Race 1 – SPEED MAN N made the top off turn one and pretty much just used the parked KARLOO BRADLEY N as a “blocker”, enjoyed things his own way to the top of the lane then had plenty left to hold off the tripsitter in the 2 horse sprint to the finish – sharp for sure, but benefited greatly by the weak leaver changing the complexion of the race. BENHOPE RULZ N sat pocketed all the way, finally found room to slip out to the top of the lane but wasn’t getting to the winner tonight, a solid 2nd best. FAMILY RECIPE got away 3rd and remained there throughout, unable to generate any kind of stretch rally. VENIER HANOVER sat the cones in 4th, pacing home evenly (no threat). ROCK THE BELLES was hurt when KARLOO BRADLEY N decided to leave and ended up parked BEHIND that parked rival, had to move wide in order to find one on the back side then ended up uncovered on the final turn, weakened from the top of the lane but did well just to get a 5th off the disastrous trip! PURPLE POET got away 7th then ended up 3rd over behind the two parked horses, swung wide on the final turn but flattened into the stretch, HUNTING ZONE was out 4th over in the clogged outer flow to turn three, moved 4 wide from last on the final bend and was unable to rally into the quick final quarter, after missing a month. KARLOO BRADLEY N was weak in the pocket last week but decided to leave the gate tonight, ended up weakly parked and hurt a few others along the way.

Race 2 – NOWHERE CREEK A sat 3rd until coming out uncovered to 3/4s, attacked the favorite on the final turn and started to put that one away to the top of the lane, took over once into the stretch and looked very sharp pulling off the 16-1 upset… and giving his barn both halves of the early daily double! ARTIST BEST was content to sit the pocket, was back to 3rd at the top of the lane then rallied to nip the tiring favorite late for the place spot. DANCE ON THE BEACH took command off turn one, felt unexpected heat from the winner into the final bend, gave way at the top of the lane then was nipped late for the place spot as well. BARON MICHAEL saved ground from 4th, angled into the stretch and did finish crisply, not too far off 2nd. PRETTY HANDSOME came out from last on the final turn, rallying well enough to win the battle for the 5th place check. QUATRAIN BLUE CHIP saved ground from 5th but had no offer.

Race 3 – JUST ENUFF STUFF was caught wide into the first turn and used very hard before finally reaching the top at the quarter, kept rolling and extended his advantage to 3/4s, was still clear at the head of the lane and had no trouble completing the (very) sharp wire to wire score! GDS THUNDER GB was caught three wide on the first turn and had to earn the top to the quarter, released the winner soon after and sat the two hole trip, gapped a bit to 3/4s but never stopped trying, slipped off the cones on the final turn (battering TWIN B DELUXE a bit) then stayed game right to the wire, no threat to the top one but easily besting the others. CLEVELAND B MIKI saved ground all the way, benefitting from the inside trip to take home 3rd (while no threat to the top two). HOPNROLL HEAVEN was out 3rd over from turn three, moved wide around a tiring DONTALIKEITLEAVE to the final turn then continued to pace steadily into the lane, not far off the show spot – not bad! TWIN B DELUXE was back to 4th at the quarter after a couple of lead changes, came out 2nd over to turn three then wisely moved three wide before 3/4s, was kept wide into that turn (as GDS THUNDER GB came off the cones from the pocket) and seemed to lose his momentum, tiring once into the homestretch. DONTALIKEITLEAVE left hard but still had to yield to the quarter and was soon sitting 3rd, came out first over to turn three but offered only a weak bid, all done before the final bend. FULSOME got away last and never varied (as his long odds predicted).

Race 4 – NANDOLO N got away in the pocket, popped out before 3/4s and was quickly all over the leader, took over easily at the top of the lane and drew off from there. POUND FOR POUND got away 3rd, came out behind the winner on the final bend and was able to move up into 2nd after the winner was already clear to the wire. JAHAN HANOVER sat 4th all the way, was clear for the drive home and did well to take over 3rd, then hold on to that spot. EUPHORIA N took off the gate and sat 5th, angled into the lane and kicked home full of pace, almost grabbing the show spot. THIS IS THE PLAN enjoyed an uncontested lead from the start, met up with the winner at 3/4s, gave way as they turned for home and gradually tired in the lane. JIMMY CONNOR B got away last and was never in it.

Race 5 – LAYTON HANOVER sat 3rd until coming out first over to 3/4s, got a bit closer to the top of the lane, kept on digging and finally was able to get by the leader late, prevailing over a tight pack at the wire. ITS A ME MARIO got away last, came out to 3/4s to race 3rd over, was forced three wide from last on the final bend around a struggling TAKE A GAMBLE, kept coming hard through the lane and was all the way up to 2nd when they hit the finish line – not hard to see why Bartlett takes him every week! ADAM TWELVE stepped around NIGHT HAWK quickly for the top, cut a solid half then let out with a hot :27.1 third panel, felt the winner getting closer to the top of the lane.
and did battle hard to the wire before giving way grudgingly – ends up in a DH for 3rd. NIGHT HAWK yielded willingly at the start to sit the two hole trip, had room inside for the drive home and had enough to tie the pacemaker late for the show spot. DUNKIN got away 6th and never looked to pull, was last into the stretch but did hit the wire FULL of pace, after the fact (his 12-1 price was a good indicator that he wasn’t going to be handled aggressively this week). TAKE A GAMBLE got away 4th, gapped 2nd over (behind the winner) to 3/4s and just wasn’t on his game tonight. VENTURESEOME ARDEN N seemed to leave ok but Siegelman grabbed him up on the first turn and retreated to 5th, sat the cones from there and never had any room in the lane after that

Race 6 – TAKE A CLOSER LOOK made a quick lead, seated J B GRAM then let THAT DOG WILL HUNT take over, found room at the cones into the stretch and was able to outspurt the leader to the wire, making it 4 wins from his last 6 starts! THAT DOG WILL HUNT bypassed a three hole tuck to take over to the quarter, got tested by J B GRAN to 3/4s but shook that one off to the top of the lane, stayed strong right to the end but left room at the cones and that allowed the winner to nail him late – big try, and a tough beat! SURFSIDE BEACH didn’t leave then finally came out from 7th on the back side, swung wide from 3rd over on the final bend and sustained his good rally through the lane, snatching 3rd from well out of it – remains very sharp! J B GRAM was pocketed by the winner then back to 3rd by the quarter, pulled first over from the 5/8ths and was up to test the leader at 3/4s, started to finally stall a bit to the top of the lane then weakened into the stretch, unable to hold the show spot. ROSE RUN X CON saved ground from 5th, pacing home evenly for a small payday. OH COFFEE BEAN sat 6th with no offer. KINGSTON PANIC got away 4th, came out 2nd over to 3/4s but was already empty before they turned for home

Race 7 – BUGABOO LOU easily found the early pocket, popped out to challenge before 3/4s, put the leader away to the top of the lane but was all out late to hang on in a slowish final quarter, OCEAN RIDGE N ended up 3rd over to 3/4s, swung wide on the final turn and was charging late, almost getting there! SLING SHOCK came out first over past 5/8ths then gained cover as the winner popped out of the pocket to 3/4s, paced home solidly to the wire but was outkicked home by the top pair. THE REAL ONE saved ground from 7th, shook free into the stretch and was full of pace at the wire to rally into 4th. KIMBLE A sat last with no chance but was pacing well up the cones when he hit the wire. RULE OF LAW came 4th over to 3/4s, started to drift a bit into the lane then was a little better late, after the decision was already in. MIGHTY SANTANA N got away 3rd and seemed to be hurt chasing the hot fractions, coming up empty in the lane. GREAT SOMEWHERE took the lead quickly, got pretty hot and sizzled the half in :55.4, got tested by the winner to 3/4s and gave way once they turned for home, tiring badly in the stretch.

Race 8 – ENERGETIC HANOVER left to a spot in 4th, came out 2nd over from turn three then tipped wide around stalled cover on the final bend, hit his high gear once into the stretch and was able to charge on by late to score impressively! CAPTIVATE HANOVER made the top off turn one, grabbed a very reasonable half before flooring the gas to 3/4s (:27.1), enjoyed a clear lead to the top of the lane and was strong right to the wire… but still wasn’t able to hold off the winner’s powerful late charge – remains razor sharp! NONE BETTOR A left well and secured the two hole trip, was right there all the way and stayed on very nicely for 3rd… in his first start since last September! HEMSWORTH N gave the winner a seat off turn one then followed that one while 3rd over from turn three, followed wide on the final bend and paced solidly late for 4th – raced well, just not nearly as well as last week! ANOTHERMASTRPIECE N saved ground all the way, pacing home evenly in the lane for 5th. SUMOMENTSOMWHERE A got away 3rd, pulled first over to turn three, could only challenge for 2nd to 3/4s and was all done before they turned for home. WHATS STANLEY GOT A trailed all the way, uninvolved in his first start since the Borgata Final.

Race 9 – MY ULTIMATE BYRON A was the lone leaver but had to take a seat behind BIG SIR, was back to 3rd after MOTIVE HANOVER quarter moved to command, looked hot coming to the half then was back out first over from turn three, blew right past the leader to 3/4s but was soon pressed by YS DO IT RIGHT on the final turn, fought that one off into the stretch then also held off a couple of fresh closing foes to the wire – barn makes it 3 for 3 tonight! KB MAC sat 6th before coming out to 3/4s, followed three wide then continued to rally nicely into the lane, getting there late for the place spot. CHIEF CORLEONE came out from last on the final turn, found his stride into the lane and was flying late for 3rd – much improved from his last couple! YS DO IT RIGHT got away 5th, followed the winner off turn three but was pushed wide to 3/4s by BIG SIR, rallied up uncovered on the final bend to come after the winner, kept trying hard into the lane and only lost 2nd/3rd at the very end – may have cost him when pushed wide. BIG SIR seated the winner early then let MOTIVE HANOVER take over to the quarter, forced his way out to avoid a bad shuffle to 3/4s (forcing YS DO IT RIGHT briefly wide), was up into 2nd on the final turn but then came up empty once into the lane. HIGH ON ROCKNROLL got away 4th, came out between horses from 6th on the final
turn but with no offer. MOTIVE HANOVER quarter moved to command, got outbrushed by the winner to 3/4s then caved badly after giving way – was looking for a “drop and pop” effort tonight, but it turned out to be a “drop and flop”

Race 10 – REAL WILLEY was a little funky at the start but smoothed out and shot right to the top, cut an honest half then opened a clear lead to 3/4s, was gone into the stretch and just crushed these with a sharp 1:52.3 mile! SAN DOMINO A left enough to drop in 3rd off turn one, came out to 3/4s and challenged for 2nd, kept digging into the lane and did a nice job taking over the place spot. GINGER TREE PETE left well from the pole to secure the two hole trip, lost some ground to 3/4s and on the final turn, tried to keep battling in the lane to hold 2nd but was overtaken late, settling for 3rd. SWEET TROY saved ground from 6th, split horses into the lane and kicked home nicely for 4th (at 23-1). KING JAMES EXPRESS got away 4th, sat the cones then was outkicked to the wire. PINEBUSH LIFESAVER came out 2nd over to 3/4s, couldn’t gain in the stretch and was outmuscled home by a few others. MAXIMUS RED A was under a big hold at the start and got away 7th, came out to the final turn but with no offer tonight. GIVEITATRY A always had the best view