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Best Bets: WARRIOR'S RANSOM (7th) – EPIC LUCK (8th)

Race 1

- 2** BULMA – Making progress despite 14 attempts and might rate off hotly-contested fractions.
- 7** ANGEL IN BLUE – Difficult wide trip in last and plunges again with leading rider aboard.
- 1** MY LIZZY LOU – Used up chasing smashing winner for higher tag; faces early pressure again.
- 6** ANITA GLASSOFWINE – Signs of ability in 12 defeats and competing cheapest ever as threat.

Race 2

- 1** SPOOKY GAL – Failed as usual on turf and overmatched previously; won after layoff in June.
- 4** LADY SRIRACHA – Proven she fits with kind and sufficient early targets to set up late kick.
- 8** SHERUNSTHISTOWN – Good effort following claim when finishing ahead of third selection.
- 6** MISS RAUCUS – Used up forcing pace on road trip after Pino claim; on long losing streak.

Race 3

- 2** IF I CAN DREAM – Speedy but exits series of frustrating defeats; faces slightly softer rivals.
- 4** ALASTAR – Good form since Irving Rodriguez claim; romped last local try on wet surface.
- 7** JESSE – Crushed lesser in belated debut and avoids tag this time with progress anticipated.
- 5** IT'S AUTHENTIC – Narrowly missed again when claimed; back sprinting and just one-for-21.

Race 4

- 4** LERETHA – Disliked sloppy surface and capable in past; likely to rebound with soft company.
- 3** SUNLIT – Rapid filly weakened late in slightly longer test; threat if manages to shake loose.
- 7** SILVER CITY KITTY – Chased streaking winner and drops below amount paid following claim.
- 2** DISCO FLASH – Sidelined since October but possibility if ready for high percentage stable.

Race 5

- 4** ARUMA – Weakened after pressing pace in better field; appears capable of wiring this spot.
- 5** SOCIETY BALL – Drops within same claiming tag and sheds seven pounds switching to “bug.”
- 8** GOLDEN PHILLY – Encouraging try at Delaware after fading in recent local outings at short odds
- 1** YOU KNOW ME – Signs of life last pair this level but must put it all together for fourth victory.

Race 6

- 6** MAGICAL TRICK – Used up dueling heavy favorite and impressed in prior romp; well-spotted,
- 5** BOSS LIKE BETH- Crushed easier after claimed again; merits attention, renewed confidence.
- 4** CHELSEA WALL – Terrific veteran with 15-for-49 record and ample success in Ness stable.
- 3** AMBITIOUSLY PLACED – Overmatched in last but fits this spot; recently passed half million.

Race 7

4	WARRIOR'S RANSOM – Easily second best after claim and conqueror won easily last week.
2	TARIBA DREAM – Stretch-runner keeps firing and closer than odds predicted this spot.
3	MILDOON – Determined effort in sprint upset and rare try around two turns as possibility.
6	PAM PAM – Soundly beaten at Delaware after absent three months; good form locally.

Race 8

4	EPIC LUCK – Bargain claim by Wyner barn wired capable group at Delaware; runner-up won next
5	SILENT MODE – Edged over wet footing and developed closing kick in recent outings.
7	SUNDAY SPIRIT – Extremely game and back home where he boasts terrific 9-for-23 record.
10	NIXON JOY – Powerful closer re-claimed by Santaella-Calderon where he romped last month.

Race 9

1	BUFF GARY – Used up dueling eventual winner for higher tag; survives pressure this level.
10	ELUSIVE TARGET – Absent several months but drops to realistic spot and threat if ready.
6	ONISHENKO – Improved against capable newcomer when shedding 12 pounds; upset chance.
7	MATZOBALL MUHAMMET – Quick early but hampered by stamina woes and had 14 tries.