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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: BESTSUGARDADDEVER (8<sup>th</sup>) – MISSY SIXTYSIX (9<sup>th</sup>)**

### Race 1

- 2** ROCKET NIGHT – Signs of interest against similar and better post here to cure seconditis.
- 11** ROXTON – Faced tougher versions sprinting and testing stamina again; progress anticipated.
- 1** SON OF DELILAH – Soundly beaten on muddy footing when overmatched; easily beat maidens.
- 6** WAR COMMANDER – Advanced late when less than one length behind top pick in improved try.

### Race 2

- 2** CHELSEA WALL – Crushed easier when claimed again by Ness; retains Sanchez, likely repeater.
- 1** KAREN'S HONOR – Faded on turn then came again sprinting; stretching out again as threat.
- 7** UMBRAL – Drops notch with excellent form in local routes; possible pacesetter under pressure.
- 4** AMY MULE – Strong late rally when claimed fourth consecutive time; needs aid of pace set-up.

### Race 3

- 2** GUN IT – Sharp effort at Laurel after wiring this kind locally; 10-year-old with \$874,234 earned.
- 1** MIDLANER – Drops notch after failing twice on wet surfaces; boasts seven local victories.
- 4** GET SET – Overmatched in last and won prior try convincingly for Padilla-Preciado stable.
- 3** FORWARD MOVE – Improving Ness runner walloped cheaper last local attempt; must consider.

### Race 4

- 5** BIG Z OG – Lightly raced but big race on occasion and handles various surfaces; could upset.
- 2** IRON SHARPENS IRON – Narrowly missed when claimed for \$30,000 at top Keeneland meet.
- 6** HUGGY – Seeking third straight with realistic next step; speed to pose threat again for Reid.
- 3** SHADOW SURGE – Weakened dueling in longer test at Laurel after Aqueduct romp.

### Race 5

- 3** MORE THAN GRACE – Drops into claimer first time after chasing repeat winner; logically placed.
- 1** CANDOTTHIS – Led early when humbled by runaway winner in bulky field; back at amount paid.
- 6** NIT WITNESS – Speedy filly usually close but failed as favorite in five of seven attempts.
- 7** ACT OF FAITH – Disappointing try in last and best showing previously over muddy footing.

### Race 6

- 10** REAL BLUES – Drops notch after flashing ability going long and short; edge in wide-open event.
- 1** RAMIEL – Hard used dueling then finished behind top pick; speed along rail poses major threat.
- 9** TRUE CONNECTION – Decisive score vs. single-winners after voided claim in October.
- 8** EXCLUSIVE DANCER – Slow fuse and lacked rally with similar; contested pace would help.

### Race 7

<b>1</b>	<b>FAST BOB</b> – Veteran offered closing kick again in narrow loss and extra furlong might help.
<b>2</b>	<b>JAKE ROCKS</b> – Hard-hitter edged top pick and captured 4 of 6 last attempts; serious threat.
<b>3</b>	<b>THREE CAPTAINS</b> – Ended long losing streak after claim and steps up notch as contender.
<b>8</b>	<b>B B BAD</b> – Re-claimed by Pino for higher tag and dangerous this level at suitable yardage.

### Race 8

<b>6</b>	<b>BESTSUGARDADDYEVER</b> – Regained confidence trouncing solid rival and handles slight raise.
<b>1</b>	<b>PRINCE COLTON</b> – Speedy, versatile, and game gelding likely pacesetter along inside this level.
<b>7</b>	<b>MARGIN OF AIR</b> – Veteran drops seeking 14th career victory; returns to amount paid in August.
<b>3</b>	<b>HERMOSO HOMBRE</b> – Faced classier last pair and trio of victories recent months; late kick.

### Race 9

<b>3</b>	<b>MISSY SIXTYSIX</b> – Numerous chances this spot but often close and contested fractions a plus.
<b>2</b>	<b>PERIDOT PENDANT</b> – Hard used chasing rapid pacesetter and captured four straight earlier.
<b>1</b>	<b>BUTTER KISSES</b> – Won last pair with strong closing punch; merits attention tackling tougher.
<b>6</b>	<b>CAITLIN THE GREAT</b> – Stretch-runner fired all four outings including recent score vs. Pa.-breds.

### Race 10

<b>12</b>	<b>LINO AND ME</b> – Discovered ability in double-digit romp; repeats despite extreme outside post.
<b>10</b>	<b>MIKEY'S SONG</b> – Lacked solid bid after early roughing and upset chance stretching out again.
<b>8</b>	<b>GOT GAME</b> – Failed as huge favorite when claimed and trio of wide-margin scores earlier.
<b>11</b>	<b>TARIBA DREAM</b> – Mild rally in traffic when easily second best; must put it all together.