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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: TELEPHONE LINE (2nd) – EAGLES CRY (5th)

Race 1

- 3** PEAK OF CHIC – Veteran mare re-claimed by Moore barn where she achieved success in past.
- 7** TAKE TIME TO DREAM – Led under pressure and continued well; drops within same claim tag.
- 5** SHE'S A GEM – Used up dueling solid version this level and Carlos Guerrero barn on a roll.
- 4** GOLDEN DANCER – Hit board in eight of 11 outings but absent over three months on drop.

Race 2

- 4** TELEPHONE LINE – Trounced rivals in slop after Pino claim when adding blinkers; can repeat.
- 2** MOOR STRENGTH – Nearly always fires and takes logical next step after DeMasi claim.
- 1** NEVER SWAY – Used up early when overmatched in bulky field; proven she fits this level.
- 6** VANAKA – Wired two-time winners when claimed; drops in tag while stepping up in class.

Race 3

- 4** TRAFFIC MASTER – Bit erratic but difficult trip with tougher after claim; prior try encouraging.
- 2** I FEELUCKY TONITE – Hard to like or ignore plunge after soundly beaten again; \$16,000 buy.
- 3** FROMANOTHAMUTHA – Forced pace long way before fading; sharp this spot previous outing.
- 5** ATROCIOUS – Wide move then faltered with similar; upset winner earlier on wet surface.

Race 4

- 3** DOPPIO ESPRESSO – Wore down next-out winner when Pino took; takes logical next step.
- 2** SEVEN P R C – Humbled by runaway winner in August but flashes of interest earlier.
- 6** NO MO MUFFINS – Bid then faded in slop and keeps light package again; stamina woes.
- 5** SWEET DISTRACTION – Eliminated at start in latest and good on occasion; upset possibility.

Race 5

- 1** EAGLES CRY – Long losing streak in tough company and Ness claim finds ideal spot to recover.
- 6** NUEDORF – Broke through gate prior to start when Pino took; speedy winner of 11 races.
- 3** GET SET – Wide behind smashing winner when Padilla-Preciado re-claimed; capable at age nine.
- 4** TRUST FUND – Roughed early at Delaware after competing on New York circuit; late kick.

Race 6

- 8** ELUSIVE TARGET – Aggressive drop after chasing eventual winner just nine days ago.
- 1** PRAETORIAN GUARD – Lacked closing kick this spot for new barn but romped in prior outing.
- 2** UNION LIGHTS – Good effort against repeat winner after chasing second pick previously.
- 5** FAST BOB – Veteran with 12 local victories not much last pair but late punch on best.

Race 7

4	MON CHER AMOUR – Surged late when runner-up to heavy favorite; favorable pace set-up.
8	AVATUDE – Used up after slow start when overmatched again; flashes of ability in past.
6	TIPTOP – Speedy filly often hits board but finished behind top pick and stablemate.
5	TIZA SMOKESHOW – Quick filly making progress but failed with clear stretch lead Delaware.

Race 8

5	TONGUE TIED – Overcame traffic woes in decisive score after claim; ample early targets a plus.
3	IF I CAN DREAM – Series of frustrating losses with excuses; often forms bottom of exacta.
2	HIGHWAY PATROL – Gained maiden victory in 15 th attempt and threat with realistic next step.
7	VERY BAD GUY – Shook loose before weakening and faces early pressure.

Race 9

4	NO EASY DAYS – Classy veteran hard used in mud after pair of excellent tries previously.
2	CHARBONNAY – Overmatched in last after decisive score in local bow following hiatus.
3	COACH BENNETT – Improving gelding edged away from bulky field and dangerous again.
6	PARTY AT SAM'S – Led to final yards at Laurel in just second start of year; often close.

Race 10

3	AD MAJORA – Difficult to like or ignore plunge after crushing maidens on wet footing in July.
6	HEPHEPCUTDOWNNETS – Set pace and continued well this spot after claim; fits nicely.
10	NO MOR STONES – Prominent throughout as odds-on favorite; post may be main obstacle.
7	CENTAUR CENTRAL – Fair earlier but last couple discouraging and winless in 14 tries this year.