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Best Bets: COPPEDGE (5th) – DREAMBUILDER (8th)

Race 1

4	**PLAY THE GRAY – Significant drop returning to sprint and romped this distance in July.**
8	**LIGHT MY WAY – Very quick and sufficient ability but sidelined since May; new management.**
2	**KING BAROU – Showed closing kick in pair of narrow victories; threat after changing barns.**
3	**BATTLE ANTHEM – Dueled, shook off challenger then outfinished by stretch-runner game try.**

Race 2

3	**TALENTED MAN – Game veteran seen better days but still formidable; edge in solid field.**
7	**EASY ACTION – Speedy and determined runner vied to late stages and 7-for-12 over track.**
6	**TRUST FUND – Claimed for this amount by Potts when third in compact field; serious threat.**
8	**GET SET – Boasts half million in earnings and 13 victories and re-claimed by Padilla-Preciado.**

Race 3

3	**KEEPINITREAL – Closer than odds predicted in Keeneland finale and switches to Ness stable.**
2	**PHANTOM SLAYER – Trounced maidens in Kentucky in second start of year; avoids tag.**
5	**PASSIONFORGLORY – Big effort against repeat winner this spot and stablemate of second pick.**
4	**YAUTOWN – Hard-earned score over pair of rivals at Penn after shipping from California.**

Race 4

4	**BRENTWOOD – Rebounded from poor showing to defeat single-winners with late punch.**
5	**VINO DOMINUS – Forced pace then weakened for higher tag; hit board prior three outings.**
1	**COACH CLINT – Progressed as longshot last pair with similar; 54-1 shocker here in August.**
6	**FULLY AUTHORIZED – Good on occasion but competed primarily on turf; winless on dirt.**

Race 5

3	**COPPEDGE – Lightly raced but faced vastly classier company; should regain closing kick.**
6	**CRITICAL MAGIC – Hard used dueling after stumbling start and taking aggressive drop.**
7	**SEA EFF P T O – Disliked muddy footing when claimed and crushed maidens prior outing.**
9	**BREEZEFROMTHEEAST – Advanced extremely wide after sluggish break for new connections.**

Race 6

2	**BAILOUT BILLY – Rapid filly may have needed first race since April; shorter yardage plus.**
7	**JUMP A FOX – Capable stretch-runner ran down heavy favorite at Penn to end losing skid.**
6	**AVATUDE – Swept past slightly easier in decisive score; tries state-breds with shorter rest.**
1	**HOPEFORGREATNESS – Easily second best as longshot to odds-on favorite this spot.**

Race 7	
4	NIKKI'S CHARM – Speedy and game gelding within few feet of perfect in five attempts.
3	FLYIN HAWAIIAN – Big effort in narrow loss to rival which had competed strongly at Colonial.
2	OKIE DEN DEN – Rallied behind second pick despite early roughing; winless 11 tries this year.
6	RESPIGHI - Some improvement necessary but upset possibility for high percentage stable.
Race 8	
5	DREAMBUILDER – Battled odds-on repeat stakes-winner two weeks ago; much best prior try.
6	PREACHA MEYERS – Rapid gelding 6-for-9 this season for Ness and nearly flawless locally.
2	WAITLIST – Rallied from last to first in slightly softer field; prior defeat in stake marathon.
9	HAPPY OFFERING – Terrific record at Delaware and Monmouth; speed from outside as threat.
Race 9	
1	GUAPO AGAIN – Led to final stride when Tyler Servis claimed; well-spotted from favorable rail.
7	YOUNG SQUIRE – Classy veteran looked bit like old self again defeating softer group.
5	FROST MOUNTAIN – Pressured throughout when runner-up after taking three prior attempts.
2	AMUSING MISCHIEF – Just one length behind third pick after Vega claim; 9-for-32 lifetime.