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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: BRIGHT KOHANA (4<sup>th</sup>) – LOST AND CONFUSED (8<sup>th</sup>)**

#### Race 1

- 3** SMOKEY PLACES - Used up dueling in tougher company after crushing maidens in prior outing.
- 4** SOUTHERN DREAM – Easily second best to heavy favorite and fired both local attempts.
- 1** SAVE A PRAYER – Capable few months ago and takes significant drop; raced very sparingly.
- 7** MAX FORWARD SPEED – Improving and hit board in six of last seven races; upset possibility.

#### Race 2

- 7** SUNNY SIDE UP – Versatile filly battled drop-down winner this spot; outside stalking trip.
- 3** MELODY'S KISS – Absent couple months but takes realistic drop and likely gaining late.
- 6** ONE OF THE ONES – Fair showings with similar but some progress necessary; just 2-for-32.
- 2** EVERHEART – Outrun again on wet surface and just behind top pick earlier on fast footing.

#### Race 3

- 1** IRON SWORD – Victim of early trouble when heavily-backed at Gulfstream; gelded, wins if ready.
- 3** UNION PURRFECTION – Lacked rally last week but back on bottom and must be considered.
- 5** CAP STEAK ROBBERY – Sire perfect as juvenile including graded event; final work encouraging
- 6** ANYTHING BUT MINE – Hits bottom after stopping in route; can't dismiss yet this level.

#### Race 4

- 4** BRIGHT KOHANA – Speedy and game filly battled all way for higher tag when Pino re-claimed.
- 1** OLD HEAD – Good effort in possibly better version this spot; part of exacta in 16 of 30 starts.
- 2** DENALI RAE – Upset winner after hiatus despite shoe repair; humbled by top one previously.
- 5** FROSTED DIAMOND – Often claimed but hampered by stamina issues lately; disliked mud.

#### Race 5

- 5** RAVENITE – Failed to fire as 6-5 chalk but drops and likely aided by fast track in soft field.
- 6** AMELIORATE – Weakened after half mile for higher tag; close despite severe excuse in debut.
- 4** SETH'S WAR SONG – Competed only once since October but dangerous this level if ready.
- 3** BAHAMIAN BABY – Chased heavy favorite last month as longshot; making 28<sup>th</sup> attempt.

#### Race 6

- 3** AMAZING WOO – Won three straight decisively and claimed again; retains Aguilar, survives duel
- 1** JEBOLOGIST – Decisive score last week and draws inside again; much success with “bugs” up.
- 2** KEITHSENDSHELLOOOO – Faltered taking plunge when claimed; good in past with \$317,342.
- 5** BORRACHO CONCHO – Edged away from three-time winners; up in class and down in claim tag.

### Race 7

<b>1</b>	UNION DOOS – Sire won 2012 Belmont Stakes and dam placed in Selima; quick final work.
<b>5</b>	EXTRASEXYZQTEEPEYE – Speedy dam won 7 of 15 starts and \$311,000; promising young sire.
<b>3</b>	SHE'SCOMIN'UPROSIE – By rapid sire Maximus Mischief; couple encouraging half mile works.
<b>6</b>	MINXZRAGGZTORICHEZ – Very fast dam captured 7 of 20 starts and quarter million dollars.

### Race 8

<b>5</b>	LOST AND CONFUSED – Full of run too late with tougher in sprint; shown route ability in past.
<b>3</b>	OHIO JOE – Much closer than odds predicted on turf and romped prior local try on main track.
<b>7</b>	RILEY'S ROCKSTAR – Usually close and nice effort against loose pacesetter; figures close.
<b>1</b>	JACKSON ROAD – May have needed first race after layoff in sprint; improvement anticipated.

### Race 9

<b>4</b>	DON'T POST IT – Easily second best behind odds-on winner and Linder barn has them firing.
<b>3</b>	SAINT GRACE – Set clear pace in longer test at Laurel and threat in first local appearance.
<b>7</b>	REFINED ELAINE – Narrowed gap again despite slow start and addition of blinkers should help.
<b>2</b>	FAUX PAS – Poor showing as big favorite when Gallimore claimed; often close but 20 defeats.