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Best Bets: MILES OF SMILES (7th) – BOSS LIKE BETH (9th)

Race 1

- 14** WILLISAU – Failed to offer true measure when unruly at gate; ideal spot and lures Lopez.
- 4** IF I CAN DREAM – Edged by unbeaten rival in another game effort; numerous frustrating losses.
- 8** BALA DE PLATA – Speedy colt weakened under pressure in solid field; best on wet surfaces.
- 6** KING OF THE CROSS – Sharp since return and closer than odds predicted behind second pick.

Race 2

- 4** MAMARSHA – Big effort 11 days ago and remains eligible as 3-year-old; very competitive field.
- 8** ANGIE'S REWARD – Game filly seeks fifth straight locally; effective in front or from off pace.
- 2** CRITICAL MAGIC – Major step forward when edged by second choice in best try of career.
- 6** PROBABLE ANGLE – Advanced late when claimed and success in Maryland and New York.

Race 3

- 9** MELT WITH YOU – Trounced slightly lesser in impressive score for 28% Padilla stable.
- 4** AGGREGATION – Overmatched in last and takes aggressive drop; re-claimed earlier by Ness.
- 3** NOTED – Trained vastly classier company after claimed for \$40,000 previously; obvious threat.
- 8** PRINCE COLTON – Ample success in Kirby barn and plunges after weakening under pressure.

Race 4

- 11** SUMMONYOURCOURAGE – Likely needed first outing of year against capable Canadian rivals.
- 10** POSSUM – Offers closing kick on occasion and sufficient early targets to pose threat.
- 6** STINGER BEE – Possibility if disregard latest; led to final stages in prior strong effort.
- 5** UP THE KINGDOM – Cruised past heavy favorite after hiatus; pedigree to further progress.

Race 5

- 3** CARNABY – Developed nicely this year and exits best effort of career; back at amount of claim.
- 7** ANALOG JONES – Sidelined since \$30,000 claim in February; fast works and dangerous if ready.
- 4** LIBERTE DE BAYEUX – Victim of early trouble in bulky field as even-money chalk; new barn.
- 6** COJELO PA TI – Rapid gelding hampered by stamina issues; bought back by Penaloza stable.

Race 6

- 5** STARLIT NITE – Faced tougher twice since return and boasts pair of romps last year in Ky.
- 1** MO ATTITUDE – Decent showing after four month's absence; works out inside trip again.
- 7** CHIQUITA'S WAY – Stretch-runner perfect since Padilla-Preciado claim and fits well as threat.
- 4** MIDNIGHT FLIGHT – Overmatched on road trip after breaking poorly last two local tries.

Race 7

9	MILES OF SMILES – Responded well to plunge with decisive score despite stumbling start.
1	LADY EMILY KATHRYN – Strong effort behind top choice when Abrams took; sheds 8 pounds.
12	CRUISE MISSILE – Crushed compact group 10 days ago when claimed fifth time this season.
6	ROWSIE EXPRESS – Game mare exits good effort but idle over three months; threat if ready.

Race 8

5	MARKET MAVEN – Veteran now lightly raced but terrific here over years and flying in a.m.
3	IN SPADES – Exits big effort in July but yet to handle top choice; Dunn barn heating up.
4	SUNDAY SPIRIT – Amazingly consistent and prominent throughout despite fractious at gate.
10	DEVIL’S CAY – Repelled numerous challenges to win last; re-claimed earlier by Ness barn.

Race 9

12	BOSS LIKE BETH – Re-claimed on raise by Padilla barn where she won impressively in July.
9	MILA ROSE – Sharp runner-up after winning four straight; excellent 6-for-15 lifetime.
2	PEARLS AND HEELS – Veteran mare boasts 11 local victories, many for Hawthorne barn.
10	LOST LOVE – Keeps firing for hot Shaw stable and often competes better than odds predict.

Race 10

10	I CAN RUN – Hard-hitter ran into tigrass in latest after trouncing rivals in prior two outings.
5	TARIBA DREAM – Nearly always fires but yet to handle top pick; often forms bottom of exacta.
9	PACHELBEL – Failed to give true measure in stake; back on Lasix with \$644,170 in bankroll.
11	LOVELY CHARM – Anticipated better last out but prior try excellent; absent three months.

Race 11

13	TAVERN TIME – Overmatched in last but numerous sharp tries before; outside stalking trip.
2	STARLORD – Advanced very wide when claimed again; ample early targets for closing bid.
4	MISSION ARTEMIS – Set up nicely for elongated sprint showing speed in routes; obvious threat.
8	BLAZING BUCCHERO – Fired last pair at Colonial and Delaware going long and short; fits well.