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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: POTRA LIZA (7th)-- ARTICULATOR (10th)

Race 1

- 7** I TOOK A SHOT – Led routers this far and good display of speed in earlier sprint; might wire at square odds.
- 6** DEVIL'S FLAIR – Strong showing first local appearance and key threat for new management in 13th attempt.
- 3** BACKCAT – Dueled when runner-up to smashing winner in Gulfstream finale; switching to Linder barn.
- 2** CHERRY NOIRE – Soundly outrun by second choice and distant third in softer field previously.

Race 2

- 6** THREETHARDWAY – Drops another notch and tests route first time; leads throughout with softer fractions.
- 5** SACRIFICING IT ALL – Disliked slop and flashes of interest previously; handled two turns in November.
- 3** VEGAS TYCOON – Not much since claim in better company but well-bred gelding possibility this level.
- 4** TALKING POINT – Set pace to final stages in slop and rallied from far behind in Tampa victory.

Race 3

- 4** JAG – Nosed over turf in bulky field at Pimlico and making key third start after layoff; avoids tag this time.
- 6** SURF AND TURF – Son of superior turf runner Kitten's Joy remote fourth in November debut on main track.
- 8** COUSIN PETE – Sharp return at Belmont then purchased privately; \$320,000 auction buy can progress.
- 10** JW'S THIRD MISCHIE – Battled odds-on favorite in best yet and dangerous if handles route and turf.

Race 4

- 7** IN EQUALITY – Re-claimed soon as possible by Abrams barn and likely suited by additional distance.
- 1** CHARMING INDY – Won this yardage in April and frequently close; often forms bottom half of exacta.
- 4** SUPER VISION – Competing with success at Laurel and fits nicely for Ness barn; may want fast track.
- 2** BELLY DANCER – Passed numerous rivals in shorter event when claimed; pressed second pick earlier.

Race 5

- 12** FONTANA DI ORO – Lone defeat against eventual stakes-winner and flying in workouts for return.
- 6** KOMRAD – Hard used dueling before yielding to heavy favorite; speed to pose threat this yardage.
- 11** LAWYER ROY – Nearly wired easier field following hiatus and contributes to lively fractions.
- 5** HE'S INCREDIBLE – Changed hands over two months ago and strongest showing appears on turf.

Race 6	
1	RETURN OF A GIANT – Good effort behind drop-down winner after layoff and very determined in past.
12	CHELIOS – Strong finish this spot last month and likely flying late again behind contested pace.
11	ASK CHUCK – Prominent all way against three-time winners and finished behind top pick previously.
7	FORESET – Obvious ability edge but sidelined over year taking plunge; difficult to like or dismiss.
Race 7	
2	POTRA LIZA – Improving filly scored after absence following Navarro claim and seeks fourth straight.
4	FLIPPITY FLOP – Sharp try against favored Laurel invader this spot; acute case of seconditis.
6	SPECIAL INCLUDED – Eventful trip in latest and just missed previously; possibility with clear sailing.
3	SETUBAL – Frequently close elsewhere in first-tier allowance tests; merits some attention.
Race 8	
8	INCUBATOR – Stretching out again and difficult to catch on various surfaces; needs to shake loose.
11	HALITE – Rebounded from poor showing to capture this spot; threat if switched to main track.
10	TAXABLE GOODS – Crushed turf rivals at Pimlico but dull over this course last year.
5	BOWSPRIT – May have needed first outing since December and prior defeat in graded marathon.
Race 9	
7	CAPTAIN SAM – Extremely quick filly held next-out winner safe at Penn National and distance suits.
3	RICHIE'S SISTER – Scored after layoff at Gulfstream in first try for 30% Jason Servis barn; dangerous again.
2	FLY – Lightly raced but faced quality opposition elsewhere and also from Servis stable; winless two years.
5	CONJECTURE – Bothered in stretch when Lake claimed for \$20,000; handles different surfaces.
Race 10	
1	ARTICULATOR – Survived pressure in quick victory at Pimlico and tackles next rung on allowance ladder.
4	COZY LOVER – Less than two lengths behind in stake at Monmouth and terrific 9-for-16 over this track.
6	DROSSELMAGIC – Developed rapidly this season and romped last pair; likely tested with this kind.
7	SPARTICLE – Used up dueling in Belmont return and impressive score locally in mud last October.
Race 11	
3	DIALIN – Set pace before yielding when facing more numerous winners at Pimlico; can rally from off pace.
1	I CRIED A TEAR – Overmatched after Vazquez claim but game in prior two outings; speed along rail.
7	BETTY'S FAVORITE – Came up empty after setting pace this spot but hit board last four for Soto barn.
4	BILLY NO SABAY – Outrun after re-claimed by Pollara barn but runs good race on occasion.