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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: COURAGEOUS FERGIE (2<sup>nd</sup>) – DEWEY DOIT (7<sup>th</sup>)**

### Race 1

- 2** BECK'S DREAMER – Excuses in recent losses elsewhere; back sprinting with soft opposition.
- 4** MATZOBALL MUHAMMET – Second best behind runaway winner last week; making 14<sup>th</sup> try.
- 9** GENTLEMAN DON – Possibility if disregard latest; Hawthorne barn prevailed last Thursday.
- 7** ROGUE PRINCE – Finished behind pair Above and racing into shape again after layoff.

### Race 2

- 1** COURAGEOUS FERGIE – Set pressured pace when easily second best to favored winner.
- 2** SPASTIC BID – Absent over four months since Turfway claim; decisive upset in December.
- 4** HONORISIA – Wired compact group at Penn but defeated by top pick here in April.
- 3** RANTING AND RAVING – Chased smashing winner in last but needs to put pair together.

### Race 3

- 1** ANGEL OF HOPE – Speedy filly used up dueling this spot and overcomes early challengers.
- 4** PROBABLE ANGLE – Romped at Laurel and usually gets close; Chuan keeps winning locally.
- 5** CHAMPAGNE MISCHIEF – Dueled then weakened behind top pick after claim; gives her best.
- 2** LAUGH LIKE LUCY – Wired two-time winners in slop and takes logical next step for Solis barn.

### Race 4

- 1** SLIM SLOW SLIDER – Unruly delaying start then runner-up to huge favorite in Churchill finale.
- 4** TALENTED MAN – Overmatched on Laurel turf but adept on dirt and re-claimed by Moore barn.
- 3** LASSO – Hard-hitter keeps firing in solid company and likely contested pace to his advantage.
- 2** CHRIS'S REVENGE – Capable and versatile gelding back in sprint and big race on occasion.

### Race 5

- 1** WORLD WIDE WEB – Humbled by runaway winner when easily second best in slop; edged prior.
- 3** BUFF GARY – Speedy gelding drops but hampered by stamina woes; faces early pressure again.
- 2** VERY BAD GUY – Trailed tougher group but very quick and back where he belongs.
- 5** MYBANDIT – Flashes of ability but raced sparingly and makes just second start of season.

### Race 6

- 6** BOYS OF SUMMER – Capable in past and deserves edge if throw out latest; can end losing skid.
- 2** LIBERTY RUNNER – Advanced late against more multiple winners and should be gaining late.
- 4** DESERT AIRE – Dueled long way in sprint and shown route ability earlier; adds to lively pace.
- 3** DEPORTIVO – Beaten favorite in Jersey but won prior outing; merits attention with Lopez.

### Race 7

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| <b>1</b> | DEWEY DOIT – Good effort after Ness claim at Delaware and making key third start since layoff. |
| <b>6</b> | SHETALKSTOMUCH – Rallied behind streaking winner as 2-5 chalk; Pino claim major threat.        |
| <b>5</b> | MEZCALIFORNIA – Faded when overmatched in New York and won prior outing from off pace.         |
| <b>2</b> | MILDOON – Rallied well late at Penn when outrun by stablemate; excellent here last season.     |

### Race 8

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| <b>5</b> | ANGIE'S REWARD – Decisive score two weeks ago when claimed; repeats with logical next step      |
| <b>1</b> | MIDNIGHT FLIGHT – Used up after poor start in route and upset good field after claim previously |
| <b>3</b> | LEGAL LIGHTNING – Sharp effort in slightly softer field; overcame bad stumble earlier score.    |
| <b>4</b> | ALYVIA MAVIS – Rallied despite slow start when closer than odds predicted; just one-for-32.     |

### Race 9

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| <b>5</b> | MARTY'S MAGIC – Speedy gelding dominated rivals when claimed fourth consecutive outing.   |
| <b>6</b> | BALANTYNE – Keeps firing and shorter time between races; recent conqueror won again.      |
| <b>8</b> | PRAETORIAN GUARD – Lacked rally with wide trip but trounced three-time winners prior try. |
| <b>4</b> | TRUE CONNECTION – Regained confidence trouncing easier group; stable clicking at 26%.     |