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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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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024 –FIRST POST 12:40 P.M.- BREEDERS' CUP DAY**

Best Bets: DR BAYTER (6<sup>th</sup>) – SISTER SUPREAM (9<sup>th</sup>)

### Race 1

- 3** COJELO PA TI – Climbed on turn racing greenly at top maiden level in debut; should progress.
- 8** CURIOUS SOUL – Improved with blinkers as 6-5 chalk this level and could be difficult to catch.
- 4** EL MEDIANOCHE – Failed to give true measure on turf and unlucky prior try; debut encouraging.
- 7** HOLY MITOLE – Outrun by second choice in bow; by rapid sire and benefits from experience.

### Race 2

- 6** SPOTTED BULL – Victim of poor start as big favorite in Jersey finale; sheds 12 pounds, soft spot
- 5** HANEY BOYS – Sidelined since March but sufficient ability and often forms bottom of exacta.
- 4** HIDE THE RANSOM – Veteran in third race since hiatus and always chance with this kind.
- 1** RAHMER – Poor showing on road trip but prior local try this level makes possibility.

### Race 3

- 3** LUNA T – Sidelined since voided claim but could regain closing kick behind contested pace.
- 2** VITAEMI – Nine-year-old mare with 13 victories still quick but often failed as favorite recently.
- 1** ERIN'S ENTHUSIASM – Closer than odds predicted again; draws rail and drops within same tag.
- 4** SEVEN YEARS LATER – Absent nearly four months but likely to help soften front-runners.

### Race 4 LOU ALBERTRANI – CELEBRATION OF LIFE

- 5** BRIGHT KOHANA – Led throughout when edging heavy favorite; remains eligible as 3-year-old.
- 2** FAST MOTION – Overmatched last pair but speedy; pair of decisive scores earlier this yardage.
- 6** CHIT CHAT CHUB – Used up early in tougher spot but won prior pair and can be rated.
- 4** TEMPEST RISING – Realistic drop for Mosco barn and could upset if puts it all together.

### Race 5

- 4** TRACK OF MY TEARS – Takes significant drop after first local try and gets blinkers in weak field
- 6** WHOOSH – Advanced late again and serious threat despite 24<sup>th</sup> attempt; extra yardage a plus.
- 2** MERGING TRAFFIC – Switches turf to dirt in rare sprint outing; likely gaining late in 20<sup>th</sup> try.
- 8** FOUR EYES – Poor record with state-breds in New York but competing cheapest ever 16<sup>th</sup> start.

### Race 6 IN MEMORY OF ROBERT J. SEEGER

- 4** DR BAYTER – Prominent throughout this spot in local bow and conqueror ran big again Wed.
- 5** RABBIT – Not far behind top choice and capable but erratic; appears suited by distance.
- 1** SOPHIA'S PRINCE – Wore down big favorite when using rating tactics for new management.
- 2** TIEMPO PERFECTO – Speedy colt hampered by stamina woes but has won at this yardage.

**Race 7**

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| <b>5</b> | <b>LUCKY OPPORTUNITY – Not much recent months; speed to control pace with soft opposition.</b>     |
| <b>3</b> | <b>SHE'SALLATWITTER – Prefers turf but distant fourth in better field and races cheapest ever.</b> |
| <b>2</b> | <b>MARIA SAYS SO – May have needed first race in seven months and shown closing kick in past.</b>  |
| <b>6</b> | <b>MOLLY MALONE – Stretches out in third start after layoff and already shown route ability.</b>   |

**Race 8**

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| <b>1</b> | <b>TRADERS LUCK – Rapid and game gelding nearly lasted in longer test and square price again.</b>      |
| <b>2</b> | <b>VEESON – Edged top choice and in best form of career; improved speed and major threat.</b>          |
| <b>6</b> | <b>SMOOTH B – Nine-year-old cruised past similar with perfect trips; passed million mark earnings.</b> |
| <b>3</b> | <b>TALENTED MAN – Lightly raced but loads of heart and ability; outran top choice in July.</b>         |

**Race 9**

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| <b>7</b> | <b>SISTER SUPREAM – Difficult wide trip when rail was favorable; Ness barn on usual hot roll.</b>     |
| <b>4</b> | <b>TARA'S TALENT – Lightly raced and overmatched at Saratoga; part of exacta 17 times locally.</b>    |
| <b>5</b> | <b>JEZEBEL JADE – Overmatched in route but stretch-runner fits this spot with aid of pace set-up.</b> |
| <b>3</b> | <b>SNAPPY RIDE – Closer than anticipated in classier company and Catalano barn has them firing.</b>   |

**Race 8 DEL MAR – THE \$7,000,000 BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC**

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| <b>11</b> | <b>SIERRA LEONE – Terrific closing kick but numerous frustrating losses; fires every attempt.</b> |
| <b>1</b>  | <b>FOREVER YOUNG – Only defeat in seven starts narrow miss in Ky. Derby; Japan prep helps.</b>    |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>FIERCENESS – Probable favorite with trio of Grade I scores defeated top choice last pair.</b>  |
| <b>14</b> | <b>NEXT – Amazing gelding can run all day and captured seven straight by over 91 lengths.</b>     |