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BEST BETS : ALL AMERICAN ROD (9th) – MILA ROSE (12th)

Race 1

- 13** RAGATONY – Plunges after failing in road trip route; regains strong closing kick this yardage.
- 1** GUS' TEN – Victim of rough trip again and dangerous with clear rail trip despite 10 defeats.
- 4** MR. MANHATTAN – Several excuses after layoff at Penn when adding Lasix and blinkers.
- 6** WORLD WIDE WEB – Rallied behind dueling pacesetters when hitting board again in 15th try.

Race 2

- 2** XIMENA – Speedy and improved filly romped last pair and remains eligible as three-year-old.
- 12** SOUTH BOUNDARY – Plunges after soundly beaten again but difficult to ignore this level.
- 3** SHARE SUCCESS – Stopped badly after layoff in route after showing promise as juvenile.
- 5** MADDIE'S GARDEN – Decisive score when claimed by Pino and still eligible as three-year-old.

Race 3

- 8** YO PHILLY – Steadied stretch at top maiden level Delaware; blinkers on third race since layoff.
- 9** CATCH ME A CATCH – Faded after menacing bid at top state-bred level; just missed in debut.
- 10** BERLINWIN – Frequently claimed during nine attempts in Kentucky; first try for Mosco stable.
- 4** TIZA SMOKESHOW – Easily second best to winning favorite; humbled by runaway opponents.

Race 4

- 9** CLEARLY COPPER – Edged by rival exiting wide-margin score when easily second best.
- 4** TELEPHONE LINE – Remote fourth after hiatus and drops again; capable in past as threat.
- 10** ANGEL OF HOPE – Quick filly held on well under pressure for higher tag when Smylie took.
- 2** LOST LOVE – Game mare lightly raced but usually fires; shorter break this time as possibility.

Race 5

- 1** ANGIE'S REWARD – Pair of decisive scores over track; aggressive drop for new connections.
- 2** MEDIUM COOL – Used up forcing pace on road trip after twice wiring local rivals for top barn.
- 5** PROBABLE ANGLE – Recent claim claimed from local bow for higher tag; eligible as 3-year-old.
- 4** PITTORE D'ORO – Fired in compact route at Penn after outrun by top choice locally; losing skid.

Race 6

- 3** CHUBASCO SAUCE – Dueled eventual winner in tougher field; determined try after Wyner claim.
- 2** BOOTLEG RUNNER – Rapid colt crushed foes when claimed; stays eligible as three-year-old.
- 5** COPERNIUM – Jersey shipper keeps firing over various surfaces; contributes to lively pace.
- 6** CHUCK'S LAW – Victim of poor start when humbled smashing winner; trounced maidens.

Race 7

4	MAJOR WEIGELIA – Much best after long absence when adding Lasix and blinkers; could repeat
7	ACCELERATED DATING – Overmatched in last after surviving pressure when Crowell re-claim.
3	IMPERIAL SPY – Exits series of routes and showed closing kick in decisive sprint score locally.
5	DESIGNED BY SMARTY – Held on gamely but disqualified for early interference; changed hands

Race 8

2	LIBERTE DE BAYEUX – Aggressive drop seeking fourth straight after Pino claim; hard to fault.
1	MACAW – Idle since voided claim in May but very determined and much success Montoya barn.
5	SIMPLY DISREGARDED – Dueled to final furlong when finishing behind top pick; can be rated.
7	TWENTYEIGHTOTTHREE – Closed big gap in route after changing barns again; ample targets.

Race 9

13	ALL AMERICAN ROD – Plunges for high percentage barn and seems better suited sprinting.
10	MUSICAL MAESTRO – Rallied behind streaking winner in May and stablemate of top choice.
3	LEX – Set pace and continued well when Carlos Guerrero re-claimed; severe early pressure.
7	FIELDING – Difficult to like or dismiss plunge after stopping abruptly as huge favorite.

Race 10

3	THEA – Excellent form at tough meets in Kentucky and Arkansas; well-spotted by sharp stable.
10	I CAN RUN – Pair of decisive scores for hot Penaloza barn and fits nicely with closing punch.
9	MAD FOR MADDY – Survived constant pressure when Pino took for \$25,000; dangerous again.
8	THE BEACH GOES ON – Weakened as odds-on chalk at Delaware after perfect record locally.

Race 11

7	WISH CAREFULLY – Crushed lesser at Penn after shipping from Kentucky; capable of repeating.
6	NIXON JOY – Veteran with slow fuse but terrific finishing kick; needs aid of helpful pace set-up.
5	ELUSIVE TARGET – Ran into tiger on road trip following numerous big local attempts.
1	DEVIL'S CAY – Rebounded from poor effort in narrow defeat; disliked wet footing prior outing.

Race 12

3	MILA ROSE – Series of winning and changing hands and continues that pattern for Pino barn.
4	CHAMPAGNE MISCHIEF – Rapid filly upset rivals for higher tag; returns to level of June claim.
7	ET'S MOON MAIDEN – Stretch-runner humbled by smashing winner; likely picks off foes late.
9	MISSPENT – Overmatched lately but returns home where she boasts 6-for-13 mark; must respect