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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.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019--- HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Best Bets: MS LOCUST POINT (4th)-- NOT LEAVING (7th)

Race 1

- 7** TABLES WILL TURN – Edged following hiatus at Penn National and hooked tiger here in debut while bearing out.
- 6** CLASSIC LINES – Rallied through traffic when beaten favorite again; second finisher won next easily.
- 2** DEVILRY – Speedy but stamina issues in New York; drops and switches to Pino barn as threat.
- 4** TERQUITO – Flashes of ability on grass at Gulfstream and chased runaway winners both dirt attempts.

Race 2

- 8** TEMPESTUOUS ANGEL – Failed to offer true measure with quicker in mud but prior try encouraging.
- 3** CLEVER CALIBAN – Drops notch and edged this spot earlier; hotly-contested fractions could help.
- 1** RIGHTEOUS – Survived pressure to defeat heavy favorite and taking realistic next step.
- 6** ONE MORE ROUND – Numerous good efforts this season but appeared sharper earlier for various barns.

Race 3

- 6** LILI AIN'T FOOLIN – Sluggish start when claimed from bulky debut field; decent pedigree and should improve.
- 3** AMERICAN ALI – Quick in both outings but bore out retreating in longer test; blinkers can aid along inside.
- 1** YES IT'S DYNA – Faded over wet surface as 3-5 chalk after arriving from Canada; rallied from off pace before.
- 2B** GRAND BLUE HARBOR – Usually hits board but refusing to score; up notch with clear sailing outside.

Race 4

- 6** MS LOCUST POINT – Led to final furlong before yielding to formidable rival in return; graded stakes-winner loves track.
- 3** ASSAIL – Talented mare with huge heart and held on tenaciously under constant pressure; often part of exacta.
- 7** SQUAN'S KINGDOM – Rebounded nicely from "off" track setback with big try vs. similar; ample early targets.
- 5** SHE'S STUNNING – Upset solid field at Laurel to boost career mark to 9-for-31; wet track specialist if needed.

Race 5

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| 10 | CAPE MAY FERRY – Speedy gelding seeks third straight for new connections and retains “bug boy” Carmona. |
| 11 | DOUBLETHESTYLE – Probably needed first outing since April and could regain closing punch this level. |
| 5 | LOOKINGFORANEWHOME – Passed nearly entire field with very wide rally and serious contender again. |
| 7 | PRODIGIOUS – Determined veteran absent couple months and from same barn as top choice; threat if ready. |

Race 6

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| 1 | BATTLE TAP—Battled throughout in narrow loss to drop-down opponent; claimed and capable of wiring inside. |
| 2 | PRINTER – Formidable stretch-runner exits series of frustrating losses; re-claimed soon as possible by Catalano. |
| 9 | ALAAPATIQUE – Dominated easier when changing hands and factor despite more early pressure this time. |
| 6 | NICE SURPRISE – Slow fuse but late punch with 14 career victories; popular at claiming box over years. |

Race 7

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| 9 | NOT LEAVING – Overmatched on recent road trip but several prior tries encouraging; positive pace set-up. |
| 2B | WEEKEND BABE – Hard used chasing eventual decisive winner and could surprise with best showing. |
| 1A | TIZ A KITTEN – Realistic drop returning to Linder barn but ages since last victory; fits with this kind. |
| 5 | SANDY MISCHIEF – Improving and versatile filly back against sprinters seeking third straight. |

Race 8

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| 7 | NO PICNIC – Bargain re-claim by Zulueta lightly raced but 5-for-11 last year; aggressively-spotted for this. |
| 8 | PINKOUT – Faced classier group after layoff and numerous strong efforts here in past; should be flying late. |
| 4 | IGNITE – Overmatched lately and just one-for-19 last season but sufficient ability to pose threat. |
| 1 | BOW TOWN CAT – Set pressured pace and held on gamely when claimed; speed along rail stamps danger. |

Race 9

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| 7 | CURTIS – Raced sparingly but impressed last pair and appears in peak form; very competitive field. |
| 1 | GURT BOYS – Cruised past state-breds following claim and threat again despite faster opposition. |
| 8 | APPEALING FUTURE – Outdueled full field in Claiming Crown stake for fourth victory in last five attempts. |
| 5 | BROTHER CHUB – Terrific stretch-runner edged by third choice and always threat’ helpful pace scanerio. |

Race 10

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| 11 | FLIPPITY FLOP – Strong finish when easily second best in tougher version; overcomes difficult post. |
| 10 | SISTER PATRICIA – Plunged and all out to edge maidens as huge favorite; sat out “jail” after claim. |
| 4 | STELLA B. – Racing cheapest ever after absent nearly four months; must respect all Servis entrants. |
| 12 | LAYLA’S VOYAGE – Improved try with middle move against top pick; also possibly hampered by post |