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Best Bets: NEVER SWAY (5th) – TROTSKY (8th)

Race 1

1	**XIMENA – Easily second best behind drop-down winner and decisive score previously.**
8	**SPASTIC BID – Overmatched after claim and double-digit romp prior outing; threat this level.**
6	**EDGE OF THE BLADE – Hard used early finishing far behind top pick; competing cheapest ever.**
5	**ASTRID – Lacked response for higher tag after winning prior two outings decisively.**

Race 2

1	**NO MOR STONES – Prominent in series of routes and should be prepared for sprint adjustment.**
8	**BASIN BAY – Some progress when just three lengths back; began career with some promise.**
3	**EASTER BLESSING – Rallied then weakened at two turns; likely better suited this yardage.**
5	**QUICK TO JUDGE – Drew away from maidens last week in 15th try; takes logical next step.**

Race 3

6	**IRIE AND MELLOW – Late rally sprinting in possibly best yet; back around two turns.**
3	**INNER EXCELLENCE – Competed well in earlier route and tests stamina again as threat.**
5	**WANTING ATTENTION – Outrun lately on turf and far back locally but high percentage stable.**
4	**EMMYASWIFTY – Difficult to support off last but some life in two prior routes.**

Race 4

6	**TRAFFIC MASTER – Drew away and remained clear in moderate drive at this level.**
2	**FROMANOTHAMUTHA – Pressured early and finished runner-up to first pick at even money.**
4	**ALWAYS GAMBLING – Outrun in recent sprint but likely better suited at this yardage.**
1	**ATROCIOUS – Signs of interest lately but some improvement needed; outrun by top pair.**

Race 5

7	**NEVER SWAY – Drops notch after good effort against repeat winner; Pino-Sanchez combo.**
5	**MOOR STRENGTH – Used up forcing pace at loftier level and captured this spot earlier.**
6	**ZEENA SWIFT – Shelved four months since poor showing but possibility if ready.**
8	**FUSSY GIRL – Good earlier but last couple discouraging; Penaloza barn having big year.**

Race 6

5	**JUST ANOTHER TEN – Discovered ability when runner-up to rival taking steep drop.**
2	**THE MAGIC SPEED – Competes cheapest yet stretching out again; numerous losses on turf.**
4	**ZAMIRZO – Upset chance if disregard latest; switches to "double bug" apprentice.**
1	**CHANCE ON ME – Remote fourth last pair elsewhere; making 21st attempt with similar.**

Race 7	
2	SOZE – Altered usual running style and finished strongly this spot; chance for mild upset.
4	LOTSA TROUBLE – Numerous sharp efforts in New York but shelved since May; likely ready.
5	LASSO – Trailed on road trip but consistently fires locally with late kick; many wins Wolfsont.
6	YAHOO OMAR – Flashes of ability elsewhere but no threat in last four attempts.
Race 8	
3	TROTSKY – Swept past pair of capable stablemates in decisive score; similar effort sufficient.
2	READY AS EVER – Closed big gap at Laurel and won last local outing with Sanchez in summer.
6	AMERICA'S HONOR – Steady late gain behind formidable rival in last; needs pace set-up.
5	MY MILITARY HERO – Prone to early excuses but runner-up on Pa. Derby undercard at 93-1.
Race 9	
8	HOME INVASION – Solid effort against four-time winners at Delaware when Soto-Martinez took.
6	TAVERN TIME – Overmatched on road trip after just missing this spot locally; lures Lopez.
1	BOURBON AFICIONADO – Case of seconditis sprinting but draws inside for stamina test.
2	ROXTON – Raced primarily on turf in recent months but has prevailed locally; merits attention.