locally, third in Gallant Bob.
2	NO EASY DAYS – Ultra-consistent gelding ran into tiger at Laurel; back home with late kick.
5	WAX BOX – Rebounded from pair of dull tries with good effort despite early problems.

Race 9

2	FAST BOB – Veteran just missed in rare route attempt; drops notch after Padilla-Preciado claim.
7	WALK AWAY JOE – Game 9-year-old easily second to huge favorite this spot; tough combo.
4	ADMIRAL'S WAVE – Used up dueling then weakened behind second pick; merits attention.
6	CHELONIAN – Hard to like or ignore plunge after voided claim in March; Guerrero barn hot.