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ANALYSIS

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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: ONISHENKO (5th) – NIKKI'S CHARM (9th)

Race 1

- 6** DOPPIO ESPRESSO – Defeated five rivals at Saratoga despite early excuse; drops, winning barn
- 3** MISKITA – Speedy and improving filly wired maidens; logical next step Irving Rodriguez barn.
- 7** MISS TIFEYE – Nearly caught loose pacesetter in mud; shorter time between races seems plus.
- 5** TAP AND A HUG – Usually fires for leading stable at Penn; just missed when easily second best.

Race 2

- 9** SHOW EM UP – Hard used early in first outing in 9 months; Freddy Velazquez barn on a roll.
- 2** INNER EXCELLENCE – Chased huge favorite in route when Lake took; should be gaining late.
- 7** BULMA – Battled to final yards in good route effort; often hits board but had 16 attempts.
- 6** PUNCH AND JUDY – Back against claimers and merits attention but case of seconditis.

Race 3

- 1** SOUTH STREET SALLY – Heavily backed but weakened twice at Delaware; stabled, trains here.
- 6** GINSTER - Remote fourth behind smashing winner and drops; hasn't matched nice pedigree.
- 2** SHE'S GOT MOXIE – Sire won 2022 Saudi Derby with earnings over million; Montoya barn firing.
- 3** FOOLED YA – Newcomer from John Servis barn offers few clues in works: \$30,000 auction buy.

Race 4

- 2** BRIGHT KOHANA – Battled throughout in narrow loss after hiatus; back after two weeks.
- 6** MENDED WE STAND – Long losing skid but softest opposition in ages; fits well this spot.
- 7** SHE'S A GEM – Weakened twice since return but drops again for 26% Carlos Guerrero barn.
- 1** COCOA'S VIVIAN – Trailed bulky field when claimed by high percentage stable; speed inside.

Race 5

- 10** ONISHENKO – Survived pressure in decisive maiden score; chased unbeaten foe previously.
- 5** WE MISS NEIL – Early zip and proven he fits with this kind; often forms bottom of exacta.
- 9** BASIN BAY – Step forward when dropping in mud and began career with ample promise.
- 2** TIZ THE COAST – Disregard last and flashes of interest at various distances; upset chance.

Race 6

- 6** DOCSGOTALLTHECANDY – Encouraging tries in better fields going short and long recently.
- 3** VINO DOMINUS – Decisive score as heavy favorite and obvious danger with logical next step.
- 5** TALL COTTON – Stopped abruptly at Delaware after wiring single winners in prior outing.
- 4** THE TIRE MAN – Set clear pace then faded again and most recent success in sloppy sprint.

Race 7

3	POWER AGENDA – Veteran lightly raced but quick and capable enough to handle these if ready.
2	SOPHIA'S PRINCE – Fair showing after sluggish break in muddy return; likely to progress.
6	AMUSING MISCHIEF – Keeps firing at Penn and remains eligible after winning with \$4,000 tag.
8	DOT'S DOLLAR – Plunges after eventful trip in Saratoga outing; gelded since and moves to Pino

Race 8

4	GINGERSAYSCHILL – Drew away eagerly in July and takes realistic next step with Lopez.
1	COURAGEOUS FERGIE – Led throughout with slightly lesser after outrun by top selection.
6	AMERICAN SELECT – Chased runaway winner at Delaware after idle two months; back home.
3	DALE – Soundly beaten on road trips after chasing tigress locally; three wins this season.

Race 9

1	NIKKI'S CHARM – Narrowly missed in game effort after romping in only prior two attempts.
5	CAJUN VENOM – Lacked room on turn when runner-up to Ness winner; third race since return.
8	FIELDING – Edged when easily second taking plunge and claimed; prior outing discouraging.
6	WHISPER ROAR – Speedy gelding lost on foul at Penn after claimed for \$25,000 previously.

Race 10

6	PASTERO – Exploded past single-winners and capable of repeat with renewed confidence.
5	Z STORM IS COMING – Back on main track where he fired after hiatus for Miguel Rodriguez.
8	VIX – Weakened late in mud after dominating score on fast track in longer event.
7	J CODY – Far behind last few after capturing initial two attempts; can't dismiss yet this level.