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Best Bets: DRUM ROLL PLEASE (7th) – ROCK ME GENTLY (8th)

Race 1

1	**BASIN BAY – Renewed interest with similar and moves from outside to rail; drops seven pounds**
7	**WORLD WIDE WEB – Crushed maidens in 19th try after Tapsas claim; realistic next step.**
2	**JOHNNY BAY GOODE – Chased loose pacesetter throughout in good effort; taken by Ramirez.**
6	**RENOVATOR – Adjusted from turf route to sloppy sprint at Delaware; top barn now.**

Race 2

1	**PERIDOT PENDANT – Convincing score last month this spot; boosted record to 14-for-28.**
6	**J RIVERS – Used up early against capable group and stretching out again as possibility.**
5	**CRUISE MISSILE – Unlucky trip as favorite when claimed for sixth time this season.**
4	**SISTER SUPREAM – Disappointed in mud after double-digit romp with this rider aboard.**

Race 3

2	**CAPT. CANDY – Very unruly and broke poorly when claimed; classy past and able to rebound.**
1	**AWESOME FOR SURE – Step forward as major longshot in third outing since hiatus.**
3	**SAVE A PRAYER – Remote fourth behind heavy favorite and seemingly softer version this time.**
6	**BIAGIO – Offered little lately but competed well earlier in season; hot rider in Martinez.**

Race 4

1	**TWOOUTATHREAINTBAD – Led under pressure and continued gamely against impressive rival.**
5	**QUAKER CITY – Improving colt won going long at Laurel and short locally; obvious contender.**
6	**AMERICA'S HONOR – Shown strong closing kick in sprint and tries route again; needs set-up.**
3	**HAPPILY DELUSIONAL – Far behind last four starts but capable in past and merits attention.**

Race 5

1	**JACKSON ROAD – Far behind early then rallied wide nicely in sprint; Pino claim lures Sanchez.**
2	**WHITING FIELD – Opened long lead then resisted when challenged this spot two weeks ago.**
3	**CHELONIAN – Lightly raced winner of 11 races takes logical next step with promising "bug" up.**
5	**RILEY'S ROCKSTAR – Overcame slow start to end losing skid and should be gaining late again.**

Race 6

4	**TUG – Improving gelding upset huge favorite at Penn after runner-up in "key" race locally.**
6	**SNOOKIE BEAR – Defeated field switching to dirt in Delaware finale; aggressive drop this spot.**
2	**VINO GRAY – Improving closer takes realistic next step after winning via disqualification.**
1	**IRISH MAMBA – Fouled rival in stretch after winning prior two outings; shows steady progress.**

Race 7	
1	DRUM ROLL PLEASE – Nearly always fires and close last pair this spot; works out inside trip.
4	DONNELLY'S HOLLOW – Developed nicely this season and finished just behind top pick.
6	OUR NOTION – Pressured throughout in narrow loss at Penn as 2-5 chalk; speedy threat.
5	L GOLDEN BOY- Competed only once since August but runs big race on occasion for Padilla.
Race 8	
3	ROCK ME GENTLY – Trounced Pa.-breds last month and finds another ideal spot to lead all way.
4	ANGIE'S REWARD – Game filly boasts excellent local record and ran into tigress in latest.
5	WEST OF LEX – Pressured throughout and caught late by odds-on favorite in strong effort.
6	DON'T LISTEN – Closer than odds predicted in Delaware finale; finished first three times earlier.
Race 9	
4	RHEE WALL – Responded well to drop at this level when easily second best; can overrun these.
1	SEA EFF P T O – Not much last pair but romped previously and tests stamina again; upset shot.
8	GOLDEN DOGECOIN – Frequently close at Presque Isle and moves at Lake barn as possibility.
5	CALL ME TONI – Road warrior close throughout at Charles Town; first local appearance.