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Best Bets: EASTER BET (3rd) – DIVINE SEEKER (8th)

Race 1

- 7** CALL ME ALEX – Troubled trip with better in debut; barn won with similar scenario last week.
- 11** AUTHENTIC LADY – Plunges after remote third in compact field at Monmouth; threat this level.
- 2** MUDSLIDE MOLLY – Outrun after slow start in turf sprint debut; by top N.Y.- bred stallion.
- 6** ANITA GLASSOFWINE – Set pace before fading in Penn route; yardage suits but had 16 tries.

Race 2

- 2** GOOD SAL – Used up forcing pace when overmatched; decisive score previously when claimed.
- 1** IMPERIAL SPY – Frequently close and shows closing kick on occasion; absent couple months.
- 5** CHUCK'S LAW – Won on sloppy footing after Pino took and dangerous with logical next step.
- 7** COACH CLINT – Closer than odds predicted again but faces seemingly tougher version.

Race 3

- 4** EASTER BET – Overmatched after claim but very quick on prior route; puts blinkers back on.
- 1** BLAZING BUCCHERO – Chased heavily-favored repeat winner when claimed from local bow.
- 6** KING DEIVYS – Far behind in classier company but fits here and romped in August.
- 5** BATTLE ANTHEM – Humbled by runaway winner after major surprise in prior outing; fits nicely.

Race 4

- 3** OFF THE DECK – Set up well for elongated sprint battling throughout in Delaware route.
- 2** THE MAGIC SPEED – Finished behind top choice but often shows speed in longer tests.
- 1** CHANGE YOUR BOOTS – Menacing move on turn then faded in stretch; prior losses N.J.-breds.
- 4** CAHVARI – Closed big gap despite wide trip in narrow defeat; extra distance might help.

Race 5

- 6** KING BAROU – Ran down heavy favorite for hot Padilla-Preciado barn; logical next step.
- 9** PASTERO – Dull in latest but offers finishing kick at times; ample early targets seems plus.
- 1** VIX – Very quick along inside but stamina issues persist; lasted with long lead in July.
- 3** CHUBASCO SAUCE – Far behind when overmatched but prior effort stamps contender.

Race 6

- 7** TRY HARDER – Gained late in solid field at Delaware after just missing locally following hiatus.
- 6** LASSO – Hard-hitter overmatched lately but should regain strong closing punch this spot.
- 4** PATERNO – Penn shipper in peak form and seeks sixth score of season; nearly always fires.
- 3** GATSBY – Veteran from Ness barn with over half million in earnings; much success in New York

Race 7

2	TUG – Edged heavy favorite at Delaware when claimed; two prior losses with better on turf.
3	SARATOGA CRUISER – Swept past single-winners when taken by hot connections; dangerous.
7	GEOSTOBLAME – Rallied from last to first as 1-2 chalk and threat taking aggressive drop.
6	LEO’S FOO – Pulled away from single-winners on plunge; stablemate of top choice.

Race 8

3	DIVINE SEEKER – Powerful score sprinting on Pa. Derby undercard; ready for stamina test.
7	PERSUASIVE – Strong runner-up to stablemate at Delaware after outrun by top pick locally.
2	KINDRED HEARTS – Versatile stretch-runner with 6-for-17 mark competing where she trains.
4	SECANE – Faded early here after shipping from Saratoga; sharp try in Gulfstream finale.

Race 9

7	GOLDIENESS – Hard used pressing rapid winner after Padilla claim; switching to “double bug.”
6	BLOODY COLORS WAVE – Speedy mare bore out badly into stretch losing momentum in latest.
4	EMILY’S ON FIRE – Sidelined since humbled by top pick in March; figures close if ready.
2	CREATIVE COPY – Very capable in past and some progress in last; boasts 9 local victories.