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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: NUMBERS GAME (3rd) – SAMS AFTER PARTY (7th)

Race 1

- 5** READY AS EVER – Brief trouble in turf route after long absence; faced tough maidens in past.
- 7** POINT BARROW – Finished first but disqualified after arriving from Turfway; up claiming scale.
- 3** VERY BAD GUY – Tends to weaken in final furlong but possibility with some progress.
- 1** BIG HAWK – Competed exclusively in synthetic routes; Solis barn won pair last Tuesday.

Race 2

- 3** BATTLE ANTHEM – Overmatched in last and pushed huge favorite in prior effort this level.
- 1** SERGEANT SINATRA – Advanced wide this yardage and racing into shape again after layoff.
- 5** DAVOLA – Frequent runner-up but numerous losses at short odds; ample early pressure.
- 2** KNOCKANARROW – Speedy gelding from high percentage stable hampered by stamina woes.

Race 3

- 5** NUMBERS GAME – Big effort against favored Laurel shipper from Ness barn in first local try.
- 3** BUFF GARY – Led to final stages then caught late in blanket finish; back against claimers.
- 6** VINO GRAY – Dull on road trip but gelded since and showed flashes of ability earlier.
- 2** IRISH MAMBA – Purchased last year for \$45,000 and shows couple encouraging works.

Race 4

- 6** CHUBASCO SAUCE – Aggressive drop after chasing runaway winner; should handle these.
- 4** ROCKET NIGHT – Hit board 16 times but lone victory from 30 attempts; hot “bug” aboard.
- 1** MUNYHUNGRY – Late traffic trouble when just half length behind; fired twice this level.
- 2** TIZ THE COAST – Possible pacesetter but tends to weaken and just one-for-32 career.

Race 5

- 1** LIGHT MY WAY – Speedy gelding keeps firing and strong runner-up this spot; lures Lopez.
- 2** CHRIS’S REVENGE – Crushed rivals in Ohio in confidence booster and good local record.
- 6** UNION EXPRESS – Just one length behind top pick in another sharp effort; serious contender.
- 3** KEVIN’S STRIKE – Overmatched in Aqueduct marathon; closer than odds predicted locally.

Race 6

- 4** MISTER LINCOLN – Re-claimed soon as possible by Ness and handled tougher rivals in past.
- 6** AHSAD – Remote third in quick race this level and ample success over years for Kirby barn.
- 1** FROMANOTHAMUTHA – Shelved after poor showing in 2025 finale; merits attention this spot.
- 3** COJELO PA TI – Very quick and determined but raced sparingly; one to catch after hiatus.

Race 7

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| 6 | SAMS AFTER PARTY – Nearly always gives his best; finished behind pair of favorites this spot. |
| 2 | CAP STEAK ROBBERY – Speedy gelding very game again in defeat; proven he fits with these. |
| 3 | HUGGY – Rebounded from poor mud outing with good try against formidable winner. |
| 7 | PLAY THE GRAY – Won and claimed from route in just second start of year; must adjust sprint. |

Race 8

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| 6 | GOLDEN EIB MICRPHN – Failed to give true measure in New York after outdueling local tigress. |
| 4 | TAVIN – Close after layoff despite slow start against frequent winner; often bottom of exacta. |
| 1 | MAGICAL TRICK – Walloped vastly softer company in sprint; often close in earlier routes. |
| 5 | SNAPPY RIDE – Late energy in sprint and stablemate of top choice in rare two-turn test. |

Race 9

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| 6 | DURATION – Perfect in trio of outings this season and tries route for Pino-Sanchez combo. |
| 1 | BOSS LOGIC – Narrowed gap after layoff and veteran with 15 victories figures close. |
| 4 | OTTER MISCHIEF – Rapid colt no match for smashing winner in mud but consistently fires. |
| 5 | HAPPILY DELUSIONAL – Ended long losing skid with 10-1 upset in slightly softer company. |

Race 10

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| 10 | GAME AND SMART – Prevailed twice since return in Ohio and plunges moving to Pino barn. |
| 12 | RUN MY CARD – Outrun this spot two weeks ago but romped previously with Hazlewood up. |
| 4 | PRAIRIE DUNES – Competed well behind decisive winner and ample targets for late kick. |
| 5 | COMPA – Lightly raced but wired single-winners after hiatus; contributes to lively pace. |