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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: RUBY RUBY (1st) – SPASTIC BID (9th)

Race 1

- 4** RUBY RUBY – Back home taking significant drop and romped twice elsewhere around two turns.
- 8** GRUENE HALL – Overmatched in last but whipped foes previously; Carlos Guerrero barn on roll.
- 2** ASTRID – Walloped seemingly softer version; remains eligible and threat as three-year-old.
- 5** DAKOTA CAM – Switches turf to dirt and defeated compact group on dirt in Jersey.

Race 2

- 7** HEY PORTER – Veteran winless chasing tougher this year but hits bottom after changing barns.
- 2** CHELONIAN – Lightly raced and classy in past but absent couple months after faces pressure.
- 6** GREAT ESCAPE – Idle since June and cost \$20,000 earlier; blinkers back on as contender.
- 3** CUT THE CORD – Difficult to support off last but Ness stable 29% off claim; can't dismiss.

Race 3

- 1** GOOD SAL – Chased vastly better twice since arriving from Kentucky; faces soft opposition.
- 6** CARCHAROTH – Set pace and retreated and on long losing skid; often forms bottom of exacta.
- 4** VINO GRAY – Rallied last to first to beat maidens at Monmouth in 13th attempt; logical next step.
- 5** EASTER BLESSING – Recent claim likely to force pace but hampered by stamina woes.

Race 4

- 1** LITERARY – Hard to like or ignore plunge after trailing; blinkers back on for hot Padilla-Preciado.
- 4** SISTER SUPREAM – Faded from tricky post after claim and chance to rebound against this kind.
- 2** WAITWAITDONTTELLME – Remote third in small field but fired this spot in June and July.
- 3** TOMARIE – Ten-year-old mare with 15 victories and \$490,774 in bank seen better days.

Race 5

- 1** GUN RIGHT – Boasts good record and re-claimed soon as possible by leading Penn stable.
- 3** VANCE SCHOLARS – Just lasted in blanket finish at Delaware and threat with logical next step.
- 4** WARRIOR WAYNE – Dueled long way for higher tag when Montoya claimed; won with Sanchez.
- 6** FROMANOTHAMUTHA – Overmatched in last but bulk of success elsewhere; sheds 10 pounds.

Race 6

- 9** GOLDEN PHILLY – Battled throughout in narrow score to end loss streak; runner-up won next.
- 4** SOCIETY BALL – Rebounded from poor showing to prevail in softer field; realistic next step.
- 5** PROBLEMATICA – Just lasted with long lead at Monmouth for new barn; adds to lively pace.
- 10** BLOODY COLORS WAVE – Runner-up taking drop after voided claim for vastly higher amount.

Race 7

9	FRANKIE COFFEECAKE – Competed well when avoided claim and lures Lopez as one to beat.
5	MOR CHEESE PLEASE – Primed for this distance showing good speed in routes; 11th attempt.
2	LIDO SHUFFLE – Humbled by impressive winner and drops into claimer first time with hot “bug”
10	TONGUE TIED – Victim of wide trip this spot when claimed and draws extreme outside post.

Race 8

8	PSALMIST – Not much in July but offered closing kick in past and takes realistic drop.
7	TIMS – Second to heavy favorite this spot in first local try; lone victory at Penn compact field.
6	CURLY’S AGENDA – Moderate success at DelMar and posted upset earlier at Santa Anita.
2	QUETZAL ISLAND – Chased pair of runaway winners as longshot going long and short.

Race 9

10	SPASTIC BID – Outrun by tougher company both local tries; post could prove biggest obstacle
7	RANTING AND RAVING – Good effort behind heavily-favored winner; often faced better before.
5	SAINT GRACE – Some late energy sprinting and should be prepared for additional yardage.
2	BLAME EVE – Edged away after long duel with bottom maidens; Pino claim fits nicely.