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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: FUHGEDDABOUDIT (3<sup>rd</sup>) – NAME IT (8<sup>th</sup>)

### Race 1

- 10** FIRST MONEY – Difficult to like or dismiss plunge after winning and claimed for \$15,000.
- 1** THIRSTY PAPPY – Pulled clear after dueling when easily second best in route; yardage suits.
- 8** CRYPT – Stretch-runner better than odds suggest lately and extra furlong likely helpful.
- 5** KEITHSENDSHELLOOOO – Steep drop after fair showing in route; claimed for twice this tag.

### Race 2

- 4** ROCK ME GENTLY – Keeps firing but case of seconditis lately; should be prepared for two turns
- 8** RIBBONSINHERHAIR – Absent over three months and long losing streak but sufficient ability.
- 6** ZONING ORDER – Competing well but behind top pick last pair; stretching out again.
- 2** TARIBA DREAM – Edged slightly softer group after shipping from Tampa; entered with tag.

### Race 3

- 7** FUHGEDDABOUDIT – Used up chasing rapid pacesetter for much higher tag; stalks outside.
- 2** BRIGHT KOHANA – Re-claimed by Pino barn where she romped earlier; speedy and determined.
- 4** MENDED WE STAND – Trounced cheaper when Dandy barn took and merits attention again.
- 5** TAKE TIME TO DREAM – Hampered by slow start on muddy surface after crushing easier field.

### Race 4

- 1** DIRTY HARRY – Back on main track where he scored at Monmouth; drops with speed inside.
- 8** HEY RIVER – Rare sprint attempt after retreating in Delaware route; hot barn adding blinkers.
- 2** VINI VIDI VICI – Humbled by smashing winner in last and prior two outings encouraging.
- 7** IT'S A PITY- Mild bid behind decisive winner but just 2-for-42 career mark and losing streak.

### Race 5

- 2** MOON FLEET – Easily second best behind repeat winner in tougher version when claimed.
- 5** I'M A LUCKY GIRL – Quick filly drops notch and threat if able to shake loose early.
- 4** MAJESTIC JO – Stopped again and plunges below amount of claim; takes these part way.
- 6** NOUVEAU RICHE – Absentee from Florida surprised once at Tampa at 70-1; might need this.

### Race 6

- 2** BAILOUT BILLY – Extremely fast filly might last if able to control softer fractions; square price.
- 6** I'LL SAY NO MORE – Pursued top pick after slow start in promising debut; needs alert break.
- 5** J C'S LOVIN' LIFE – Dam won pair of turf stakes and \$110,000 two-year-old buy; rapid work.
- 4** BEE BLUFF – Lightly raced but chased runaway winner at Monmouth; likely gaining late.

**Race 7**

<b>5</b>	<b>MAXIMUS ANGELICUS</b> – Captured two of last four races with losses in route stake and wet track
<b>3</b>	<b>ANGEL OF HOPE</b> – Decisive score adding Lasix in return and should continue improvement.
<b>2</b>	<b>DOUBLE AIRO</b> – Road warrior competed strongly at various venues and fired locally this spot.
<b>1</b>	<b>GINGERSAYSCHILL</b> – Closed huge gap behind rapid fractions in mud; ample early targets again.

**Race 8**

<b>5</b>	<b>NAME IT</b> – Chased Asmussen repeat winner in “key” race debut at Keeneland; gelded since.
<b>1</b>	<b>THREE PERCENT</b> – Trio of solid efforts at Monmouth and Tampa; sizzling rider in Sanchez.
<b>6</b>	<b>DREAMBUILDER</b> – Competed primarily on turf at Gulfstream; Lupe Preciado barn on a roll.
<b>4</b>	<b>L GOLDEN BOY</b> – Exits best effort of career after pressured lead at Delaware; shorter break.

**Race 9**

<b>7</b>	<b>MISSY SIXTYSIX</b> – No match for streaking winner in compact field; impressive late kick before.
<b>6</b>	<b>TRUE PHENOMENON</b> – Trounced state-breds as huge favorite; threat with renewed confidence
<b>1</b>	<b>VOODOO YOU DO</b> – Failed to give true measure when steadying on turn; beat second pick prior.
<b>3</b>	<b>FROSTED LACE</b> – Overmatched in Jersey route after firing twice here sprinting since return.

**Race 10**

<b>4</b>	<b>BRINDISI</b> – Closed gap in recent route and suited at this yardage; might end losing streak.
<b>1</b>	<b>HARLEY’S CHARLY</b> – Improved speed when prominent all way and narrowed gap before.
<b>3</b>	<b>GOLDEN WILDCAT</b> – Recent form encouraging but prone to slow starts; moves off inside.
<b>14</b>	<b>YOUBETTERBEJOKING</b> – Disliked wet footing again but capable in past and can’t dismiss yet.