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Craig has been involved in horseracing for 50 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: MAHER (3<sup>rd</sup>) – FLAGRUNNER (8<sup>th</sup>)**

#### Race 1

- 5** RACEY RUBY – Bid with winner on final turn at higher level after claim; third finisher won next.
- 2** JUMP A FOX – Closed big gap behind repeat winner in sprint; often hits board but 17 chances.
- 7** INCAN MOON GODDESS – Rallied in both starts but yet to justify heavy backing; changed barns
- 6** JESS'S MOMENT – Easily second best behind huge favorite this spot; most losses in Florida.

#### Race 2

- 1** VITAEMI – Led this far in “open” company in route; back in “beaten” spot at preferred yardage.
- 7** AWESOME PAL – Veteran still quick and shorter distance aids; boasts 12 career victories.
- 4** LIL' LATE LUCK – Claimed for higher amount but lone victory from 23 tries; sheds 5 pounds.
- 2** LULINDA'S HEART – Ages since last score but could rally for minor award in soft company.

#### Race 3

- 2** MAHER – Lightly raced but shown ability in each outing and capable of wiring if ready.
- 3** PROBLEMS ABOUND – Responded well dropping to this spot after hiatus; progress likely.
- 4** ROYAL UPSTART – Improved in recent outings but finished behind second pick; can force pace.
- 1** ODE TO EDIE – Overmatched twice since romping in debut; merits attention this spot.

#### Race 4

- 3** VALIANT MAJESTY – Difficult to like or dismiss plunge after voided claim; holds ability edge.
- 2** DENALI RAE – Shelved four months but takes significant drop; often forms bottom of exacta.
- 1** DISCO DAISY – Failed to offer true measure in last but moves inside with speed to pose threat.
- 5** ANGELIC STORM – Remote third to runaway winner softer version this spot; wide margin wins.

#### Race 5

- 5** DIRTY HARRY – Engaged in heated duel but continued well this level; should fire at square price
- 6** HARP'S HOT CORNER – Drops after weakening again; kin to tigers and third outing since layoff.
- 8** HEAT ALERT – Dueled this far with routers when claimed again; speedy and gives his best.
- 2** SIR PALACE PRINCE – Effective at various surfaces and distances; hampered by seconditis.

#### Race 6

- 7** ENFORCER – Blocked long way then flattened out when clear; upset solid field prior try at 25-1.
- 6** WAR MASTER – Overcame slow start to crush easier rivals in first local outing; dangerous again
- 1** PARTY AT SAM'S – Speedy gelding walloped rivals three weeks ago and rail helpful lately.
- 4** PRINCE COLTON – Rapid colt fires every time and back with sprinters; competitive field.

#### Race 7

<b>6</b>	<b>MAXIMUS MERIDIUS</b> – Eventful trip in Gallant Bob and formidable before; meets elders first time
<b>7</b>	<b>DON'T WAIT UP</b> – Determined narrow score this level and Ness-Sanchez combo usually tough.
<b>5</b>	<b>RIVER DOG</b> – Edged away from capable field at Delaware and also competed strongly locally.
<b>1</b>	<b>WINDSOR GOLD</b> – Talented gelding used up in stake; versatile but hasn't sprinted in over year.

#### Race 8

<b>4</b>	<b>FLAGRUNNER</b> – Improving with each outing and sharp in “open” company after \$40,000 claim.
<b>9</b>	<b>JOYFUL SONG</b> – Forced pace to stretch in encouraging debut after balking during load progress
<b>3</b>	<b>RINGER CARD</b> – Disappointed in last after firing three times; threat as \$90,000 two-year-old buy.
<b>7</b>	<b>BOSSY KATE</b> – Easily second best to speedy newcomer in good effort; avoids tag again.