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Best Bets: THE BEACH GOES ON (3<sup>rd</sup>) – TRANSCENDENTAL (6<sup>th</sup>)

### Race 1

- 1** TWENTYEIGHTTOTHREE - Wore down next-out winner and re-claimed by Freddie Velazquez.
- 3** LIBERTY STAR – Game veteran boats 10 victories over this track and drops notch as threat.
- 8** TOJO'S MOJO – Exits solid effort but bit erratic this season; won when Sanchez up in March.
- 5** COBBLE ROAD – Possibility if throw out latest and sizzling apprentice aboard in Hazlewood.

### Race 2

- 4** CONCEALED CARRY – Easily second best to formidable rival when claimed again; classy past.
- 5** YOUBETTERBEJOKING – Won blanket finish over wet surface in another determined effort.
- 7** HERMOSO HOMBRE – Plunges after trailing at Aqueduct; often powerful closing kick locally.
- 3** SPEEDY HANS – Nine-year-old sharp in local bow when claimed; loads of success elsewhere.

### Race 3

- 1** THE BEACH GOES ON – Pulled away eagerly this yardage after shipping from Gulfstream.
- 2** TRUTHORCONSEQUENCE – Speedy filly nearly always fires and re-claimed by Wyner earlier.
- 6** MO ATTITUDE – Stretch-runner humbled by streaking winner after strong rally in New York.
- 4** BANG BANG FURY – Claimed for \$32,000 from Oaklawn finale and moves to Ness barn.

### Race 4

- 6** LEFTOVER SUSHI – Hard used dueling in longer test and Abrams barn excels with claims.
- 1** SONADORA GIRL – Game mare offers speed inside and terrific 6-for-14 over this course.
- 5** ISLAND DREAM GIRL – Convincing score in April and ample success at various tracks.
- 7** GOLDIENESS – Determined mare claimed from 9 of last 10 starts and always a possibility.

### Race 5

- 5** POLAR MAGIC – Full-sister to formidable Aoife's Magic took major step forward in game try.
- 4** UNION DOOS – May have needed first outing since September and drops into claimer first time.
- 1** HONORISIA – Finished ahead of second pick with mild late rally and making ninth attempt.
- 3** ANGEL IN BLUE – Soundly beaten in debut; \$50,000 buy benefits from experience and blinkers.

### Race 6

- 3** TRANSCENDENTAL – Improving gelding battled frequent winner in tougher version this spot.
- 8** BORRACHO – Dueled then weakened behind top choice; retains Lopez seeking 23<sup>rd</sup> victory.
- 7** NANCY MADE MY DAY – Used up after slow start and led throughout prior try for Vega stable.
- 1** AHSAD – Amazing 10-year-old making 117<sup>th</sup> start with 18 victories; excels at this distance.

**Race 7**

<b>8</b>	JUDY'S FLYER – Difficult to like or ignore plunge after chasing repeat winner; ability advantage.
<b>2</b>	TWIST HER – Good effort behind pair of next-out winners despite early roughing in return.
<b>1</b>	NEIGHBELLINE – Faced better in past and moves inside in third outing after long absence.
<b>10</b>	MISS RAUCUS – Much closer than odds predicted last pair; fits with clear sailing outside.

**Race 8**

<b>3</b>	PACO THE TACO MAN – Rapid gelding captured 4 of last 5 at Laurel and well-spotted again.
<b>1</b>	SILVER SLUGGER – Shipper with terrific 12-for-21 mark won pair of stakes last season as threat.
<b>2</b>	NEIGH DUDE – Yet another veteran with 15 victories including ample success for Moore barn.
<b>5</b>	BACKSIDE BUZZ – Nearly always fires and changed barns from 6 of last 7 attempts.

**Race 9**

<b>3</b>	MAJORCA – Lightly raced but perfect in three starts this season with continued progress.
<b>2</b>	ADERO – Retreated in very quick event when Ness too for this tag; formidable here in past.
<b>5</b>	SURFSIDE MOON – Outrun by top pick as 6-5 favorite and competed in numerous stakes.
<b>9</b>	MARGIE'S FUN SON – Failed to offer true measure on road trips after winning 3 of 4 locally.

**Race 10**

<b>10</b>	ENFORCER – Looked bit like old self when dropped to this spot after hiatus; fires at square odds
<b>3</b>	YOUNG SQUIRE – Classy in past and hits bottom again; prone to early excuses but dangerous.
<b>9</b>	GOLDEN WILDCAT – Rebounded from poor showings with narrow loss as longshot this spot.
<b>2</b>	FACE DOWN – Led to final furlong in blanket finish; re-claimed earlier by Miguel Rodriguez barn.