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Craig has been involved in horse racing for 40 years as a handicapper, journalist, linemaker, and analyst. He began his career in 1969 handicapping the races for the Miami Beach Sun. Beginning in 1971 he began picking winners for the Philadelphia Inquirer, where he remained for 37 years. Craig has also been a linemaker for the Atlantic City Racecourse and The Meadowlands, where he was the program oddsmaker and television co-host for seven seasons.

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2017

Best Bets: RUN FOR JAMES (5th)-- REFUSEING (7th)

Race 1

- 8** TIZ ALL BEHIND US – Sluggish start from inside in good effort against repeat winner; pair from that race won since.
- 4** LITTLE SISTER – Re-claimed by Reese stable then absent several months; removes blinkers and could set pace.
- 2** DANCEFORTHEDEVIL – Led nearly this far in route then changed management; early zip but had 28 chances.
- 3** HIGH MATH – Advanced late just behind top choice and speed on earlier occasions; must put it all together.

Race 2

- 5** FRIESANI – Easily second best behind runaway Florida invader in seemingly tougher field when Pino claimed.
- 7** KISSESRGETTNLOUDER – Overmatched twice since return and taking realistic drop; Linder barn won Tuesday.
- 6** TEX MEE A KISS – Primed for elongated sprint in turf route and signs of improvement since layoff.
- 2** FREEZING FAST – Disappointed as 7-5 favorite and chronic poor starts; shorter break between starts a plus.

Race 3

- 2** SUCH SPIRIT – Significant drop from top state-bred maiden ranks and fired earlier in February route.
- 8** POSTINO'S CHAMPION – Bid to front from extreme outside post then could not handle winner; Farro barn on a roll.
- 5** SAVANNAH'S DREAM – Closed big gap after bumping into first turn and rallied very wide into stretch.
- 7** RHYTHM AND MOVES – Returns home to main track and likely to force pace this spot but stamina woes persist.

Race 4

- 3** PREP PRIDE – Sidelined since November after pressing leaders in quality field; \$250,000 purchase should progress.
- 10** WIZARD OF ODDS – Pushed eventual winner throughout in encouraging debut; dangerous adding Lasix.
- 1** I AIN'T KITTEN – Yet to duplicate strong debut showing but offers speed along inside following hiatus.
- 6** EL MUNDO – Drops after weakening as 2-5 chalk and can't dismiss yet; threat but probably overbet again.

Race 5

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| 3 | RUN FOR JAMES – Dueled then pulled away from formidable opponent in impressive maiden score; serious test. |
| 1 | THIRST FOR VICTORY – Failed to give true measure as 8-5 chalk at Monmouth; battled talented stablemate here. |
| 4 | UPPER ROOM – Rallied to finish third in local stake despite traffic problems; road warrior keeps on firing. |
| 6 | MAGNOLIA MOUNTAIN – Stopped suddenly in latest but defeated top pick previously after shipping from Fla. |

Race 6

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| 10 | TUFFGIRLSDONTCRY – Soundly bumped at start in Penn National debut but closed nicely; kin to solid runners. |
| 8 | LIAM'S WORLD – Competitive on turf at Belmont and shorter distance and blinkers might help. |
| 1 | QUICK THINKING – Bothered rival in stretch when finishing ahead of top pick; bad start only prior attempt. |
| 5 | DISCOVERY BAY – Steadied near far turn as favorite in mud and used up dueling previously; turf might help. |

Race 7

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| 6 | RUFUSEING – Powerful move from last to first despite steadying on turn when trying Lasix; contested pace aids. |
| 1 | REPENTANT – Battled eventual winner throughout in strong effort after Joe Taylor claim; speed to pose threat. |
| 4 | CLEAR PROSPERITY – Crushed maidens when able to control pace; moves into talented state-bred event. |
| 7 | TRUE BOLDNESS – Lacked expected speed when off board as 7-5 favorite; two prior outings excellent. |

Race 8

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| 6 | FREUDIE ANNE – Rapid mare captured 6 of 13 turf attempts and recently stakes-placed in Belmont route. |
| 8 | JUDY'S CHANCE – Terrific development this season and seeks fifth straight turf success; rated in January score. |
| 3 | DIADURA – Overmatched lately and commenced career in great style; gets blinkers with chance to surprise. |
| 4 | FOREST FUNDS – Ample ability and may have needed first outing since January; question of stamina. |

Race 9

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| 4 | SIR SIDNEY – Easily second best behind smashing winner this spot; racing into peak form again. |
| 11 | DEMAND – Signs of life lately in sprints and could be prepared for rare test of stamina; post could prove tricky. |
| 7 | CHASING TWILIGHT – Drops within same claiming tag as probable favorite; Farro-Esquivel combo sizzling. |
| 1 | AWESOME DIXIE – Soundly beaten by first selection in second start after layoff; prior outing encouraging. |