



# 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.

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**Best Bets: TURN TO INCLUDE (2<sup>nd</sup>)-- LONG MAY YOU RUN (6<sup>th</sup>)**

### Race 1

- 2** MOON RIVER BABY– Easily second best behind Gulfstream invader and humbled by capable newcomer in prior try.
- 6** BLUE BIRDS FLY– Used up dueling after missing seven weeks and faced better in past; Servis barn keeps rolling.
- 7** RHYTHM AND MOVES– Ensures contested fractions but stamina woes persist; needs to shake loose.
- 5** SECJECTORY– Outran top choice earlier but difficult to support off latest when far behind throughout.

### Race 2

- 6** TURN TO INCLUDE– Rallied behind multiple winners at Keeneland and moves to Zulueta barn; actual drop for this.
- 3** SUNSHINE WILD– Forced pace wide and retreated with sprinters and plunges below amount paid in March.
- 5** OK NOW– Made up ground in blanket finish with rail trip six days ago; changed hands and yardage suits.
- 1** BIRDIE BARRAGE– Trailed against routers and drops again seeking response; likely slow fuse this distance.

### Race 3

- 1** ILGETHEPARTYSTARTD– Improving stretch-runner showed liking for wet surface this yardage in tougher version.
- 6** RODEO DRIVE DIVA– Passed rivals behind top choice and offering consistent late run; lone score from 24 attempts.
- 5** ICONA– Runner-up in Santa Anita finale and Wong stable heating up; back against single-winners.
- 3** CHESSEN– Dueled and continued well in last but faded behind top pair in prior outing; likely prefers fast track.

### Race 4

- 2** GHOSTCATCHER– Very wide advance after roughed early in return; progress anticipated at square price.
- 1** COMPLACENT– Disappointing try with brief trouble as heavy favorite and drops again; speed along inside.
- 7** CURLIN CRUSH– Hard-earned victory with single-winners and marching through conditions for top stable.
- 5** CHILHAM COURT– Signs of life lately as longshot and battled more numerous winners in muddy sprint.

**Race 5**

<b>5</b>	<b>SHAUNNA ALEXANDRA</b> – Brutal trip this level in mud and romped earlier in comeback; edge with clear sailing.
<b>1</b>	<b>ATLANTIS ROMANCE</b> – Crushed softer group in best yet and tackles next rung on allowance ladder as threat.
<b>2</b>	<b>TO THE FLAG</b> – Dominating score at Penn National and shorter break between starts this time; dangerous again.
<b>6</b>	<b>RANGER LADY</b> – Finished behind top pick despite better trip but successful this season here and in New York.

**Race 6**

<b>3</b>	<b>LONG MAY YOU RUN</b> – Bargain claim exits another impressive romp and keeps streak intact with similar opposition.
<b>6</b>	<b>BECAUSE HE CAN</b> – Tremendous heart with 10 victories from 21 starts; no match for top selection in latest.
<b>4</b>	<b>RUNS FOR LUCK</b> – Pa.-bred seeks third straight and also success in open company; hit board 24 of 33 outings.
<b>1</b>	<b>STAND AND SALUTE</b> – Closer than expected in solid field but steps up and further progress necessary.

**Race 7**

<b>8</b>	<b>MOE TROUBLE</b> – Rallied then weakened when overmatched in stake but prior two races encouraging; finds ideal spot.
<b>10</b>	<b>GRAVES ISLAND</b> – Good effort when DeMasi claimed for \$20,000; on losing streak but fits nicely stretching out.
<b>6</b>	<b>SO KITTEN</b> – Rallied in blanket finish at Oaklawn then idle over two months; possibility moving to Guerrero barn.
<b>5</b>	<b>YEAH ROCKY</b> – Very quick and probable pacesetter in rare route attempt; capable but question of stamina.

**Race 8**

<b>8</b>	<b>SUPER LIGHT</b> – Nice effort behind runaway repeat winner after layoff and Curry stable has them firing; can progress.
<b>1</b>	<b>CUADRANTE</b> – Half-brother to Smarty Jones used up dueling eventual winner in sprint; leads inside with softer fractions.
<b>3</b>	<b>CAPTAIN CARCHY</b> – Encouraging try from tricky post but fouled rival in stretch; fits with similar showing.
<b>7</b>	<b>WENDY WEND</b> – Bothered retreating on final turn and takes plunge; threat this level despite pace pressure.