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Best Bets: IKE'S GAMBLE (5th) – NA PALI JOE (7th)

Race 1

6	**LIKEASTRAIGHTSHOT – Half-sister to stakes-winner Houghton Shuffle returns after nose loss.**
4	**CALL ME ALEX – Excuses in both defeats and changed hands last month; merits attention.**
1	**DONNA LIGHT – Rallied nicely in bulky field after two month's absence; continues progress.**
7	**PUNCH AND JUDY – Hit board 9 times but had 14 chances; winning barn switches to "bug."**

Race 2

6	**CROWN ROYAL BABE – Overmatched against repeat winner but takes aggressive drop.**
3	**RANTING AND RAVING – Solid route effort despite awkward break; rare attempt sprinting.**
2	**LITTLE GUSSIE – Pair of good local tries after competing at Delaware; wide advance in last.**
1	**MO INDIAN LADY – Just three lengths back this spot; second finisher ran big last week.**

Race 3

1	**SISTER EVE – Used up chasing frequent winner when Pino re-claimed; should handle this kind.**
5	**TARA'S TALENT – Ten-year-old taken back by Moore where she has achieved much success.**
4	**WINKIWINKI – Battled throughout last week when returning to sprint; speed to pose threat.**
2	**REE NEE'S SIX – Anticipated more last time but likely better suited to this distance.**

Race 4

2	**ALLSPEEDNOBRAKES – Stopped in debut on Pa. Derby undercard but drops and gelded since.**
5	**JARED'S PLAY – Lone defeat behind runaway winner for higher tag at Delaware; hot barn.**
6	**UNIQUENESS – Ness colt shortens up but many losses at low odds; making ninth attempt.**
7	**MARCO SOLO – Newcomer out of dam which won 12 races; works offering few clues.**

Race 5

5	**IKE'S GAMBLE – Overmatched in last and edged this spot at Delaware following hiatus.**
2	**BOURBON AFICIONADO – Exits solid effort when claimed but severe case of seconditis.**
6	**KUZ IT'S CHILLY – Prominent throughout when Padilla claimed and stretching out again.**
4	**SMALLCHANGEGEEP – Trailed last pair but competed well this spot in September.**

Race 6

7	**TAPIT'S GUNNER – Son of top sire Gun Runner claimed out of tougher race at Keeneland.**
1	**MYBANDIT – Sidelined since March after signs of interest in three attempts; threat if ready.**
5	**AUSSIE'S HEIR – Distant fourth at top state-bred maiden level; fired this spot earlier.**
6	**CHANGE YOUR BOOTS – Easily second best behind decisive winner after sluggish break.**

Race 7	
5	NA PALI JOE – Sharp effort behind Keeneland shipper this spot after winning two prior starts.
3	CALL ME ANDY – Humbled by impressive winner and testing stamina again as key threat.
2	BONAFIDE – Crushed slightly softer after runner-up to top choice prior try; one to catch.
4	WISH CAREFULLY – Stablemate of top pick outrun by that one in last and adding blinkers.
Race 8	
5	FORMAGGIO – Pair of strong efforts since claim and easily second best this spot in September.
7	CHILLY GIRL – Rediscovered ability in Laurel mud and trains locally for hot Moore stable.
4	PRAYED FOR GIRL – Rallied last to first after hiatus in narrow score when adding blinkers.
2	MOON HALORY – Absent nearly three months but runs big race on occasion and tries blinkers.
Race 9	
5	ENFORCER – Rebounded from two dull tries when runner-up to favored winner this spot.
3	LIBERTE DE BAYEUX – Overmatched in last but formidable at times; back at level of claim.
1	NICOLE'S KING – Frequently close but finished behind top pick; won prior try as 6-5 chalk.
7	PIT STOP MAN – Overmatched in route and closer than odds predicted in solid field previously.