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Best Bets: LET'SMAKEITADOUBLE (6th) – YOUTBETTERBEJOKING (7th)

Race 1

- 6** PSALMIST – May have needed latest and taking significant drop; stretching out again.
- 3** AD MAJORA – Set pace before weakening after layoff; crushed maidens in previous outing.
- 4** SWEET INTERLUDE – Gulfstream invader shown little lately; back on dirt for new management.
- 7** CENTAUR CENTRAL – Flashes of interest but long losing streak; lone score from 32 attempts.

Race 2

- 2** BERTIEBERTBERT – Remote fourth last pair at Laurel but soft opposition in first route try.
- 1** KING AMORE – Drops from top maiden ranks and stretches out; progress anticipated.
- 3** RIDE JORDAN RIDE- Broke slowly in compact debut field at Monmouth; new barn adds blinkers.
- 4** AWESOME MOMENT – Improved on turf but yet to show ability over main track.

Race 3

- 2** PRINCE COLTON – Used up forcing pace in classier field last week; capable of shaking loose.
- 5** AHSAD – Outrun sprinting after re-claimed yet again by Kirby barn where he has achieved.
- 4** ARDANWOOD – Failing over wet surfaces but Simone barn clicking at 20% this season.
- 6** VANCE SCHOLARS – Stopped on sloppy footing after winning locally with Lopez aboard.

Race 4

- 3** RAGATONY – Late rush sprinting after DeMasi barn re-claimed for \$30,000; stamina test again.
- 2** SAM'S GLORY – Finished behind top choice after layoff and just missed in prior outing.
- 5** ALL CYLINDERS – Son of top sire Gun Runner trailed in Belmont mud debut; here as Pa.-bred.
- 4** WINFRED – Fair showing in Delaware debut and moves to Linder barn as possibility.

Race 5

- 7** MISS NOVE – Easily second best to heavy favorite in best yet; softer version this time.
- 3** R J'S GIRL – Late interest behind top pick in bow and should benefit from experience.
- 6** RANDI'S GIRL – Trained Spa debut with N.Y.-breds when bumped at start; new management.
- 4** SORRENGAIL – Rookie with successful connections; dam won 4 of 12 tries and \$119,976.

Race 6

- 6** LET'SMAKEITADOUBLE – Strong finish too late when Ness claimed; favorable pace scenario.
- 2** PETEY MOTTO – Rallied clear then ducked out late ahead of top choice; rebounded from dull try.
- 7** SPLITTING STONES – Big effort in July on Monmouth turf but limited main track success.
- 4** QUETZAL ISLAND – Traffic woes into first turn of route last week; must put it all together.

Race 7

4	YOUBETTERBEJOKING – Romped this spot after claimed from five straight previous starts.
5	HEY PORTER – Hard-hitting veteran outrun by top choice and on rare losing streak.
6	BOB JOHN RAY – Appears in peak form and exits solid effort behind drop-down winner.
1	HERMOSO HOMBRE – Failed to fire with similar but numerous encouraging efforts in past.

Race 8

6	BEBEDOURO – Closer than odds predicted on tough Kentucky circuit; switches to Ness stable.
3	WISH CAREFULLY – Led to late stages this spot and effective on lead or from off pace.
5	ANALOG JONES – Strong finish despite eight month's absence and re-claimed by Ness.
7	NA PALI JOE – Perfect against slightly softer in pair of local tries; entered with tag this time.

Race 9

6	LIBERTY STAR – Eight-year-old with 15 victories battled throughout this spot; capable of wiring.
5	MACAW – Outrun by top choice as 6-5 chalk and claimed; nearly always gives his best.
1	NICOLE'S KING – Determined score in last and takes realistic next step; likely gaining late.
4	DIAMOND HEIST – Claimed from this spot when just behind top pick; another game veteran.