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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: WARRIOR'S RANSOM (3rd) – MAX CAPACITY (7th)

Race 1

- 5** MASTER OF NONE – Veteran re-claimed by Pino barn after strong effort and retains Lopez.
- 4** GET LIKE MIKE – Rallied very wide behind top pick; usually close but just 4-for-40 lifetime.
- 3** MELT WITH YOU – Latest discouraging when changing barns again; prior outing excellent.
- 1** BESTSUGARDADDYEVER – Proven he fits with this kind but often difficult to guess.

Race 2

- 3** PERSIAN – Improved effort when resisting challenges this level and distance; best necessary.
- 1** THE BEACH GOES ON – Perfect locally in two starts this yardage and taking logical next step.
- 2** RINGER CARD – Hard used chasing streaking winner again and Lupe Preciado barn firing.
- 5** TIZ PURPLE – Crushed lesser at Delaware but yet to gain local success; Ness-Sanchez combo.

Race 3

- 2** WARRIOR'S RANSOM – Humbled by smashing winner but powerful last to first rally previously.
- 1** MAD FOR MADDY – Sharp effort sprinting and tests stamina again; speed inside with Lopez.
- 6** SOCIAL LADY – Good record since Ness took at Laurel; closed big gap behind repeat winner.
- 5** JESS'S MOMENT – Ran into tigress when competing better than odds predicted; upset chance.

Race 4

- 3** WHOLELOTOFTROUBLE – Huge step forward when second to impressive winner last month.
- 7** COME OUT AND PLAY – Terrific sire Yaupon won 6 of 8 starts including Grade I Forego sprint.
- 5** IRISH MAMBA – Remote fourth after early trouble in route; signs of ability in prior sprint debut.
- 4** BROTHER ENERGY – Chased loose pacesetter in sloppy route when heavily-backed.

Race 5

- 5** JUST STEP ON IT – Rebounded from poor showing with upset score; faced classy foes in past.
- 3** IFEELUCKY TONITE – Hard-hitter edged by top pick when Pino took; main threat with Lopez.
- 6** EL CORDOBES – Survived pressure to defeat slightly lesser; won last two local attempts.
- 1** WHO'S THE KING – Speedy gelding not much elsewhere but does his best locally; fits well.

Race 6

- 5** EMPIRE SKY – Absentee with strong closing kick romped only local attempt in September.
- 4** FINE DIAMOND – Swung wide and surged to front after in tight near top of stretch in last.
- 1** CAJUN VENOM – Poor showing in comeback but showed promise last season in Florida.
- 2** SMOKIN HOLIDAY – Sidelined since October but working quickly and shown talent in past.

Race 7

1	MAX CAPACITY – Road warrior quick and stakes-placed in past; well-spotted first local outing.
5	STREET PARTY – Distant third in solid field and \$50,000 claim at Keeneland; progress likely.
3	SNOOKIE BEAR – Prepped on turf after layoff and showed main track ability at Laurel.
2	FREEDOM'S ECHO – Led under pressure and retreated behind smashing winner in return.

Race 8

3	YULETIDE GALLOP – Hard to like or ignore plunge after just missing in April; ends losing skid.
5	LIBERTY DE BAYEUX – Seeks third straight and aggressive drop; often close locally but 0-for-7.
2	COJELO PA TI – Lightly raced but very quick and back in Pino barn where he achieved success.
7	LIBERTY STAR – Terrific 8-year-old determined capturing 15 th victory; up notch after Vega claim.