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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:** COULD BE A COUGAR (4<sup>th</sup>) – PACHELBEL (7<sup>th</sup>)

### Race 1

- 10** MAGICNTHEMOONLIGHT – Huge earner plunges in third race since layoff and suited by yardage
- 5** WARRIOR TED – Overcame early roughing in upset at Penn for Kulp barn clicking at 30%.
- 3** GIMMEDAMONEY – Quick veteran with moderate success here in past; faces early pressure.
- 6** POWER AGENDA – Contributes to lively pace with hampered by stamina woes; shorter distance.

### Race 2

- 2** BROWNEYEDVALENTINE – Overmatched in last after double-digit score against maidens.
- 11** FIFTY NINE FIFTY – Dueled to final furlong in longer test and rallied from off pace in past.
- 9** SAINT GRACE – Improved showing on wet surface returning to sprint; might continue progress.
- 1** CHAMPAGNE MISCHIEF – Battled throughout last and offers speed inside; barn heating up.

### Race 3

- 3** TESTED – Successful return to main track when defeating similar and claimed by Aristone.
- 1** ENCRYPT – Hard-earned score in latest after beaten by top pick previously; often runner-up.
- 4** CHRIS'S REVENGE – Humbled by smashing winner in sloppy sprint and testing stamina again.
- 7** BOYS OF SUMMER – Excuses in recent defeats and runs big race on occasion; upset shot.

### Race 4

- 4** COULD BE A COUGAR – Rapid mare weakened late with tougher and limited distance helps.
- 7** ET'S MOON MAIDEN – Far behind in classier company after decisive score in prior try.
- 2** AWESOME ANNMARIE – Absent nearly three months after losing rider; won this spot before.
- 5** ALYVIA'S GIRL – Sluggish in last after trouncing three-time winners previously; can't ignore.

### Race 5

- 9** A VOTRE SANTE – Fired all three local attempts including this spot; outside stalking trip.
- 2** OKIE DEN DEN – Disliked wet footing after series of good efforts on dry surfaces; fits well.
- 8** SOAR RICHARD – Crushed lesser in confidence booster after sharp try vs. top selection.
- 1** DEPOLI – Used up chasing runaway winner and closed gap prior outing; long losing streak.

### Race 6

- 6** TORPEDO RUN – Outran next-out winner for higher tag and aggressively spotted for repeat.
- 4** B D SAINTS – Defeated more numerous winners and likely drop in class at same claim tag.
- 11** FLUFF THE PILLOW – Battled throughout this spot and serious contender despite outside post.
- 10** SHOULDHAVEBEENGONE – Improved try as longshot but winless in 11 attempts this season.

### Race 7

<b>9</b>	<b>PACHELBEL</b> – Terrific stretch-runner ran down loose pacesetter; Moore claimed earlier for 100k.
<b>4</b>	<b>CONFIRMED STAR</b> – Excuses for last pair of losses and formidable on best; beat top pick once.
<b>6</b>	<b>JUMP A FOX</b> – Closer to pace than usual following hiatus; appears in peak form for Gallimore.
<b>5</b>	<b>OUR UPTOWN GIRL</b> – Good effort in solid company and hinting at progress as longshot.

### Race 8

<b>2</b>	<b>GAMETIME GLADIATOR</b> – Hard used early in tougher field and won after Arce claimed prior try.
<b>7</b>	<b>KHOPESH</b> – Never better and battled Ness winner this level after crushing lesser; hot rider up.
<b>10</b>	<b>UNCLE IRISH</b> – Walloped easier at Laurel boosting career mark to 9-for-38; post may be tricky.
<b>4</b>	<b>AMITY ROAD</b> – Outrun lately but takes significant drop and might regain closing kick this level.

### Race 9

<b>4</b>	<b>TOOTALOO KANGAROO</b> – Dominated rivals at Penn after hiatus and speedy mare loves to win.
<b>2</b>	<b>BEAUTIFULCRAZYGIRL</b> – Lightly raced but dueled to stretch in “open” company; threat on best
<b>7</b>	<b>DANCING ON MY OWN</b> – Soundly beaten by top pick on road trip but series of big tries before.
<b>6</b>	<b>GLOWS IN THE DARK</b> – Captured three of four attempts and overcame traffic woes locally.

### Race 10

<b>4</b>	<b>OMEY ISLAND</b> – Dueled and continued gamely proving he fits with this kind; wide-open event.
<b>11</b>	<b>P J’S SONG</b> – Good finishing kick elsewhere; contested pace and extra furlong proves helpful.
<b>1</b>	<b>BAD ADVICE</b> – Ran down two-time winners at square price and taking realistic next step.
<b>12</b>	<b>SEVEN ANNIVERSARY</b> – Fair effort at Penn and encouraging tries earlier; must put it together.