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BEST BET: Yep (7th race)

First Race

1. Lady Ruth	2. Good Golly Dolly	3. Sugar Reign

LADY RUTH has been consistent on the main track, and though she didn't run her best race in her first start against winners that was a turf sprint, and she's at her best going long on dirt; should be expected to make a strong impact late given any kind of help up front. **GOOD GOLLY DOLLY** has an inside post and enough early zip to stay close from the outset; dangerous given a forward trip and a controlled pace up front. **SUGAR REIGN** has the rail and may be the one to catch, given some encouragement at the start; upgrade candidate off that last one, when off the early pace in a race lacking pace.

Second Race

1. Big If	2. Smokem Wicked	3. Vern Gosdin

BIG IF is out of a dam who was best going long and broke her maiden with a 71 Beyer in a dirt route but she produced two winners from as many starters and both were sprinters; sports a full set of works for this and meets a seemingly average field for the class level. **SMOKEM WICKED** rallied with interest to get the place in his latest after a slow start left him with a lot to do at that abbreviated distance; needs an alert start from the fence but given that he figures to be a factor in the lane. **VERN GOSDIN** is the only runner in this field with proven speed and he's likely the one to catch, of course making him dangerous; that clear pace advantage could lead to him being overbet but he'd certainly be no surprise.

Third Race

1. Tiger of the Sea	2. Dorie Miller	3. Princess Snow

TIGER OF THE SEA gave way despite a clear early lead in that last one but she weakened only late and the resulting Beyer gives her strong credibility in this spot; there are possible pace foes to her inside and out but if she can rate some she could find herself in an ideal stalking spot. **DORIE MILLER** is winless on the turf despite 15 tries but she has posted some decent figures; wouldn't mind the top pick hooking up in a race-long duel with KOOL MARIAH, MIDNIGHT COWGIRL and/or **PRINCESS SNOW**. The latter likely needed that sprint off the year+ layoff and she certainly has license to improve with that race under her belt.

Fourth Race

1. Kizazi	2. Cindys Beach House	3. Cherry Candy

KIZAZI has been turfing but she may well prefer this surface, as she's put some of her best Beyers on the main track; way down in price, which will likely mean a relatively short price, but she may just be too good for these if she runs to her best figures. **CINDYS BEACH HOUSE** has speed but she can also rate and make one run, and that versatility gives her some options as she tries to work out a trip from the rail; **CHERRY CANDY** has some of the better Beyers in the field, and she was game in defeat last time against a step better; will be prominent from the outset.

Fifth Race

1. Glory'z Clubhouse	2. Rehearsal	3. Jennys Wine Girl

GLORY'Z CLUBHOUSE tries turf for the first time, and while trainer Sean McCarthy doesn't have a huge win percentage with such runners the barn has hit the board with five straight maidens making their grass debuts, the last three running 2nd; this filly adds blinkers for this and could find herself closer to the early proceedings from this inside post. **REHEARSAL** loves to run 2nd, with six runner-up finishes from 16 starts; that makes her an easy horse to like for the bottom of exotics but she's obviously a win threat based solely on her Beyers. **JENNYS WINE GIRL** stretches out and could be the one they have to catch; trainer Tim Yakteen's record with new claims (five-for-eight, $3.85 ROI), numbers that make this daughter of Richard's Kid a threat by default.

Sixth Race

1. Himari	2. Artisma	3. Clarina

HIMARI is an obvious threat off that last effort, when she not only just missed despite a difficult trip, on the lead and under pressure from the start in a sprint that set up well for the closers; looms a relatively short price but she's going to be tough to reel in if she can run to that last one. **ARTISMA** certainly has to be considered for the bottom of the exactas, at the very least, due to her overall record, but given a stalking trip and a duel up front she may be able to run to her best races, which are good enough to win this. **CLARINA** had a race flow excuse when in against the top pick in their latest meeting and the prior Beyer gives her credibility; likely to revert to stalking tactics today and that could mean she's able to make a run at the likely favorite in the lane.

Seventh Race

1. Yep	2. Alghero	3. Hazaka

YEP has been behind swift fractions in two of his three U. S. starts but was able to stay close in the early stages and that could prove to be an important consideration in this maiden turf route, which lacks a clear-cut pace scenario; not expecting him to be on the front end but he should work out a forward trip and that will be an edge if the pace is in fact controlled. **ALGHERO** ran a big race in his first and only try on the turf, in his latest at Saratoga, turning in a strong late run and posting a representative figure; away since that July try but certainly dangerous if ready off the bench. **HAZAKA** is another with competitive figures, and he has the tactical speed to stay close; off the board in all of his races but he has hardly run poorly in any of those losses.

Eighth Race

1. Clubhouse Cutie **2. Grand Slam Smile** **3. She's No Quant**

CLUBHOUSE CUTIE is up in class for this Betty Grable Stakes after beating optional claimers in her latest, and though she benefited from a favorable set up in that narrow win she might get the same type of set up today, as her positional speed should once again translate to a clean stalking trip. **GRAND SLAM SMILE** gets back on the main track, and while she's mostly been turfing she is certainly accomplished on the main track, with five wins on dirt; has early zip but can also rate, and that's a big part of her game, as she is able to adapt to any race flow. **SHE'S NO QUANT** turns back in distance, which has been a good angle for the barn, and this filly was a prompt winner in her only other try at this distance, over this same strip.

Ninth Race

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1. Channel Place **2. Specialty** **3. Lanilla**

CHANNEL PLACE is easy to like after dropping a close decision against similar company in her latest; she gets an extra eighth of a mile here but she's proven at nine furlongs and this extra distance could even work to her advantage. **SPECIALTY** also has a win at 1 1/8 miles and that's a plus; her Beyers are a little light compared with the top pick but she surely has room to take a step forward if she gets faster fractions than she did in her last couple of tries. **LANILLA** turns back from 1 1/4 miles and she comes off the best Beyer of her career; she's a stone closer but given a clean trip and honest splits she figurs to be heard from late.