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Best Bets: BEAUXBATONS (2nd) – ZEUS' WAR (7th)

Race 1

6	**PEAK OF CHIC - Re-claimed by Moore barn where she achieved much success in past.**
4	**BLOODY COLORS WAVE – Speedy mare drops within same claiming tag; suited by yardage.**
3	**PROBLEMATICA – Contributes to lively fractions but hampered by stamina issues.**
1	**EMILY'S ON FIRE – Flashed speed then stopped abruptly after layoff; retains Sanchez.**

Race 2

1	**BEAUXBATONS – Set pressured pace when runner-up in Keeneland finale; new barn avoids tag.**
2	**TIPTOP – Rare poor showing in last but capable in past and often forms bottom of exacta.**
5	**HONORISIA – Gained late with similar at Penn after hiatus; should be gaining late with Haddock.**
3	**SHOW EM UP – Outrun in latest after crushing maidens previously; sheds 15 pounds for this.**

Race 3

6	**REE NEE'S SIX – Faded stalking eventual winner after Brown barn took back; sharp in Jersey.**
3	**TRUE PHENOMENON – Battled favored decisive winner and defeated classier rivals in past.**
2	**COMPASS RISES – Gulfstream invader drops and competed only twice since March; new barn.**
1	**PACIFIC PRINCESS – Slow fuse but less than two lengths behind second pick as possibility.**

Race 4

6	**BECTIVE ABBEY – Improved with blinkers when prominent throughout this spot vs. favorite.**
5	**CASH THE CHECK – Rallied well late behind top choice and shorter time between outings.**
4	**BULMA – Hard-earned maiden score after disqualified previously; takes logical next step.**
1	**ALYVIA MAVIS – Hit board 20 times but lone victory from 40 attempts; upset chance.**

Race 5

3	**POINT BARROW – Fouled rival into first turn then repelled repeated challenges in game effort.**
5	**CURLY'S AGENDA – Lightly raced Del Mar invader moves to Padilla barn as serious threat.**
1	**SOLE LUTE – Defeated maidens with perfect trip and flattered when runner-up won next time.**
4	**IF I CAN DREAM – Often close earlier and gets initial stamina test; makes presence felt early.**

Race 6

1	**BOSS LIKE BETH – Exits good effort in mud when claimed from sixth consecutive outing.**
3	**CHELSEA WALL – Terrific veteran with 16 victories and half million in bankroll; key threat.**
7	**MOLLY'S A BULLET – Nice try with similar after claim and lures Lopez; possibility on best.**
6	**LADY EMILY KATHRYN – Edged in tight finish against slightly softer; handles various surfaces.**

Race 7	
4	ZEUS' WAR- Heavily-backed and closed strongly this distance in East Coast bow for top barn.
3	CALL ME ANDY – Fouled rival into far turn in game effort when returning to main track.
5	BONAFIDE – Hard-hitter dominated rivals recently and dangerous with realistic next step.
6	MARVELOUS MO – Sufficient ability and back on dirt for sizzling Pino barn; yardage suits.
Race 8	
2	RACEY RUBY – Mare excels on turf but also adept on dirt; well spotted with ample targets.
4	MAGICAL TRICK – Wired similar with good handling by Aguilar; can rate off lead if necessary.
7	TARIBA DREAM – Veteran mare nearly always fires and wide trip as favorite two weeks ago.
5	DALE – Another solid effort when Danny Velazquez took for $16,000; four scores with Martinez.
Race 9	
2	CARBONITE – Hard used dueling eventual winner in longer test; shorter break appears plus.
7	AMAZING WOO – Speedy and drops within same claiming tag; voided claim here last month.
3	LEVEE WAS DRY – Encouraging outings at Delaware and Monmouth but shown little locally.
8	BIG BROWN SHOES – Decent effort on occasion but stuck in this spot last six attempts.