



# Craig Donnelly's

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Craig has been involved in horse racing for 40 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.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017

**Best Bets: SAINT MAIN EVENT (6<sup>th</sup>)-- WIND SPIRIT (8<sup>th</sup>)**

#### Race 1

- 4** RUMOR MILL– Significant progress in second start and four runners from that event have prevailed since.
- 3** FERDINANDTHEMOUSE– Decent showing following long absence as longshot; fitter now and should improve.
- 1** HOWYAFORMONEY– Idle several months but flashes of ability in Maryland and first time entered with tag.
- 7** B C F'S OUTRAGEOUS– Tries two turns and possibility if disregard latest; factor early with slower fractions.

#### Race 2

- 1A** MISS LAUREN ANN– Confidence booster crushing easier and changed hands again; shorter time between starts.
- 2** COCHITA RICH– Winner of third of lifetime outings and offered strong closing kick two races ago; barn been hot.
- 6** FANCY MALKA– Very wide from tricky post in route and Penalozza stable faring well with claims; capable in past.
- 8** NATALIE LA ROSE– Sidelined since taken in October and obvious ability edge; major danger if ready.

#### Race 3

- 3** SOURCESANDMETHODS– Bargain claim posted determined score in last and appears well-spotted again.
- 4** NORTH OCEAN– Terrific 20 for 43 career mark and narrowly missed against solid opposition at Laurel.
- 5** BROADWAY BAY– Passed rivals in “open” company in sprint and seven victories last season primarily for Zulueta.
- 2** CINCO Y CINCO– Signs of life when closer than anticipated lately and stretching out again; major upset in September.

#### Race 4

- 9** HEATHERLY– Drew away nicely after Vazquez claim and realistic next step with possible benefit of extra furlong.
- 8** CONGAREE ROSE– Chased repeat winner in latest and overmatched in prior outing; closing punch expected.
- 5** BETTER THAN RUBIES– Vied then weakened slightly in another determined effort when claimed; fits nicely.
- 1** ROSIE'S NOTION– Faded very wide in quicker company and prior two attempts stamp contender; give second look.

**Race 5**

<b>9</b>	<b>MIRKAMURKA</b> – Appeared sharper earlier but logical drop returning to where she trains; should fire this level.
<b>8</b>	<b>HARLANS BELLE</b> – Strong rally to prevail after Serey re-claimed and dangerous again with similar showing.
<b>7</b>	<b>SEEKING SHAMROCKS</b> – Ducked out at start as part of favored coupling and claimed again as threat.
<b>3</b>	<b>DISTINCT DIVA</b> – Decisive score with softer opposition but proven she can handle this kind in past.

**Race 6**

<b>6</b>	<b>SAINT MAIN EVENT</b> – Stumbled at start when splitting pair of favorites and appears set to handle two turns.
<b>5</b>	<b>BELLA LOU</b> – Just failed to last in another big effort this distance and returns with six days rest as threat.
<b>7</b>	<b>JAZZY JAVA</b> – Set early fractions before tiring with similar but closing style in sprints; must put it all together.
<b>8</b>	<b>BEST MOM EVER</b> – Proved route ability at Penn National and making steady progress; logical next step.

**Race 7**

<b>1</b>	<b>BIG LOUIE D</b> – Used up during initial half mile at Aqueduct and bulk of success locally; could wire from inside.
<b>2</b>	<b>RED RAZZO</b> – Formidable when in mood and primarily router but ample ability and late punch if ready.
<b>7</b>	<b>GIN MAKES YA SIN</b> – Set pressured fractions and continued gamely in solid field; speed from outside for Lake.
<b>4</b>	<b>ANYTIME ANYPLACE</b> – Signs of talent at major meets and deserves attention but raced very sparingly.

**Race 8**

<b>1</b>	<b>WIND SPIRIT</b> – Battled throughout when just missing and fired when fresh in past; capable of wiring from inside.
<b>9</b>	<b>TIZ MAGIC MICK</b> – Flashes of interest in seven defeats and drops to bottom level; Pennington back aboard.
<b>10</b>	<b>SEARCH FOR JAZZ</b> – Improved try behind heavy favorite in 21 <sup>st</sup> attempt; soundly beaten by top choice earlier.
<b>5</b>	<b>TWO STEPPIN</b> – Hard used early at loftier level and could sneak into superfecta for bottom maiden tag.