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Best Bets: YOUROWNSPECIALWAY (5th) – WELOVEMOLLYNTEDDY (8th)

Race 1

5	**HONEYSMAKEMONEY – Half-sister to Maryland Distaff winner Takethemoneyhoney debuts.**
1	**TENGO ESPERANZA – Kin to terrific local sprinter Final Shot flashed speed in very quick debut.**
4	**VANDALISM – Late energy behind trio of talented runners in local bow; also sharp at Penn.**
2	**GYPSY LANE – By excellent and Grade I winning sprinter Yaupon; works offering few clues.**

Race 2

5	**CASSATION – Good effort handling three-time winners when Padilla took; realistic next step.**
4	**COJELO PA TI – Speedy veteran won and claimed in last and formidable 5-for-12 this distance.**
3	**FLOAT ON – Latest discouraging but tigerish in past and merits attention with this kind.**
1	**LEX – Trounced slightly easier for hot Carlos Guerrero barn; outrun by top choice previously.**

Race 3

6	**MY LAST MISSION – Rapid gelding regained confidence crushing Penn foes; capable of repeat.**
5	**RILEY'S ROCKSTAR – Distant fourth and long losing streak but recent conqueror ran big again.**
2	**ADMIRAL'S WAVE – Third behind pair of heavily-backed runners; very capable in past.**
1	**LUNAR ROCKET – Prominent throughout as extreme longshot in sprint; likely speed inside.**

Race 4

2	**THIRD BITE – Exits wide trip after hiatus in very tough field; first time entered with claim tag.**
1	**SCHUBERT SONATA – Stopped after half mile when overmatched; yet to duplicate debut try.**
6	**ITSAGRANDPLACETOBE – By son of Into Mischief which finished third in Santa Anita Derby.**
3	**VITAL – Sire won 5 of 6 attempts including Grade I Vanderbilt at Saratoga; quick work earlier.**

Race 5

3	**YOUROWNSPECIALWAY – Encouraging efforts against impressive winners in both outings.**
7	**PEACHES N DREAMS – Strong late rally behind top choice in bow; benefits from experience.**
5	**MOMMY MAKEOVER – Led early before fading when strongly back in debut; can progress.**
1	**ARRESTINGLY – Half-sister to ultra-quick Bailout Billy makes debut; needs alert break from rail.**

Race 6

8	**BLAME EVE – Hard used dueling before tiring in tougher version this spot; changed barns.**
7	**SHE'S THE TALL ONE – Slow fuse but signs of life at Delaware and should be gaining late.**
3	**NOBLE ANNIE – Overmatched last pair but edged this spot before; needs aid of pace set-up.**
2	**RANTING AND RAVING – Faced better in past but difficult to support off last; can't dismiss.**

Race 7	
3	CHEF SPARROW- Improved second attempt vs. rapid opponent; slow start in prior debut.
6	PENNILESS PAULY – Brutal trip behind top choice in bow and threat if avoids trouble.
1	KPNUPWITHTHEJONES – Major progress in second attempt as extreme longshot; upset shot.
5	CANNONBURY – Gave way in latest after big effort in debut; benefits from experience.
Race 8	
4	WELOVEMOLLYNTEDDY – Edged by tigress after unruly, green at Laurel; powerful local debut.
3	FLYING FREE – Steadied far turn then swept past rivals in impressive score vs. Pa-breds.
6	OLYMPIC DREAMER – Crushed easier field in confidence booster; finally ran to backing.
5	NO ONE ELSE'S – Far behind in Sorority after gaining maiden victory at tough Colonial meet.
Race 9	
9	TAP AND A HUG – Trounced single-winners for this amount when Pino took; logical next step.
1	MISS ANNA BELLA – Lightly raced and difficult to like or ignore plunge; removing blinkers.
3	CALIFORNIA SMOKE – Wore down pacesetter as heavy favorite; finally put pair together.
4	ENDLESS GLOW – Overmatched twice since claim after crushing Penn rivals; fits nicely.