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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: NANCY MADE MY DAY (3rd) – BOOTLEG RUNNER (4th)

Race 1

- 4** CENTAUR CENTRAL – Hampered by early trouble in last; drop, stretches out and progresses.
- 2** BRENTWOOD – Dueled to late stages in wet sprint and contributes to contested fractions.
- 1** LIKE TYSON – Wired slightly easier field two weeks ago and remains eligible as 3-year-old.
- 6** AWOL – Failed as odds-on favorite behind third pick in first local appearance; might improve.

Race 2

- 6** BOSS LIKE BETH – Capable in past and stretching out again; Padilla stable excelling with claims
- 2** MORE RANSOM – Lost rider in last and game mare nearly always fires; fired twice this spot.
- 1** CENTER STAGE – Veteran taken turns against second pick and hit board in 25 of 44 attempts.
- 5** MISS INTERPATATION – Captured three of last four elsewhere and Simone barn been firing.

Race 3

- 4** NANCY MADE MY DAY – Bargain claim by Vega barn won decisively last week against similar.
- 5** MAGICNTHEMOONLIGHT – Speedy veteran faced classy rivals in past and ran into tiger in last.
- 2** DIAMOND HEIST – Usually gives his best and successful in front or from off pace with these.
- 6** MIDLANER – Trounced cheaper in slop last week when Perez claimed; huge career earnings.

Race 4

- 2** BOOTLEG RUNNER – Dominated rivals in slop when taking plunge; repeats with similar effort.
- 3** STORMBREAKER – Likely to pressure top choice and drops again; shorter yardage seems plus.
- 9** WE MISS NEIL – No threat to top pick in last but continued well for place; lone win from 30 tries.
- 5** VIX – Retreated when taken for this amount; faced better in past and can't dismiss yet.

Race 5

- 5** DONNELLY'S HOLLOW – Overmatched when Abrams barn re-claimed but romped previously.
- 6** SHEER DOMINANCE – Slow fuse but overran top pick earlier and should be flying late again.
- 2** RILEY'S ROCKSTAR – Faltered when taking plunge and back in Lake barn; difficult to guess.
- 7** WHAT IT TIZ – Set clear pace then shook off rival in stretch to win last; logical next step.

Race 6

- 4** MY FIRST LOVE – New Yorker on losing streak but chance to regain confidence this level.
- 8** SONADORA GIRL – Used up early in tougher company two weeks ago; boasts 6-for-16 locally.
- 3** TAKE TIME TO DREAM – Faded this spot after claim but makes presence felt early again.
- 9** SOCIETY BALL – Better in past but drops notch adjusting to sprint; upset possibility.

Race 7

1	DOWNTOWNCHALYBROWN – Hard used dueling eventual winner in slop; romped on dry track.
7	ORTHO STAR – Astute claim by Betancourt barn crushed solid claimers and fits well again.
2	KERNESS K – Amazing gelding won seven straight including hard-earned scores in last three.
6	GRAHMALAMAMADINGDONG – Encouraging tries on wet surfaces but also adept on fast track.

Race 8

6	MISKITA – Gulfstream invader with stamina issues on synthetic but faces soft opposition.
2	BULMA – Battled huge favorite this far when easily second best in longer test; 14 th attempt.
4	FROSTY FOR EVER – Trailed in local bow but takes plunge and hinted at ability in Kentucky.
9	REGAL RULES – Poor showing after arriving from Tampa; drops for high percentage Pino barn.