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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: SLASH ALLEY (6th) – POSSUM (7th)

Race 1

- 4** OLYMPIC DREAMER – Hard used chasing experienced winner when heavily-backed in debut.
- 1** SIX OF SPADES – Sire captured five of six starts including four graded stakes and \$1.2 million.
- 3** SKINNY CAPTAIN – By successful veteran sire Weigelia with couple encouraging workouts.
- 2** TURNING TO GOLD – Munnings gets many quick runners and \$50,000 buy merits attention.

Race 2

- 3** LADY SRIRACHA – Rallied despite very poor start this spot when making just second start 2026.
- 4** MADDIE'S GARDEN – Prominent throughout route when easily second best; King barn claimed
- 5** NEIGHBELLINE – Distant third to smashing drop-down winner this level; retains leading rider.
- 1** SHERUNSTHISTOWN – Far behind on wet surface and prior loss on turf; fast track might help.

Race 3

- 5** MISSOURI RIVER – Failed to offer true measure on sloppy footing after defeating solid group.
- 4** BEST BET – Battled to final furlong for higher tag and could prove difficult to catch this spot.
- 2** NIXON JOY – Very slow fuse but often shows strong closing punch; needs aid of pace set-up.
- 3** CELESTIAL MOON – Sidelined over year but sufficient ability; must respect all Ness runners.

Race 4

- 5** ANITA GLASSOFWINE – Bid then weakened late in route and also fired in prior sprint this spot.
- 6** TIZA SMOKESHOW – Chased runaway winner when runner-up in compact field after claim.
- 8** DIAMOND KANE – Fair showing behind repeat winner in debut at Delaware; progress likely.
- 2** WARRIOR BUNNY ZEE – Hard used pursuing decisive winner when claimed by hot Vega barn.

Race 5

- 7** SCHUBERT SONATA – Sire half-brother to Into Mischief and this colt kin to capable runner.
- 1** KENTUCKY FREEDOM – By Charlatan which won four of five attempts and over \$4 million.
- 6** THIRD BITE – Dam related to numerous huge earners and sire twice won Breeder's Cup Mile.
- 5** INFUSED – By excellent sire Omaha Beach which won four graded stakes; leading Ness stable.

Race 6

- 5** SLASH ALLEY – Making progress and led too final yards when caught by odds-on favorite.
- 6** PUNCH AND JUDY – Easily second best to repeat winner and avoids claiming tag this time.
- 7** BREE RITT – Sire was juvenile champion in 2018; dam won only once but regally-bred.
- 2** MAJESTIC RAIN – Shipper been route racing in softer company; must adjust to sprint local bow.

Race 7

3	POSSUM – Powerful wide rally in just second race after hiatus; Lupe Preciado barn been sizzling
7	PLAY THE GRAY – Narrowly missed in last and keeps firing at various distances; key threat.
4	STINGER BEE – Appeared certain winner but caught late in good effort; extra sixteenth mile.
8	KING DEIVYS – Closed gap with similar after Padilla-Preciado took; just one victory two years.

Race 8

9	XIMENA – Crushed field of maidens in best yet and likely repeater with logical next step.
8	CRIMSON RED – Road warrior often close but remote third in compact Penn field; lures Lopez.
7	INSTANT VISION – Prominent to mid-stretch and battled better prior outings; fits with these.
6	SAINT GRACE – Back home on main track and could be picking off rivals with Haddock up.