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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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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 – FIRST POST 12:40 P.M.

Best Bets: DELICATE (5th) – COBBLE ROAD (9th)

Race 1

- 5** CRAIGH NA DUN – Overmatched in last and brutal trip this level in prior outing; makes 17th try.
- 1** WEEK'S STRONG – Distant fourth in tougher version this spot and fired two previous starts.
- 2** REDOUBTABLERIPKEN – Retreated with wide trip in latest and claimed by sizzling Pino barn.
- 7** KERNER – Faded behind longshot winner after dueling; making key third race since layoff.

Race 2

- 3** POGI – Difficult to like or ignore drop after competing well in Jersey-bred stake; handles these.
- 2** JUSTINSPEIGHTOFIT – Battled streaking winner at Monmouth and local success in past.
- 7** WE READY – Closed well in narrow loss this spot and used up dueling in prior attempt.
- 4** SIR MI TOLEE – Cost more than twice this amount two starts back; voided claim before layoff.

Race 3

- 2** SIMPLY DISREGARDED – Gained after early roughing on turf and crushed maidens locally.
- 1** MAX FORWARD SPEED – Keeps firing and returns to level of July claim; figures close.
- 4** CARNABY – Better than odds suggest at loftier level and trio prior tries encouraging.
- 5** PROBATIONER – Disappointed in compact field but five-time winner eligible as 3-year-old.

Race 4

- 7** CANTARO – Significant drop after competing in tough field; third outing since hiatus.
- 2** PRACTICAL COACH – Decisive score this level when claimed; 12-time winner keeps Sanchez.
- 5** JEBOLOGIST – Sharp in “key” race at Monmouth after Pino claim and six local victories.
- 3** GO EAST – Good effort behind second pick and also from Pino stable; upset Delaware rivals.

Race 5

- 5** DELICATE – Hard used setting pace in classier company and Mosco stable has them firing.
- 6** RINGER CARD – Raced sparingly but game effort this spot when losing via disqualification.
- 7** LEILAUNI SUE – Edged with similar when making first start in two months; obvious contender.
- 8** BUTTER KISSES – Trounced maidens in local bow and flattered when runner-up won next out.

Race 6

- 6** TARIBA DREAM – Overmatched in last and prior defeat on turf; realistic drop with closing kick.
- 2** YOU KNOW ME – Yet another taking steep drop and upset winner last month; stretching out.
- 5** RAGTAP GIRL – Set pace and continued well this level sprinting; romped in Monmouth route.
- 4** MIKEY'S SONG – Competed only once since May but capable in past and removing blinkers.

Race 7

1	GET SET – Veteran stretch-runner closed with rush and pair of scores in June; ample targets.
6	FINAL SHOT – Ten-year-old dueled and battled to finish this spot; long career in Preciado barn.
8	MAGICNTHEMOONLIGHT – Formidable on best but sidelined since March; comes out flying.
5	GUAPONESS – Anticipated more last time but nearly overcame troubled trip this spot before.

Race 8

10	AMEDEUS MUSIC – Strong closing kick then idle since July after Ness re-claim; prevails if ready
7	ALWAYS GAMBLING – Upset slightly easier after Wyner claimed and takes logical next step.
1	RIVALRY – Lasted against lesser and claimed by Lake; draws inside again and faces pressure.
4	PRINCE COLTON – Set pace and continued gamely this spot on muddy footing; likely duel.

Race 9

1	COBBLE ROAD – Led to final stages in tougher field and crushed rivals in prior outing.
4	CRYPT – Advanced nicely after hiatus for new connections; sufficient early targets.
9	FORWARD MOVE – Responded well taking plunge at Laurel; possibility for leading stable.
2	MYSTIC LUTE – Speedy and determined in recent months; edged two-time winners recently.



Thistledown (12:50)

FIRST RACE

- 9 Wetzel**
- 7 Prosecutor**
- 1 May Mayhem**
- 2 Corner Office**

SECOND RACE

- 1 Watch Me Daddy**
- 7 Mon Minou**
- 6 My Daniela**

THIRD RACE

- 6 Perfect Angel**
- 4 Jac's Cocoabella**
- 5 Holly's Hobby**

FOURTH RACE

- 3 Powerful Phil**
- 5 Venture On**
- 2 Henry the Cat**

FIFTH RACE

- 5 Dr. Zarnett**
- 3 Cleveland Power**
- 6 Indian Fever**

SIXTH RACE

- 1 Ollie's Folly**
- 5 Momma K's Boy**
- 3 Red Chili Pepper**

SEVENTH RACE

- 1 Charleston**
- 5 Pensacola**
- 3 Knicks Glory**

EIGHTH RACE 6 Sweet Music 6-2-4



BELTERRA PARK (12:35)

1st

3	Proud Words	Lebron V	121	7-5
6	Melly's Birkin	Bealmear J C	121	2-1
1	Willful Rose	Figueroa S	121	4-1

SECOND RACE

5	Lonie Mo	Villarreal O	123	5-2
7	Leisurewear	Aragon R	123	3-1
1	Market of Stocks	Lagunes G	125	4-1

THIRD RACE

3	Ides of Demarch	Sosa L	121	9-5
1	Classic Tiramisu	Lebron V	121	2-1
4	A Better World	Figueroa S	121	7-2

FOURTH RACE

6	Shure	Ouzts P W	121	2-1
4	Southern Bullet	Doyle S	121	3-1
1	Warring Thunder	Pauly S	120	7-2

FIFTH RACE

2	Major Wager	Mojica R Jr	123	5-2
5	Cane Creek Road	Castillo A	123	3-1
6	Illini	Villarreal O	123	9-2
7	English Tide	Bocachica O	123	5-1

SIXTH RACE

1	Shriner	Rocco J S Jr	119	2-1
7	One Fast Middie	Lebron V	123	3-1
5	Mister Rosso	Aragon R	119	4-1

SEVENTH RACE

7	Sonho de Verao	Villarreal O	123	2-1
8	Every Loving Wish	Ouzts P W	123	3-1
3	Sally Bali	Hernandez J N	123	9-2
1	Stealthespotlight	Castillo A	123	5-1

EIGHTH RACE

9	Loris Still Curlin	11 I Stand Collected	4 Beto's Birdie
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LAKE'S LUCKY PICKS

FINGER LAKES RACETRACK SELECTIONS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

(1:00)

Lake's Lucky Picks uses years in the business and a horse sense to regularly track runners, see trends, and watch each race — providing you with greater insight!

RACE	#	HORSE	COMMENT		
1	5	AVA'S UNCLE BILLY	STAYS SHORT AFTER CUTBACK VICTORY		
	1	SOLO'S FURY	STEPS UP OFF CLAIM BUT IS A PLAYER		
	2	BILLY AT THE GATE	HAS NEVER MISSED THE BOARD		
2	4	TURNUPTHEMUSIC	SLIGHT EDGE IN WIDE OPEN ROUTE		
	2	ROSHIELL MY BELLE	HAS BEEN CLOSE AGAINST SIMILAR		
	1	HAPPY TIME	CAN TRIP OUT FROM RAIL AND MAKE NUMBER		
3	1	THE SHOE LADY	EXITS MUCH TOUGHER RACES		
	3	KAZ MUSIC	ADDS RED HOT PILOT WHO RECENTLY RETURNED		
	5	FOLLOW YOUR ARROW	GETS TESTED AFTER BEATING EASIER		
4	6	ALMENDRO	APPEARS TO HAVE A TACTICAL EDGE		
	7	EMERALD FOREST	CLEARLY KNOCKING AT THE DOOR		
	2	OLD MAN WINTER	THE WARHORSE HAD GOOD LOOKING SCORE		
5	5	WEDONTBELIEVEHER	HAS FACED BETTER IN THE PAST		
	8	ISLE STORM	CAN BEAT THESE FOES WITH BETTER TACTICS		
	3	GRINGOTTS	NOT BEST DISTANCE BUT SOFTER FIELD		
6	3	DOROTHY'S HAPPINESS	HAD SUCH A PROMISING START TO HIS CAREER		
	1	FLOWING RIVER	INSIDE SPEED OF RACE HAS TO BE CONSIDERED		
	5	AMERICA'S JUSTICE	WANTS LONGER DISTANCE BUT CAN BE FACTOR		
7	4	GOOD AS HE GETS	LOGICAL PLAYER OFF RECENT FORM		
	6	TAP IT EASY	DROPS DOWN AFTER POOR EFFORT		
	8	SKELLIG ISLAND	NOT OUT OF IT BUT NEEDS RACING LUCK TO WIN		
8	2	WHEN YOUR STRANGE	PENN INVADER FITS NICELY IN THIS SPOT		
	7	QUEENS CAT	OUT OF CONDITION BUT RAN 2ND TO TOP FILLY		
	9	PLAY GOOD PAY GOOD	CAN'T BE DISMISSED AFTER GOOD LOCAL DEBUT		
9	2	FIVE TO TWO	TAKES FINALE AFTER JUST MISSING LAST TIME		
	3	ACE UP HER SLEEVE	SWITCHES TO DIRT AND HAS FACED RICHER		
	9	AWESOME ROBERTA	CAN BE CLOSER AT REDUCED LEVEL		
RACE	#	PLAY OF THE DAY	RACE	#	BIG SPLASH – NICE PRICE!
7	4	GOOD AS HE GETS	2	1	HAPPY TIME

The selections are purely recommendations and success is not a guarantee.

Track conditions, scratches, and other factors can affect the way the selections would be made.

Bet with your head, not over it.



Tuesday September 30 2025

Race 1 – 2-7-3

Race 2 – 2-1-5

Race 3 – 2-1-5

Race 4 – 1-3-8

Race 5 – 3-8-6

Race 6 – 1-4-5

Race 7 – 2-1-4

Race 8 – 1-3-5

Race 9 -5-1-4

Race 10 – 1-8-4

Race 11 – 5-2-3

Race 12 – 3-2-7

Race 13 – 8-3-2

Race 14 – 1-2-3



INDIANA GRAND (2:10)

FIRST RACE

6	Decatur Street	De La Cruz F	124	9-5
4	Ground Shaker	Doyle S	120	5-2
3	Bazarro	Gutierrez J R	113	7-2

SECOND RACE

5	Suncroft	Ramos J D	122	7-5
6	Sweet Fantasy	De La Cruz F	119	5-2
4	Gold Sweep	Bermudez S E	122	4-1

THIRD RACE

4	Inclined	Murrill M	122	8-5
3	Kneedeepjustice	Ramos J D	122	5-2
1	Showdown Justice	De La Cruz F	122	9-2

FOURTH RACE

9	Solevo	Asmussen E
12	Phenomenal Dream	Gutierrez J R
8	Penei	Graham J
5	Timbos Tangler	Landeros C

FIFTH RACE

4	Starspangledimage	Gutierrez J R
3	Count the Cash	Leahey H
5	More Than a Dream	Romero J M
9	Mister Ezra	Roman E A

SIXTH RACE

3	G G Darling	Pedroza M Jr
1	Divine Celina	Asmussen E
2	Ami's Garnet	De La Cruz F
6	Beara Peninsula	Rodriguez W A

SEVENTH RACE

8	Ta Ta Today Junior	Ulloa A P
4	Winthorn	Murrill M
5	My Lunar Charm	Gutierrez J R
2	Not That Sleepy	Prescott R

EIGHTH RACE	11	Sweet Heat	11-12-3-5
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NINTH RACE	4	Streakin Little Jess	4-12-1-5
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TENTH RACE	2	Cruisindownthebeach	2-5-4-10-12
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Assiniboia Downs (8:30)

Race 1 Rolling Double/.20 Pick 3/.20 Superfecta/.20 Triactor/Exactor

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey	M/L	Comments
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6	Pino Bambino	Rachad Knights	7/2	Rallies for the win.
1	Lemon Twist	Damario Bynoe	7/5	The one to catch.
2	Noiwontbackdown	Neville Stephenson	6/1	Can grab a share.

AT THE WIRE: 6 - 1 - 2 Horse to watch: 5 Tempting Prospect

Race 2 Rolling Double/.20 Pick 3/.20 Superfecta/.20 Triactor/Exactor

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey	M/L	Comments
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4	Dazzling Gold	Damario Bynoe	8/5	Solid choice in here.
6	Russian Pearl	Lenny A Seecharan	9/2	Toss out her last race.
1	Tavaline	Neville Stephenson	2/1	Big win in last one.

AT THE WIRE: 4 - 6 - 1 Horse to watch: 5 Miss Z

Race 3 Double/.20 Jackpot Pick 5/.20 Pick 3/.20 Superfecta/.20 Triactor/Exactor

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey	M/L	Comments
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2	Marking Broadway	Shavon Townsend	3/1	Call in a tight finish.
1	Mighty Mikee	Shavon Belle	7/5	The one to beat.
6	Omaha Warrior	Antonio Whitehall	15/1	Chance at a price.

AT THE WIRE: 2 - 1 - 6 Horse to watch: 4 We can only imagine

Race 4 Double/\$1 Pick 4 (\$50K Guar) /.20 Pick 3/.20 Super/.20 Triactor/Exactor

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey	M/L	Comments
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3	In Form	Antonio Whitehall	Even	Like his chances.
6	It was this big	Sheldon Chickeness	6/1	On a winning streak.
7	Wrong Direction	Rachad Knights	5/2	Can take it all. 3-6-7-5

Race 5 Rolling Double/.20 Pick 3/.20 Superfecta/.20 Triactor/Exactor

Conditions: Claiming \$4,000 for Three Year Olds & Up 7 Furlongs

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey	M/L	Comments
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5	Shamayim	Damario Bynoe	2/1	Can repeat his latest.
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3	Far Beyond	Ronald Ali	8/1	In good form now.
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4	McEwen	Antonio Whitehall	5/1	Can pose a problem.
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AT THE WIRE: 5 - 3 - 4 Horse to watch: 2 Majestic Craken

Race 6 Rolling Double / \$1 Classic Hi-5/.20 Superfecta/.20 Triactor/Exactor

Conditions: Allowance Optional Claiming \$12,500 for Fillies & Mares Three Years Old & Up 7 Furlongs

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey	M/L	Comments
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6	Marvelous Lady	Antonio Whitehall	Even	Call on the class drop.
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4	Bound for Heaven	Neville Stephenson	3/1	Rates next in line.
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1	Zibibbo	Javaniel R Patterson	20/1	Longshot with a chance.
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AT THE WIRE: 6 - 4 - 1 Horse to watch: 7 Mineral Rights

Race 7 \$1 Classic Hi-5/.20 Superfecta/.20 Triactor/Exactor

Conditions: Claiming \$5,000 for Fillies & Mares Three Years Old & Up 7 Furlongs

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey	M/L	Comments
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7	Twolefttoload	Damario Bynoe	Even	Looks like a solid pick.
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8	Amplify	Sven Balroop	12/1	Chance at a price.
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4	Mary Who	Javaniel R Patterson	3/1	Would be no surprise.
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AT THE WIRE: 7 - 8 - 4 Horse to watch: 3 Flintlock