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Best Bets: WEST OF LEX (8th) – FINE DIAMOND (9th)

Race 1

- 5** KING OF THE CROSS – Lacked usual speed in tougher version this spot; capable of upset.
- 1** DUKE OF SUGGINS – Prominent throughout last week and speed inside for top stable.
- 7** AMERICA'S POINT – Bid after early trouble in Delaware route; Potts barn firing locally.
- 4** WILLISAU – Prone to problems at gate but showed ability in past and chance this level.

Race 2

- 3** GOLDEN PHILLY – Closer than anticipated in better field and returns to amount of claim.
- 6** THELASTBULLETSMINE – Quick at times and drops notch for 30% Pino barn; obvious threat.
- 1** GOLDEN DANCER – Scored after hiatus and steps up within same claiming tag; fits well.
- 5** SOFSTER – Narrowed big gap this spot and possibility with favorable pace set-up.

Race 3

- 6** SPRING ST. DREAMER – Led to final yards when easily second best; conqueror scored again.
- 1** ROGUE PRINCE – Hampered by poor start in sprint last week; rare test of stamina.
- 4** ELUSIVE REWARD – Signs of life on Jersey turf but far behind last pair locally.
- 5** SILVER PUNCH – Showed speed in recent sprint after soundly outrun by top choice.

Race 4

- 5** SISTER MARJORIE – Defeated three-time winners on turf and prevailed in summer on dirt.
- 3** PATENT FI – Faced more numerous winners at Delaware and prior local loss after hiatus.
- 4** SLIVER OF SUNSHINE – Edged by top pick in Jersey and competed primarily on turf.
- 6** SPANISH GIRL – Just one victory in 27 local tries but pair of major upsets this season.

Race 5

- 6** ROYAL 'N RANDO – Solid effort against Ness drop-down winner after shipping from West Coast.
- 4** DREAMING OF GERRY – Absent since April but loads of local success over years; dangerous.
- 1** ELUSIVE TARGET – Responded well to drop in decisive score when Lake took; major jump.
- 5** GUAPONESS – Frequently close and proven he fits with this kind; 7 local triumphs.

Race 6

- 3** HOPPY TIME – Pressed eventual winner and continued gamely in improved showing.
- 6** KORRONGO – Keeps firing at various venues but making first attempt over conventional dirt.
- 7** CLEVER TIGER – Lightly raced but battled throughout latest; outside stalking trip.
- 1** STAR MAN BOB – Likely to force pace inside but stamina woes persist; shorter yardage plus.

Race 7

4	CHARBONNAY – Exits another strong effort and won this spot earlier; competitive field.
1	RUNANDSCORE – Benefited from freshener with 13-1 upset in capable field; threat again.
6	WINDSOR GOLD – Distant third behind runaway winner on wet footing; fast track can help.
2	AMY'S MUSIC – Overcame slow start to prevail as odds-on chalk; Jones claim after 4 in row.

Race 8

6	WEST OF LEX – Led this far in Delaware route after chasing tigress here on Pa. Derby undercard
2	HAUNTING ECHOES – Hit board 7 of 8 attempts and recent challengers ran big in next starts.
4	M BS MELANIE CARES – Romped after layoff at Saratoga; claimed from Florida debut for \$50k.
3	LATE NIGHT TEXT – Overmatched in pair of stakes but good earlier and blinkers back on.

Race 9

1	FINE DIAMOND – Plunges after eliminated at start in last; handles this kind if avoids trouble.
4	WEEK'S STRONG – Seeks third straight with logical next step for Tyler Servis stable.
8	KUZ IT'S CHILLY – Trounced two-time winners after Abrams claim; speed to pose threat.
7	DATS MY PHARAOH – Danny Velazquez took from Delaware finale; ages since last sprint try.