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ANALYSIS

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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: EARL OF DASSEL (2nd) – ENCRYPT (4th)

Race 1

- 4** PURPLE LU LU – Responded well to drop when running down heavy favorite; logical next step.
- 3** MOMMA PIC – Probably needed first outing since August and faced better in past; late kick likely
- 2** FROSTED LACE – Plunges after overmatched in last few starts; absent couple months.
- 7** IT'S A SHORE THING – Dull showing as even-money chalk in route when Moore claimed.

Race 2

- 6** EARL OF DASSEL – Easily second best behind drop-down winner in tougher version this spot.
- 5** NOTTURNO – Road warrior shown ability on turf and dirt and threat for new management.
- 3** UNION PURRFECTION – Capable, game, consistent, and versatile; claimed 4 of 9 attempts.
- 7** RILEY'S ROCKSTAR – Distant third behind repeat winner; good earlier and barn heating up.

Race 3

- 3** SON OF DELILAH – Raced sparingly and tries route first time but likely ability advantage.
- 1** ROGUE PRINCE – Far behind twice but sharp drop and stretching out from favorable inside post
- 2** WINNING SONG – Advanced late behind winning stablemate and back up claiming ladder.
- 4** ST PETE'S PASSION – Absentee failed on turf again but close with classier in past; threat if fit.

Race 4

- 4** ENCRYPT – Edged by shipper when far ahead of remainder of field; finds cure for seconditis.
- 5** GO YOSHIDA – Closed well despite early trouble in Penn sprint; barn has them firing locally.
- 2** KEEPING THE FAITH – Crushed maidens in confidence booster when proving route prowess.
- 1** LIGHT MY WAY – Dueled long way after layoff when finishing well behind top pick; can improve.

Race 5

- 6** CHURNING BERNI – Closed gap in one turn mile at Laurel after arriving from Ky.; finally prevails.
- 2** BIG ERN MCCracken – Back against claimers and might prefer turf; races first time gelding.
- 3** BERMUDA TRIANGLE – Stopped after forcing pace but drops moving to Kulp barn as threat.
- 5** NO MOR STONES – Used up after sluggish start from rail in chute at Keeneland; prior try good.

Race 6

- 7** EAKE – Half-sister to terrific Final Shot faded in last but only prior effort excellent for hot barn.
- 1** EXCITER – Faded after half mile in debut but daughter of rapid sire Army Mule can progress.
- 6** POLAR MAGIC – Kin to stakes-winning Aoife's Magic failed to run to heavy backing in debut.
- 5** EXTRASEXYZQTEEPEYE – Possibility if disregard latest; most experienced member of field.

Race 7

2	SMOOTH MOTION – Prominent throughout when plunging in sprint; chance to shake loose.
7	EXCLUSIVE DANCER – Narrowly missed in big effort but drops again after idle nearly 3 months.
1	AUDEN – Brief rally behind heavily-favored winner when switching back to main track.
4	SIR CUPID – Hard used from tricky post and prior two outings stamp contender.

Race 8

4	HIGHER SENSE – Very game against big favorite in first main track try; distance in his favor.
1	QUAKER CITY – Pair of encouraging efforts sprinting and \$90,000 buy likely pacesetter inside.
7	WAVE RIDER – Shipper with strong wide rally here in debut and worked “bullet” since at Penn.
5	GREY BULL – Humbled by double-digit winning newcomer and testing stamina first time.

Race 9

7	TRUTHORCONSEQUENCE – Excellent speed with solid company in Midwest; can wire for Wyner
2	BOUTWELL TIME – Easily second best behind decisive winner in return this spot; figures close.
4	CELESTIAL SPEED – Claimed by high percentage barn at Presque Isle for \$25,000; blinkers on.
1	CASILDA – Lightly raced but very quick and competed at quality meets; ships from Belmont.

Race 10

7	BORRACHO – Nine-year-old with 20 victories with talent advantage; hard to like or dismiss drop.
3	GOLDEN CANDY – Yet another classy veteran plunges with 14 victories and \$641,827 in bank.
2	MAGICNTHEMOONLIGHT – Hard used dueling after layoff and speedy and determined in past.
9	COLD FEET – Turf specialist also effective on dirt and often very quick; also drops for top barn.