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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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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026 – FIRST POST 12:40 P.M.- BREEDERS CUP DAY

Best Bets: BRIGHT KOHANA (3rd) – PERIDOT PENDANT (9th)

### Race 1

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| 4 | **INTROUBLEAGAIN – Pino claimed from tougher spot and just missed previously; can be rated.** |
| 3 | **JOHNNY BAY GOODE – Edged away from maidens at Delaware for higher tag in ninth attempt.** |
| 2 | **MAJOR WEIGELIA – Very quick when claimed again and stamina woes persist; shorter yardage.** |
| 8 | **PEACH SMOOTHIE – Close against softer in Penn slop but less success locally; brief factor.** |

### Race 2

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| 4 | **LAW OF LORY – Unlucky when failing to run to backing; Ky. runners excelling, moves to Ness.** |
| 7 | **CATCH ME A CATCH – Good effort again despite sluggish start and fired twice for Linder barn.** |
| 3 | **LUCKY LU LU – Signs of interest in each outing for hot Vega barn; finished behind second pick.** |
| 6 | **ANCIENT – Distant third this spot but flattered when conqueror repeated on Tuesday.** |

### Race 3

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| 1 | **BRIGHT KOHANA – Veteran crushed lesser when Miguel Rodriguez re-claimed soon as possible** |
| 5 | **POPOVER GAL – Game mare lost lead then came again this spot; fired in five straight.** |
| 6 | **TARA'S TALENT – Ten-year-old humbled by top choice after hiatus; over half million earnings.** |
| 4 | **SOCIETY BALL – Cruised past slightly easier again and takes logical next step as possibility.** |

### Race 4

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| 2 | **HIGHWAY PATROL – Seeks third straight for hot ownership and appears well-spotted again.** |
| 1 | **STINGER BEE – Rediscovered ability on muddy footing; threat and stablemate of top pick.** |
| 5 | **POSSUM – Closer than odds predicted in softer company; often close but 8 race losing skid.** |
| 4 | **ACCELERATED DATING – Rallied with lesser rivals when Abrams barn took back; idle 2 months** |

### Race 5

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| 8 | **UPTOWN ART – Prominent to final furlong with similar; outside stalking trip to her advantage.** |
| 5 | **STANDISH – Overmatched in Delaware finale and edged maidens in 36-1 surprise previously.** |
| 4 | **LUV QUEEN E – Very quick and drops again but stamina issues persist; likely shakes loose.** |
| 3 | **NATURES FURY – Crushed maidens on Jersey turf but limited success over main track.** |

### Race 6

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| 1 | **YOU DON'T GRAB ME – Late energy after brief early trouble in debut; improvement anticipated.** |
| 4 | **MUSIC INTO GOLD – Just ahead of top choice after racing greenly; benefits from experience.** |
| 7 | **SASSY MISS – Easily second best behind 8-5 winner as longshot when dropping to this spot.** |
| 8 | **FLAMENCA – Chased runaway winner in Delaware route and only prior loss on turf.** |

| Race 7 | |
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| 2 | CAJUN REWARD – Anticipated better but ran into tiger in latest; encouraging debut showing. |
| 1 | ASSOCIATED – Used up after early trouble following Padilla-Preciado claim; can do better. |
| 6 | EASY PICK – Forced pace then faltered in local bow and second finisher won here Wednesday. |
| 3 | WARRIOR'S MISSION – Case of seconditis at Presque Isle during 13 defeats but merits attention |
| **Race 8** | |
| 5 | DANCING ON MY OWN – Winless this season but takes realistic drop and puts it all together. |
| 2 | ANTONACCI GIRL - Versatile filly keep firing and figures close this spot for Ness-Silvera duo. |
| 4 | TIZ PURPLE – Latest disappointing but speed to pose threat in rare test of stamina. |
| 6 | I CAN RUN – Prompted pace, faded then re-bid in odd journey; won pair decisively in summer. |
| **Race 9** | |
| 4 | PERIDOT PENDANT – Hard used dueling odds-on favorite in Penn slop; game mare 13-for-27. |
| 2 | PERUGIA – Excellent speed before tiring in route and set up nicely for elongated sprint. |
| 1 | SHEZA BERNARDINI – Overmatched at Belmont after upsetting top pick locally following claim. |
| 6 | QUALIFIED HIRE – Ran down softer company shipping from Penn for successful McClellan barn |
| **Race 12 KEENELAND - THE $7,000,000 BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC** | |
| 2 | SOVEREIGNTY – Powerful rally in Whitney romp and perfect this distance; favorable pace set-up |
| 5 | FOREVER YOUNG – Amazing road warrior with $32 million in bankroll; excellent form in U.S. |
| 3 | GOLDEN TEMPO – Consistent stretch-runner often closer than odds suggest; upset possibility. |
| 7 | KNIGHTSBRIDGE – Exits pair of romps in California and Jersey; 8 victories by wide margins. |