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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: REAL BLUES (4th) – ALASTAR (7th)

Race 1

- 2** ENFORCER – Looked bit like old self cruising past rivals in decisive score; realistic next step.
- 6** TRACK OF MY TEARS – Hard used dueling in longer test; likely difficult to catch this yardage.
- 3** MYSTIC LUTE – Fired all four attempts for Pino barn; all out to edge two-time winners.
- 8** EGO MAN – Eight-year-old with 13 victories and \$383,415 in bank; can't ignore this level.

Race 2

- 2** JESS'S MOMENT – Improving filly keeps firing at various distances; edge in competitive race.
- 4** PAM PAM – Outrun sprinting after just missing to top choice; obvious threat with leading rider.
- 3** ZONING ORDER – Usually close and competed well this spot in August; stalking trip.
- 1** BATTLING TIME – Won and claimed at Colonial and shown affinity for turf and main track.

Race 3

- 3** QUEEN VALENTINE – Hard used dueling better field in Jersey; drop and shorter yardage aids.
- 5** IN THE BIZ – Back sprinting on dirt and drops from top maiden ranks; slow start in prior debut.
- 4** PUNCH AND JUDY – Remote third last pair at Penn as longshot; should progress with this kind.
- 6** WANTING ATTENTION – Sire third in 2019 Breeders' Cup Classic and earned \$1.5 million.

Race 4

- 3** REAL BLUES – Faced tougher at Delaware after troubled trip locally; helpful pace scenario.
- 5** I CAN DO MAGIC – Improving and versatile gelding changed hands again after 3-5 victory.
- 4** CHINESEIAM – Used up chasing speedy winner when claimed for this amount again; fits well.
- 6** UNSWAYED – Made presence felt early with similar but stamina issues persist; outside speed.

Race 5

- 5** JAA MODE – Difficult to like or dismiss plunge from \$40,000 tag; just third outing in over year.
- 6** WIZARD SERRAT – Finished full of run last week sprinting after hiatus; extra yardage plus.
- 3** RACKATAPTAP- Second best behind smashing winner this spot and likely gaining late.
- 1** JIGSAW – Set pace and narrowly beaten in game try; speed along inside as possibility.

Race 6

- 2** OMAMA EIGHT- Broke slowly then advanced very wide into stretch following Tyler Servis claim.
- 4** FINANCIAL STRENGTH – Lost tight finish again, this time to stablemate; Miguel Rodriguez hot.
- 1** YOUTBETTERBEJOKING – Shelved since June but faced quicker in past; upset shot if ready.
- 7** GOLDEN PURCHASE – Sharp drop after trailing at Spa but romped previously; moves to Ness.

Race 7

6	ALASTAR – Powerful effort in debut despite slow start from rail in bulky field on Pa.Derby card.
8	LORDEN'S PRIDE – Also broke poorly in bow but advanced in promising style; route may help.
4	JOY BOY – Soundly outrun by top pick after heavily-backed in debut; by top sire Tiz the Law.
1	NOMOWINEFORYOU – Sluggish in debut but passed several rivals sprinting; brisk work since.

Race 8

7	PACHELBEL – Very wide rally in blanket finish; game mare among top local claims in years.
3	DANCING ON MY OWN – Speedy, game, and consistent mare edged similar; obvious threat.
1	JEANNE MARIE – Held off capable opposition and stumbled in prior outing; beat top one 2024.
5	MORNING MATCHA – Slow start against classy group in Laurel stake and formidable on best.

Race 9

3	HAPPILY DELUSIONAL – Overmatched in pair of rich stakes; softest field since maiden victory.
1	SMILE MAKER – Faded after wide trip in return and impressed in maiden score last season.
7	HERMOSO HOMBRE – Responded strongly to drop showing improved speed in double-digit win
4	L GOLDEN BOY – Improved gelding just over three lengths behind in sprint stake; handles route

Race 10

4	IRISH TENOR – Step forward when dropped to this spot in second race after layoff; can progress
10	PLANET – Absent few months but earlier triumph at Turfway and speedy contender if ready.
1	STILLWATER MOON – Prominent throughout in likely best effort yet as longshot; draws inside.
7	FOURTY FOUR – Stopped after flashing speed in first local outing; back against own kind.