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Best Bets: COCOA'S VIVIAN (6th) – SWEET LAURA (7th)

Race 1	
6	**ROYALTIES RICHES – Easily second best to loose Saratoga shipper from Ness barn; softer spot**
4	**LADY SRIRACHA – Victim of bad start this level but should be gaining late despite slow fuse.**
7	**DAKOTA CAM – Often close but finished behind top choice only local try; romped at Monmouth.**
5	**SOUTHAMPTON DOCK – Forced pace in first outing in nearly five months; fitter now, upset shot.**

Race 2	
5	**WHATTA WORLD – Chased classy company recent months; flying late at suitable yardage.**
1	**PEARLS AND HEELS – Re-claimed yet again by present connections after impressive score.**
3	**LITTLE COCOA BEAN – Hard used dueling streaking winner and threat to control fractions.**
6	**SHETALKSTOMUCH – Veteran mare with closing kick nearing half million in earnings.**

Race 3	
2	**FINE DIAMOND – Lost all chance when badly roughed at start; aggressive drop by top barn.**
1	**POSSUM – Stretch-runner lightly raced but fired this spot in summer; likely gaining late.**
4	**MAJOR WEIGELIA – Rapid gelding trounced slightly lesser after Wyner took; threat again.**
3	**KING BAROU – Close up in blanket finish and defeated next-out winner in previous start.**

Race 4	
1	**CASSATION – Used up after early roughing and won prior outing; rail been favorable lately.**
5	**HEY BUDDY – Stablemate of top pick ran down dueling leaders to boost career mark to 6-for-22.**
2	**YOUNG SQUIRE – Classy in past but very slow fuse and upset winner this spot last month.**
4	**MISSION ARTEMIS – Effective in front or from off pace and won three of last four attempts.**

Race 5	
2	**MARKET MAVEN – Veteran remote third in Md. Million Classic after crushing local opposition.**
4	**BIG BLUE LINE – Usually fires and often runner-up; outrun by top choice locally last month.**
5	**GORDIAN KNOT – Terrific veteran with $688,005 in bankroll most successful in sprint.**
1	**IN SPADES – Hampered by wide trip in last but draws inside; often better than odds predict.**

Race 6	
5	**COCOA'S VIVIAN – Used up setting pace after early trouble and capable of leading throughout.**
1	**LITERARY – Crushed lesser in route when Ness took back; main threat if adjusts to sprint.**
4	**GOLDEN DANCER – Hard-earned score when Pino claimed and retains "bug" rider Hargrove.**
8	**CLEARLY COPPER – Cruised past routers when Padilla-Preciado re-claimed; late kick likely.**

Race 7	
4	SWEET LAURA – Absent over four months but ample ability and pair of powerful local scores.
1	DANCING ON MY OWN – Ended losing streak with decisive romp; more early pressure this time.
2	PURE LURE – Speedy and versatile mare back home and defeated second pick here in July.
3	BEAUTIFULCRAZYGIRL – Contributes to lively pace; improved try in second race after hiatus.
Race 8	
4	EXTRASEXYZQTEEPEYE – Possibly best effort yet behind heavily-favored rival; Perez barn hot.
2	HUMORESQUE – Fair Hill shipper led to final yards after layoff at Delaware; case of seconditis.
5	SHOW EM UP – Drew away from easier for winning Freddy Velazquez barn; tested with these.
9	QUALIFIED HIRE – Game mare rallied behind frequent winner and sufficient early targets.
Race 9	
2	KUZ IT'S CHILLY – Battled to final yards when Padilla claimed; crushed rivals in prior outing.
9	WEEK'S STRONG – Stretch-runner lacked best effort after winning prior pair with Pennington.
6	BOBO LIVER – Bit difficult to guess but effort after claim stamps contender; merits attention.
4	HOPPY TIME – Pursued odds-on winner throughout this spot in improved showing.