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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: SHE'S JUSTIFIED (7<sup>th</sup>) – WOULDJA COULDJA (8<sup>th</sup>)

#### Race 1

- 2** AWESOME FORCE – New York shipper drops and stretches out and likely to control fractions.
- 7** TEXAS AIR FORCE – Gained late in sprint and close earlier in Gulfstream route; soft company.
- 9** JOSH – Failed to run to debut backing on wet surface; extra yardage and experience helps.
- 8** MARINE PATROL – Possibility if disregard latest; upset chance despite 15<sup>th</sup> attempt.

#### Race 2

- 5** KERNESS – Difficult to like or ignore plunge after idle two months; speedy and leading barn.
- 3** OLYMPIC ROMP – Frequently claimed and runs big race on occasion; last couple discouraging.
- 7** ZAP MOTION – Weakened at short odds in mud but fired three prior outings since layoff.
- 2** MUCHO MACHO EDDIE – Eight-year-old woke up as longshot in mud; merits attention.

#### Race 3

- 6** SUNNY SIDE UP – Dueled throughout this level in longer test; benefits from recent activity.
- 2** SWANS ISLAND – Retreated as favorite when claimed again; fast track and blinkers can aid.
- 8** EMILY'S ON FIRE – Absent several months but holds ability advantage; dangerous if ready.
- 7** ANGEL OF HARLEM – Used up early when humbled by smashing Ness stable opponent.

#### Race 4

- 3** FAST PAYDAY – Advanced behind tougher version this spot and middle move in prior defeat.
- 5** YES POINT – Faded after dueling when claimed at Turfway but Midwest shippers excelling here.
- 1** DANCE A DINI – Drops notch after remote fourth to runaway winner; possibility this level.
- 7** RENEGADE SERENADE – Hampered by stamina issues but smashing winner in September.

#### Race 5

- 4** FENWICK JACK – Powerful rally despite another slow start; sufficient early targets for late kick.
- 2** CLANCY O'TOOLE – Walloped single-winners taking plunge and claimed; aggressive next step.
- 7** DARVESH – Late energy sprinting in return and back after one week stretching out again.
- 8** HEY RIVER – Weakened under pressure after arriving from Florida; likely capable of better.

#### Race 6

- 7** WIZARD SERRAT – Roughed early then rallied behind repeat winner; back around two turns.
- 1** THIRSTY PAPPY – Soundly beaten last pair but plunges as threat for high percentage stable.
- 5** NOTABLE BOB – Gained behind heavy favorite in sprint and rare attempt at this distance.
- 4** HIDDEN PROMISE – Rebounded on fast surface sprinting and better suited this yardage.

**Race 7**

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| <b>4</b>  | SHE'S JUSTIFIED – Hard used dueling heavy favorite in improved try; dam earned 200k for Lake. |
| <b>5</b>  | ADDIEADDIEBOBADDIE – Encouraging effort in sloppy debut; kin to Bartlett and Pachelbel.       |
| <b>12</b> | GINGERSAYSCHILL – Strong rally in October debut at Penn National; lures Sanchez as threat.    |
| <b>8</b>  | QUEEN KHALEESI – Progressed over wet surface when just ahead of top choice; must consider.    |

**Race 8**

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| <b>10</b> | WOULDJA COULDJA – Battled pair of talented newcomers at Aqueduct; powerful local debut.     |
| <b>9</b>  | DADOO – Slow fuse but advanced behind heavy favorite again; stakes-placed at Penn National. |
| <b>5</b>  | CAPTAIN WHINER – Half-sister to terrific Ninetyprcentmaddie sharp despite eventful trips.   |
| <b>8</b>  | SPUNDERELLA – Big effort after arriving from \$50,000 Kentucky claim; obvious contender.    |

**Race 9**

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| <b>2</b> | HARRIGAN – Powerful move in decisive debut score despite steady early; \$130,000 purchase.   |
| <b>6</b> | LET'SMAKEITADDOUBLE – Blocked on turn then pulled away impressively when clear in bow.       |
| <b>1</b> | ALCHEMISM – Less than two lengths behind in stake after double-digit romp in maiden victory. |
| <b>5</b> | ANALOG JONES – Far behind on road trips but back home where he romped at this distance.      |

**Race 10**

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| <b>5</b>  | NEIGH DUDE – Veteran with ample heart and ability; absent seven weeks since voided claim.     |
| <b>1</b>  | AWESOME FOR SURE – Narrowly missed after changing barns again; conqueror ran big again.       |
| <b>4</b>  | JEBOLOGIST – Exits solid effort and frequently hits board; faces severe early pressure again. |
| <b>10</b> | HARLEY'S CHARLY – Bit difficult to guess but knows how to win; from 21% Soto-Martinez barn.   |

Race 4 Yn Tiro de Gracia 8 Letsjustsay 6 Sweetdisire

Race 2 5 Bonita Wagon 3 Jesses Flys 4 L Bar D Darlyn

## Race 3

7 SHARP ATTITUDE was sent off at 6-1 in her return try so either she needed that race or that was a good field for the level....or a bit of both. This mare broke her maiden here and then beat first time winners here so we know she is talented. She draws best today and drops into state-breds all while protected from a claim. 6 UNRIVALED QUEEN has some speed but there is other zip in here. A stalking trip would work better and this mare has done that before. New barn is 30% off the claim. A recent work can only help. 1 SAVONA can sit a nice trip. She loves this dirt at 6-2-2-1. Current form is solid and she has run well from the rail before.

## Race 4

2 UNCHARTED exits a key race where 3 of 5 returned to win with figs of 70, 78, and 69. This gelding might trip out best and draws well with this inside post. This barn is 27% turf to dirt and that should help with this surface switch. 3 RUN BRYCE RUN is feeling good for team Diodoro and for many that will be enough. He draws fine and just got a Beyer top. He tries the dirt for the first time and that is the X factor. This barn is 23% going turf to dirt. 8 BERT'S PROSPECT tried the dirt for the first time in his most recent and ran a solid 3rd beaten only a length. Those restricted foes from SoCal fit with these. Can this guy fire off a layoff though?

## Race 5

5 LUPITA goes third off the layoff and adds distance. We think she might be better going two turns. She tried much better the only two times that she tried a mile. That 38 Beyer from five back hints at route ability. The blinkers go ON and this filly showed speed going long before. This barn is 2 for 4 adding blinkers and 16% with all of their routers. 8 LOOKOUT PASS will get there one of these days and has hit the board in five of thirteen starts. Her even running style going short bodes well for the stretch-out. Second out for this barn can only help. 3 SHEZA HIGH CLIMBER tries two turns for the first time and goes for a barn that is 33% going sprint to route. She draws fine and has tactical speed to help the trip.

### Race 6

3 A LOT OF VERVE gets good race flow if all stay in. He draws fine and has won on this dirt before. He won the last time he tried this distance and that was two back with a Beyer top. This guy got a decent Beyer on the sod last out but he is better going short on the dirt. Too bad we won't get that 15-1 morning line. 6 PAT'S PADDOCK PICK is one of two main speeds in here. Class drop is big and this horse goes second out for new barn. That 73 Beyer from two back towers over this field but that was with an early breather something that is no guarantee today. 4 DON JUAN BUBBA is the other speed. This guy draws inside main pace foe. This gelding gets in light and cuts back to the dirt. The last time this guy saw claimers he won for fun four back at Prairie Meadows. PEDAL TO THE METAL exits a key race where 2 of 5 returned to win with figs of 73 and 59.

### Race 7

1 MERINO WOOL got a 58 Beyer when last seen on this dirt going this distance all while winning easily at 2-1. These are no better foes that those. This mare tried tougher on the sod one and three back. That effort two back was better and at this level yet on the green. Older horses often need a few races to get back into the swing of things and now this 9YO puts four races together. Winless barn helps the price and we like this rail draw. 10 BADGER KITTEN is another that goes from turf to dirt and we have seen a lot of horses doing that today. That must mean it is time for the annual turf maintenance where they close the course for a bit. The leading barn calls the shots and is 22% turf to dirt. 8 TEAM CONCEPT tried this dirt for the first time previously and ran a solid second as the chalk. New barn is 18% off the claim.

### Race 8

1 PRIME EXAMPLE gets in light and draws the rail all in a race without much pace. Wire please. 10 DAZZLING TRUTHS is feeling good and goes for a barn that is 20% on the dirt, 21% in sprints, and 22% with their claimers. He cuts back a full furlong and gets no pace help. 7 SKY CLOUD has tactical speed and if for some reason our top pick doesn't find the front end then maybe this guy does. He likes it here and ends up in a new barn that is 3 for 4 off the claim.

# Miami Valley ( Post 4:00 )



1. 1-3-9

2. 5-9-6

3. 4-5-2

4. 4-2-5

6. 1-7-2

7. 5-1-4-6

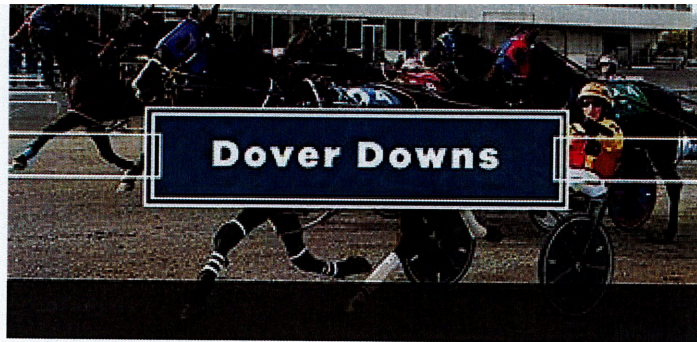
8. 2-4-5

9. 3-7-9

10. 5-1-7

11. 1-2-4-8

**Best Bet Race 6 # 1 Hi Ho Silver**



## DOVER DOWNS ( 4:30)

1. 1-3-6
2. 2-7-4
3. 5-1-2
4. 1-2-5
5. 7-5-9
  
6. 7-4-1
7. 7-1-4
8. 4-1-2-7
9. 1-8-6
10. 7-6-1-5
11. 7-5-4
12. 8-1-6
13. 8-2-4

**Best Bets : Race 2 # 7 Major Key.**

**Race 10 # 7 Benjamin Hanover**



## Western Fair Raceway Post – 5:50

### SUGAR'S SELECTIONS –

#### Race 1

2 REGIL BUBB looking tough to go against **\*\* Best Bet \*\***

3 PARTY IT UP one to consider with these

5 RUREDYFORAGOODTIME a top 3 player

#### Race 2

4 THUMANN will look for the repeat here

3 LETJIMITAKEOVER nice victory in latest

2 STICKEMINLETHIMGO to be best of rest

#### Race 3

5 AXEL BOVINO off a big effort last week

2 TEA TODDLER DOT one to think about

4 ASHERS BASHER is a top 3 possibility

#### Race 4

4 MARC IT UP making his Raceway debut

3 NUMISMATIST a likely player with these

1 MAKOTA expect more this time around

Race 5

4 LITTLE MANNY he can top this HI5 play

3 CENTURY INSPECTOR off a solid third

8 ONTOP RAINMAN nice finish last week

Race 6

6 MACH IT MINE place her on top again

2 KIELYN the inside post may help here

4 WALKING SEASIDE is one to consider

Race 7

4 MAX SHADOW a gutsy effort last time

1 DANCELIKE EHSKIPPR Exactor factor

6 SOUTHWIND CIRCUIT off a brief rest

Race 8

6 IT TAKES TWO dipping in class for this

2 CHEDDAR BAY just missed last week

8 OHARE HANOVER one to think about

Race 9

5 BEACH TOUR just jogged in his latest

6 DRINKIN BUDDY he's always a threat

1 SPORTSLINE improved post this week

Race 10

1 HOMEY JOE a solid showing last time

2 AZUCAR JACK likely player with these

5 DALHOUSIE is a sharp closer; beware