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Best Bets: CHIQUITA'S WAY (4th) – TIZ PURPLE (6th)

Race 1

- 2** MASTER OF NONE – Edged in solid effort in “open” race this tag; game veteran lures Lopez.
- 4** ARROW SPEED – Led to late stages for higher tag for leading Penn barn; often bottom exacta.
- 5** MELT WITH YOU – Ample ability and likes to win; voided claim in July but serious threat.
- 7** CUT THE CORD – Drops notch in first local attempt moving to Padilla-Preciado stable.

Race 2

- 3** ASSOCIATED – Humbled by impressive repeat winner in June; drops into claimer first time.
- 4** RELENTLESSNESS – Absent since claimed from encouraging debut; gelded, Lasix, blinkers on.
- 2** JOY BOY – Sidelined since October but hinted at promise as juvenile; possibility if ready.
- 5** TONGUE TIED – Rallied past many opponents when runner-up in bulky field in best yet.

Race 3

- 1** CHUCK'S LAW – Lost ample ground in sprint and showed route ability romping in July.
- 5** VINO DOMINUS – Failed as odds-on chalk in mud in local bow this spot after racing in Ky.
- 4** HEPHEPCUTDOWNNETS – Drops notch after rare test at this yardage; just one-for-15 career.
- 6** CENTAUR CENTRAL – Rallied well in mud this level and unlucky in prior defeat.

Race 4

- 6** CHIQUITA'S WAY – Overcame poor start from rail after arriving from Ky.; avoids tag this time.
- 5** RELEVATE – Encouraging form elsewhere and switches to Mosco barn as serious threat.
- 4** MO INDIAN LADY – Faded behind second choice at Ellis Park; won debut at Turfway.
- 1** FIFTH OF MAY – Keeps firing and close in softer spot at Penn; tested against this kind.

Race 5

- 2** SAVE A PRAYER – Flashes of interest recent months and chased runaway winner prior route.
- 5** SMOOTH MOTION – Stopped last pair but chance to shake loose and control fractions.
- 6** WAR COMMANDER – Outrun as 7-5 chalk on muddy footing after decisive fast track score.
- 1** FLUFF THE PILLOW – Faced more frequent winners in Jersey and moderate local success.

Race 6

- 7** TIZ PURPLE – Rallied with talented group at Colonial after eventful local trip; stalks outside.
- 4** SUNFLOWER STATE – Battled quality opposition elsewhere; chased streaking winner locally.
- 5** RINGER CARD – Advanced despite lacking usual speed in tough field; bothered top pick prior.
- 2** TRUTHORCONSEQUENCE – Came again to win at Delaware, claimed for \$40,000 locally in June.

Race 7

3	RILEY'S ROCKSTAR - Good effort in turf marathon after easily second best in tougher version.
1	MISSION ARTEMIS – Responded well to drop when leading throughout despite racing greenly.
2	BOYS OF SUMMER – Ended losing skid at Penn despite another poor start; logical next step.
5	WHAT IT TIZ – Set pace and resisted when challenged in mud when narrowly defeated.

Race 8

1	DEVIL'S CAY – Set pressured pace and held on determinedly in classy field; works out rail trip.
4	I FEELUCKY TONITE – Claimed by Pino barn for higher tag in June; chased rocket previously.
7	FREAKAZOID – Won sprint at Delaware despite over year's absence; proven router in past.
3	FENTON FOREVER - Yet another exiting one race after long layoff; won local stake as juvenile.

Race 9

5	MISTER ME – Fired all seven attempts and chased runaway winner in stake; tries open company.
2	MIDWAY MUNNY – Used up after stumbling start at Ellis; claimed for \$50,000 from prior outing.
7	EASTER BET – Winless this season but faced quality rivals; gets blinkers and stretches out.
6	GROUCH – Trailed Jersey-bred stake but previous try at Delaware excellent; fits nicely.