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Best Bets: BONAFIDE (4<sup>th</sup>) – PARLAYPAULINE (8<sup>th</sup>)

### Race 1

- 4** FAYTASTIC – Claimed for twice this amount but much closer than anticipated prior outing.
- 6** ARUMA – Hard used dueling as heavy favorite and re-claimed soon as possible by Padilla.
- 1** SO SWELL – Advanced late this spot and sufficient early targets to set up closing kick.
- 5** PADDY'S GIFT – Weakened again last week but retains Lopez and capable earlier in year.

### Race 2

- 7** NOTAMISTAKE – Humbled by smashing winner in route and back in sprint taking drop.
- 6** LUCKY CAPO – Frequently close at various distances but had 13 chances and must progress.
- 2** WORLD WIDE WEB – Not far behind top pick after arriving from Tampa; fits at this level.
- 4** QUICK TO JUDGE – Less than five lengths behind as longshot this spot; deserve second look.

### Race 3

- 4** FAST MOTION – Gained late when beaten by heavy favorite and good speed in prior losses.
- 5** GOLDEN PHILLY – Claimed from last four outings but sharper in past; can't dismiss yet.
- 2** POPOVER GAL – Formidable last season and absent since voided claim; threat if ready.
- 1** PACIFIC PRINCESS – Flashes of interest against similar but winless past two years.

### Race 4

- 4** BONAFIDE – Dominating score after arriving from Kentucky and takes logical next step.
- 6** TROTSKY – Battled throughout when caught late by stretch-runner; stretches out again.
- 3** PLAY THE GRAY – Hard used dueling eventual runaway winner; rates off pace if necessary.
- 1** COOL MILLION – Retreated after delaying start with gate antics; runs big race on occasion.

### Race 5

- 1** ANITA GLASSOFWINE – Decent showing in capable field sprinting and should like two turns.
- 2** DREAMING OF BELLA – Broke poorly then narrowly lost race-long duel as huge favorite.
- 6** MIDWEST PRINCESS – Plunges after brief early trouble and merits attention this level.
- 3** INNER EXCELLENCE – Rallied as longshot sprinting and tries route first time for John Servis.

### Race 6

- 7** SPHERIFICATION – Decisive score with similar and remains eligible as 3-year-old for repeat.
- 5** TIZ THE COAST – Improved as longshot in elongated sprint and testing stamina again.
- 8** PURE REALIZATION – Soundly beaten by top choice but edged previously as longshot.
- 1** WINNING SONG – Very slow fuse and rallied late this spot; lone score from 19 chances.

**Race 7**

<b>3</b>	<b>MORE THAN GRACE</b> – Captured three straight races by combined 23 lengths; hard to fault.
<b>2</b>	<b>WANNA GO HOME</b> – Decisive score as odds-on chalk with continued excellent local form.
<b>1</b>	<b>RINGER CARD</b> – Speedy mare impressed in past but humbled by top choice last month.
<b>5</b>	<b>DALE</b> – Game filly won match race at Penn but also competed well locally going short and long.

**Race 8**

<b>5</b>	<b>PARLAYPAULINE</b> – Awesome wide margin romp after shipping from Tampa; should repeat.
<b>7</b>	<b>MAGICAL TRICK</b> – Hard used dueling to mid-stretch and double-digit romp in prior outing.
<b>2</b>	<b>AMERICAN SELECT</b> – Chased capable group at Delaware after crushing rivals at Laurel.
<b>8</b>	<b>PRINCESS KALAMOH</b> – Speedy mare often close but on losing streak; adding blinkers.

**Race 9**

<b>10</b>	<b>BRAVE BLEND</b> – Aggressive drop for hot Penaloza barn; outside stalking trip with Aguilar.
<b>2</b>	<b>MR. MENDELSSOHN</b> – Closed well this spot when runner-up; outrun by top pick in April.
<b>8</b>	<b>STARLORD</b> – Significant drop after trailing and under new management; threat this level.
<b>3</b>	<b>FIGHT FIERCELY</b> – Narrowed large gap when just length behind this spot; extra yardage plus.