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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: BUCCHERINO (7<sup>th</sup>) – LOST AND CONFUSED (9<sup>th</sup>)

### Race 1

- 2** PRACTICAL COACH – Overcame traffic woes in decisive Delaware score; shorter break a plus.
- 5** YULETIDE GALLOP – Speedy and game but used up dueling solid field at Penn; early pressure.
- 4** STAY FUNNY – Contributes to hot fractions and pair of wide-margin wins earlier; Perez re-claim.
- 6** BOLD VICTORY – Closed big gap at Saratoga and ample early targets but long losing streak.

### Race 2

- 2** COCOA'S VIVIAN – Good effort behind stakes-winner in latest and deserves edge this level.
- 3** LADY SRIRACHA – Failed to offer true measure on road trip after finishing ahead of top pick.
- 9** GREYHOUND STATION – Rapid filly keeps firing and major threat if manages to shake loose.
- 4** NEIGHBELLINE – Humbled by runaway winner after hiatus and back home realistically spotted.

### Race 3

- 6** BURNER ACCOUNT – Defeated talented field sprinting and won local stake around two turns.
- 1** MIA TOSCA – Exits strong effort and handles various surfaces and distances; in with \$50,000 tag
- 8** JEANNE MARIE – Chased formidable rivals on synthetic and turf after local main track score.
- 4** ECLAIR BLANC – Victim of loose pacesetter and conqueror ran big again; rare test of stamina.

### Race 4 The \$70,000 SAL M. DeBUNDA CLASSIC

- 8** PRAETORIAN GUARD – Classy in past and signs of recent progress; contested pace should aid.
- 2** MARKET MAVEN – Finished strongly after layoff and back at preferred yardage; upset chance.
- 3** KOHLER'S – Extremely quick and determined but faces pressure early in first route attempt.
- 1** BOSS LOGIC – Veteran sharp at Colonial and boasts 14 victories; third outing since return.

### Race 5 THE \$100,000 PTHA TROPHY

- 10** KAPPA KAPPA – Pulled away impressively after half mile duel in debut; alert break from outside.
- 4** FUGITIVE STAR – Couple strong efforts in Indiana this distance for high-profile Cox barn; threat.
- 2** MISS ANNA BELLA – Switches turf to dirt and romped last local outing; speed nearest inside.
- 5** TAVIN – Hit board seven of last eight but humbled as odds-on chalk in last at Monmouth.

### Race 6

- 1** CARMELINA – Overmatched in graded stake at Saratoga after pair of decisive local victories.
- 4** FACTORBELLA – Nearly always fires and ended seconditis streak with pair of Jersey victories.
- 7** CONFIRMED STAR – Pressured throughout in narrow loss after outrun twice by stablemate.
- 6** PLEASANT EMBRACE – Speedy filly wired slightly softer and captured 7 of 13 lifetime starts.

Race 7 THE \$75,000 STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S SPRINT	
<b>1</b>	BUCCHERINO – Competed well on turf and nearly perfect locally; fast work with inside speed.
<b>7</b>	SCARAMOUCHE – Battled to final yards despite making first outing in 11 months; excels here.
<b>5</b>	NINETYPRCENTMADDIE – Pushed talented rival to limit and placed in graded stakes last year.
<b>4</b>	BOUNCER – Weakened late in Colonial stake after series of big efforts at Laurel; upset chance.
Race 8 THE \$75,000 MAYOR'S MILE	
<b>8</b>	OFFALY COOL – Pulled away from next-out winner in another big effort; appears in peak form.
<b>7</b>	DUKE OF GLOUCESTER – Impressive double-digit score after Moore re-claimed; major test.
<b>4</b>	FAR MO POWER – Hard-earned score in mud and stretching out again; 10-for-24 over track.
<b>3</b>	REPO ROCKS – Regained confidence crushing Colonial rivals in mud; edged by third pick.
Race 9 THE \$100,000 BARRINGTON HARVEY MEMORIAL	
<b>5</b>	LOST AND CONFUSED – Dominating score when stretched out again in third race since return.
<b>10</b>	DYLAN'S RUBY – Used up in prolonged duel in finish controlled by closers; always gives best.
<b>9</b>	DOUBLE YOUR MONEY – Dueled to final furlong at Saratoga and sharp all four local attempts.
<b>11</b>	MAGNIFICENT MILE – Overcame early trouble to defeat softer at Penn; extreme outside post.
Race 10 THE \$200,000 SMARTY JONES STAKES	
<b>3</b>	TIP TOP THOMAS – Rapid and improving colt with opportunity to control fractions for Pletcher.
<b>1</b>	INSTANT REPLAY – Stumbled at break then outrun by top pick; should be flying late with Ortiz.
<b>2</b>	FACT – Hampered by traffic problems behind smashing winner in sprint; testing two turns.
<b>4</b>	HYPNUS – Possibility if disregard latest and removing blinkers; slow fuse but often formidable.
Race 11 THE \$200,000 CATHRYN SOPHIA STAKES	
<b>9</b>	DECADENT – Rallied from last to first with powerful rally after layoff at Oaklawn; hard to fault.
<b>4</b>	DISCO RULES – Daughter of top sire Constitution perfect over fast tracks and set for best effort.
<b>1</b>	SWEET SERAPHINE – Overcame stumbling start to win photo again in both races since return.
<b>5</b>	TALIESIN – Bargain claim crushed softer field and speedy contender trying two turns first time.
Race 12	
<b>10</b>	MISTER LINCOLN – Hard used dueling in quick Colonial fractions; excellent form this course.
<b>4</b>	GRAHMALAMADINGDONG – Figures close if disregard latest; vastly-improved with closing kick.
<b>8</b>	MISSION FIRST – Rallied to front then caught late in best yet; rare Pa.-bred by great Army Mule.
<b>11</b>	JOLLY GREY GIANT – Repelled repeated challenges in impressive return; fitter now as threat.