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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: GREENER PASTURES (6th) – DUNPHY (9th)

Race 1

- 7** BALANTYNE – Not much in last but close against more numerous winners previously; can upset
- 5** RUN CORY RUN – Hard-earned score over track following claim and logical next step.
- 6** NICOLE'S KING – Edged second pick after hiatus at Monmouth and retains Lopez as threat.
- 9** SHADOW MAN – Figures to force pace outside and runs big race at times; possibility.

Race 2

- 1** POWER AGENDA – Used up dueling in tougher version last week; might shake loose inside.
- 2** BRINDISI – Chased runaway winner when claimed and third finisher took next; yardage suits.
- 6** THIRSTY PAPPY – Drops again and tries rare sprint; sharper earlier but threat this level.
- 8** BOOK RUNNER- Eliminated by bad start in last and romped prior try; adds Lasix for sprint.

Race 3

- 1** SWING OIL – Failed to give true measure in latest but good earlier and capable of wiring inside.
- 6** MY MAN WOODY – Weakened in quicker company after claim but fired three straight previously.
- 2** TROPIC STORM – Trailed after layoff when Ness claimed and much better form last season.
- 4** BIG JOHN – Absent several months but capable and might regain closing kick at this level.

Race 4

- 2** UTILITY – Set pace and battled New York shipper in recent route; won at this yardage earlier.
- 7** FUEGO SOS – Dueled to final yards twice since return; drops notch and tries blinkers.
- 9** MY BROTHER CHARLIE – Another solid effort this level as 8-5 favorite; often bottom of exacta.
- 5** BULLET BREEZE – Improved speed in second race after layoff but finished behind third pick.

Race 5

- 9** YOU MUST CHILL – Difficult to like or ignore plunge returning to dirt; 8-year-old earned \$603,942
- 8** LORD WINSALOT – Humbled by runaway winner in last and prior conqueror romped last week.
- 6** AHSAD – Claimed from this level last month and stretching out again; must put it all together.
- 5** SAINT MARCO – Used up early in better field and might revert to rating tactics as possibility.

Race 6

- 3** GREENER PASTURES – Seeks fourth straight score and overcame trouble in two of them.
- 5** MALIBU STAR – Better in past but chased runaway winner in last; enough left to pose threat.
- 2** WARRIOR'S VENDETTA – Improving closer hit board five straight at square odds; fits nicely.
- 6** LUCKY DUDE – Disappointed as heavy favorite but prior try encouraging; back in for tag.

Race 7

2	LADY ZETA – Failed to offer true measure with wide road trip; speedy but can rally from off pace.
3	OUR UPTOWN GIRL – Bid at frequent winner then weakened final furlong; shorter yardage plus.
6	AEGEAN SEA – Lacked usual speed when possibly overmatched and prior romp impressive.
5	THEGODDESSOFSNAKES – Surged late after severe early roughing; plenty of early targets.

Race 8

1	JEANNE MARIE – Led throughout holding off determined opponent; stakes-winner in March.
6	CONFIRMED STAR – Talented, versatile, and determined stablemate of top pick main threat.
3	KISS ME HARDY – Distant fourth as odds-on Delaware chalk but bargain claim by Kirby stable.
5	I'M GITTIN THERE – Absentee with sufficient ability but long losing skid; \$40,000 Ness claim.

Race 9

7	DUNPHY – Significant drop after road setback and defeated tougher locally; can wire this kind.
5	CARBONITE – Responded well to drop when battling throughout; edged by huge favorite.
6	BOBBY THE TANK – Used up chasing formidable duo and won earlier at Saratoga; forces pace.
1	WHAT A BLAST – Overmatched in last and good effort vs. top pick previously; cheapest ever.