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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: AUGUSTINE RED (4<sup>th</sup>) – PRINCE COLTON (9<sup>th</sup>)

### Race 1

7	SMOOTH MOTION – Ran off early and used up setting rapid fractions; capable of wiring these.
1	KEVIN'S STRIKE – Vied long way before tiring this spot; won twice earlier prior to claim.
4	NOBLE GENTLEMAN – Hampered by early trouble when far back; Ness took for higher tag.
5	DARVESH – Edged by extreme longshot despite stumbling start; must put pair together.

### Race 2

5	LAUGH LIKE LUCY – Set pace this far in longer test; captured prior test at 22-1 for Tyler Servis.
4	GOLDEN DANCER – Won last pair going long and short at Penn for high percentage Kulp barn.
8	GIRL DYNAMITE – Failed as 3-5 chalk when claimed from this spot; adds to lively fractions.
1	VIROLOGIST – Absent since September and major gaps between starts; possibility if ready.

### Race 3

6	IMPERIAL SPY – Nosed at loftier level at Laurel and making key third outing since layoff.
2	IT'S AUTHENTIC – Less than two lengths behind top pick locally but making 15 <sup>th</sup> attempt.
9	WINNING SONG – Slow fuse but exits another wide advance; Solis barn with 55 wins last year.
8	BERMUDA TRIANGLE – Frequently close but numerous losses at short odds with similar.

### Race 4

2	AUGUSTINE RED – Solid effort in quality field sprinting; aggressive drop in stamina test.
5	ROB THE RICH – Wide in Laurel defeat after capturing 4 of 5 prior outings for Ness stable.
3	BOLD ENDEAVOR – Ten-year-old with over half million in earnings shown he fits with these.
7	YOUBETTERBEJOKING – Excellent form in Soto-Martinez barn; beat two next-out winners.

### Race 5

1	SAUCY MAN – Closed with rush after early trouble following claim; ample early targets.
4	SWEET WINNER – Humbled by smashing winner this spot and showed speed prior outings.
6	STAR MAN BOB – Faded badly twice since return and tries blinkers first time; can't dismiss.
10	FAST N SWEET – Finished behind top choice when returning to sprint; lone score at two turns.

### Race 6

1	PRINCESS KALAMOH – Battled throughout this spot after arriving from Kentucky; progresses.
3	PUT THE CRAZY AWAY – Finished just ahead of top pick but hampered by seconditis.
6	RINGER CARD – Edged away final furlong after prolonged duel when beating state-breds.
4	TELEPHONE LINE – Good effort against smashing winner when trying blinkers; upset chance.

### Race 7

8	TOJO'S MOJO – Hard-earned score with two-time winners when Pino took; likely repeater.
2	HEAT ALERT – Stablemate of top pick easily second best when claimed for \$16,000 last month.
3	ASMODEUS – Faced more numerous winners twice since changing barns; logical drop.
7	TRUE CONNECTION – Romped twice since voided claim in October; hot Padilla-Preciado barn.

### Race 8

2	BUTTER KISSES – Powerful stretch-runner won twice in December and appears well-spotted.
7	MISSY SIXTYSIX – Nine consecutive outings hitting board without winning; often bottom exacta.
6	SONADORA GIRL – Speedy and improving mare steps up but threat to shake loose again.
3	TIZ PURPLE – Sharp both New York attempts after \$40,000 claim at Keeneland in October.

### Race 9

4	PRINCE COLTON – Trounced capable field when able to control pace; similar effort sufficient.
3	SECURED LANDING – Good effort this spot after missing two months; outrun by top pick before
1	HAPPILY DELUSIONAL – Absent nearly four months after battling classy rivals last season.
7	UNCLE ARLYS – Led throughout all four attempts at Penn but likely tested first local try.

### Race 10

3	MAXIMUS MERIDIUS – Rapid gelding overcame slow start in decisive stakes score; \$644,430.
2	DROPLINE – Talented and versatile gelding no match for top choice here five weeks ago.
8	TWISTED RIDE – Victim of bad start at Laurel and all 11 victories achieved over this track.
4	BUCCHERINO – Among best local sprinters in recent years but hard to support off latest.

### Race 11

5	CLASSIC UNION – Good effort vs. repeat winner after re-claimed by Danny Velazquez barn.
15	BIRD KING – Nine-year-old seen better days and absent couple months but always threat.
16	RERALLY – Lightly raced but formidable at times and plunges after claim; must draw in.
8	MAJESTIC FRONTIER – Rallied behind rapid fractions then flattened out in first local attempt.