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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.

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017

Best Bets: CONQUEST FALCON (6th)-- LILLIE'S ANSWER (8th)

Race 1

- 1** ALLSTAR – Led throughout in much faster half of “split” race; runner-up from that test ran big again.
- 6** MALAKITH – Improving and versatile runner closed strongly despite wide trip in sprint; 87-1 shocker in prior route.
- 2** ZIPPED CODE – Seen better days but re-claimed by Vazquez barn when humbled by runaway opponent.
- 5** ONE SIDED – Crushed wet track rivals when taking plunge at Monmouth; Jason Servis stable wins everywhere.

Race 2

- 6** INDY FIRE – Pressured severely early but nearly lasted this level and distance; might revert to rating tactics.
- 7** SPEEDY A.P. – Claimed for higher amount at tough Churchill meet and moves to Zulueta barn; probable favorite.
- 3** BASEBALLNBORBON – Decent form ink Midwest and dangerous for John Servis-Carmouche combo.
- 8** ART BOSS – Sideline since November but very quick and romped in local maiden score; may prefer shorter.

Race 3

- 7** ALEX'S FAST LANE – Chased huge favorite in encouraging debut and fourth finisher from that race romped in next.
- 4** ECLIPTICAL JACK – Returns to main track and tries blinkers for Klesaris stable; close at top maiden level before.
- 1** MAZE OF STONES – Nice try in debut when testing routers and set up nicely for elongated sprint.
- 3** BLYDE RIVER – Makes first appearance since October but sufficient ability if ready; 12 losses bit discouraging.

Race 4

- 2** CONQUEST HARLEQUIN – Battled eventual winner to final yards and drops with shorter break between starts.
- 9** CUADRANTE – Narrowly missed in race-long duel this spot when adjusting to sprint; half-brother to Smarty Jones.
- 3** THIS MIGHT BE – Idle nearly and takes significant drop for high percentage barn and switches to apprentice.
- 7** LEITRIM – Also from Guerrero barn and hit board in four straight; closed major gap in earlier victory.

Race 5

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| 7 | MIZ MAYHEM – Ran into rapid newcomer when easily second best in strong effort; first time with blinkers. |
| 6 | ANITA LASS – Soundly outrun by top choice but likely benefits from experience; quick work prior to debut. |
| 1A | MILL AND GLORIA – Decent pedigree and signs of talent in a.m. at Monmouth; connections with top runners. |
| 5 | RAUCOUS – Rookie by terrific sire Speightstown cost \$300,000 at auction and from high-profile Clement barn. |

Race 6

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| 4 | CONQUEST FALCON – Faced better twice in New York vs. state-breds and gets blinkers; barn won stake Saturday. |
| 8 | FALSE ACCUSATION – Often close elsewhere and obvious threat but several defeats despite heavy support. |
| 9 | ARCH CONTENDER – Late energy in local bow against similar and looms danger despite 16 prior losses. |
| 11 | PIK EM – Good effort when beaten favorite this spot for top turf barn but must overcome extreme outside post. |

Race 7

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| 2 | FIND THE MONEY – Primed for elongated sprint dueling this far with turf routers; prior dirt try encouraging. |
| 6 | BREE ZEE LEE – Failed to fire after layoff on turf but captured debut on main track and drops into claimer. |
| 5 | LEAPT – Closed big gap on Laurel grass in just second outing since January; also adept on this surface. |
| 9 | MAILE'S CAUSEWAY – Romped in debut at Monmouth in event switched to dirt; Navarro barn always threat. |

Race 8

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| 2 | LILLIE'S ANSWER – Just one length behind in \$100,000 stake at Penn National; consistently fires on turf. |
| 3 | ADVERT – Strong finish after wide trip in first test of stamina; some good efforts against “open” company. |
| 9 | KAPRANCY – Vast improvement since introduced to turf; chased rapid opponents in shorter dash. |
| 11 | SHEKELS – Closer than anticipated following layoff and fitter now to pose upset possibility on best. |

Race 9

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| 2 | BELLA CAMPARI – Unruly at gate prior to yielding to runaway winner for higher tag; twice claimed back by Mosco. |
| 5 | MIDNIGHT IN OCALA – Responded favorably to freshener and series of nice tries earlier; conqueror fired again. |
| 6 | LUCKY EMPRESS – Excellent form elsewhere this season and some local success in past; should be flying late. |
| 10 | NATALIE LA ROSE – Shown some ability but several recent losses at short prices; fast track might help. |