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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.

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Best Bets: CATAPULT JACK (2nd)-- SCOUT'S HONOR (7th)

Race 1

- 6** PRIMARY TARGET – Slow fuse but takes significant drop after initial route attempt; should overrun these.
- 2** SARATOGA SAN – Progress in last two outings when better than odds might suggest; Vazquez barn been hot.
- 5** DYNASMART – Lost rider in latest and soundly beaten in several previous starts but can't dismiss this level.
- 3** SPRING TUNE– Absent over four months since dull try as favorite at Tampa; second look for new management.

Race 2

- 2** CATAPULT JACK – Battled throughout when edged by heavy favorite and finds cure for seconditis same spot.
- 4** FLASHONFORTY – Strong finish after wide rally behind top choice when introduced to turf; contested pace aids.
- 7** MIDNIGHT JUSTICE – Excellent speed when nailed at wire by 1-2 chalk; hard to catch if shows liking for turf.
- 6** FAIRLY BOLD – Nice try following layoff at Monmouth in 14th defeat; possibility with continued improvement.

Race 3

- 4** TIZ MADNESS – Far behind with routers in local bow but major drop and should make adjustment to sprint.
- 1** LUCKY MEETING – Hit board in four straight and very familiar with runner-up role; draws tricky inside post again.
- 6** KISSESRGETTNLOUDER – Pressed pace long way and racing cheapest ever; Linder barn had upset winner Monday.
- 3** HIGH MATH – Bothered early then cruised past entire field in maiden score; more severely tested this time.

Race 4

- 6** HIGH DOLLAR KITTEN – Switches to Carlos Guerrero barn and drops after hiatus in local bow; faces soft group.
- 1** CHILHAM COURT – Led long way before tiring behind pair of favorites in improved effort; speed along inside.
- 4** BARLOVENTO TIGER – Remote fourth in seemingly tougher version of this spot; third finisher won next easily.
- 8** COLLIN'S SMILE – Plunges after re-claimed by Farro from prior start; hard to like or ignore this scenario.

Race 5

6 HARPOON – Bargain claim bore out and weakened in stake but ample success this spot for Zulueta barn.

7 CLOWNEY – Forced pace to late stages and finished in front of top pick; likely difficult to catch.

1 BROADWAY BAY – Terrific record over past two seasons with formidable closing kick; outrun by top duo.

3 TRANSPARENT – Powerful rally to defeat softer opposition but classy in past and can't ignore despite raise.

Race 6

1 TRILOGY – Prominent throughout in determined effort in just second race after layoff; draws favorably inside.

2 MAXIMUS MERIDIUS – Sustained rally in decisive score in first start since November; well-spotted again.

7 ON A STAR – Versatile turf lover competed well against boys in past and now in very capable Klesaris barn.

3 RIQ FOX – Closed with rush behind contested pace after bothered early; turf is new but merits attention.

Race 7

4 SCOUT'S HONOR – Powerful finish in shorter dash after sidelined since mid-2015; fitter now with extra yardage.

5 RAGING CHAMPION – Ample ability and impressed in November before shelving; major threat if ready.

7 I AM THE MAN – Ran into tiger when suffering first loss and effective in front or from off pace; best necessary.

1 GRAVES ISLAND – Back against sprinters adding blinkers and may finally compete on dry surface.

Race 8

12 TIZANILLUSION – Dueled heavy favorite and held on gamely after layoff; edge if draws in from also eligible list.

10 SHE'S STUNNING – Led to final stride in longer test at Belmont when showing affinity for turf; stalking trip outside.

6 PENELOPES BEST – Rapid filly nearly always fires and competed well in turf bow at Pimlico for top stable.

4 ASSAIL – Caught late by stretch-runner after repulsing several challenges; series of frustrating losses.

Race 9

1 KRISTINITE – Just missed to favorite in improved showing and Pearce stable heating up; works out rail rally.

7 LITTLE MISS MISS – Battled repeat winner when dropped to this level and obvious threat with similar effort.

2 LOVE IS ALL – Faded after half mile when taking plunge in third start of year; speed to pose factor.

4 AXE CAPITAL – Overcame poor break to defeat next-out winner; seeks third straight marching through conditions.