



# CRAIG DONNELLY'S ANALYSIS @parxracing

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Best Bets: MISS RAUCUS (5<sup>th</sup>) – NEVER TILL NOW (8<sup>th</sup>)

## Race 1

- 4** FERRARI KID – Failed in prior route attempts but could control pace in race void of other speed.
- 1** YES POINT – Claimed from three consecutive outings and often hits board with closing kick.
- 6** THIRD WATCH – Narrowed gap sprinting and 24-1 upset earlier but yet to excel in routes.
- 2** DARVESH – Possibility if disregard last when roughed early, better form last season.

## Race 2

- 1** YOU'RE FOREVER – Pursued winner throughout in solid try after Gallimore took; inside speed.
- 5** SISTER EVE – Competed better than odds predicted when close to top pick; prior losses routes.
- 8** TREASURE PEACE – Dueled to final furlong with similar but hampered by stamina issues.
- 6** INDINI – Wired maidens at Penn after long absence; fired in all three outings as threat.

## Race 3

- 2** WICKED CLOUD – Poor showing in better company after overcoming early trouble vs. maidens.
- 1** CALLIE RAE – Good effort from extreme outside post when easily second best; moves inside.
- 7** SPANISH GIRL – Improved despite early bumping and often hits board but just 1-for-24.
- 5** JAYCE AND LIAM – Hampered by stumbling start and shoe repair prior to Penn setback.

## Race 4

- 5** CHIQUITA MOSCA – Difficult to like or ignore plunge after voided claim but Pino barn sizzling.
- 4** NAMORA – Victim of poor start in last after crushing two-time winners previously for Ness.
- 1** JOB'S NOT FINISHED – Led under pressure before fading this spot; won twice during winter.
- 3** DOROTHY'S THE BOSS – Advanced behind heavy favorite but needs to put pair together.

## Race 5

- 3** MISS RAUCUS – Remote third when dropping in good field; conqueror stepped up and repeated.
- 6** GIANT'S AUDIBLE- Drops for new management after racing for higher tags against N.Y.-breds.
- 4** BAD GIRL BETTY LOU- By son of top sire Into Mischief with some encouraging Fair Hill works.
- 5** KIWI'S GOTYOURBACK – Recent stallion Pat On the Back showing early promise; soft company

## Race 6

- 3** LIL SALLY – Making progress and third behind newcomer and next-out winner this level.
- 8** IMPERIO AZTECA – Came up empty as 7-5 chalk when claimed for \$25,000; retains Sanchez.
- 7** FIFTY NINE FIFTY – Step forward adding Lasix at Penn and likely gaining late if ready.
- 2** JUSTCALLMETWOSHOOES - Upset chance if throw out latest; close up at 31-1 in prior outing.

### Race 7

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| <b>5</b> | MAJESTIC LION – Failed to show true measure in slop and stretch-runner takes logical drop. |
| <b>3</b> | TOP OF THE STREET – Puts blinkers back on after claimed for more than twice this amount.   |
| <b>7</b> | IMAGINIZED – Strong bid to front then caught late Ness winner; might continue progress.    |
| <b>2</b> | HEY RIVER – Ample speed and third outing since hiatus; earlier success in Florida.         |

### Race 8

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| <b>7</b> | NEVER TIILL NOW – Brutal trip at Colonial when blocked and steadied repeatedly after layoff. |
| <b>4</b> | BYRDE OF WAR – Retreated in talented company and prior try encouraging; stable doing well.   |
| <b>2</b> | DONNELLY'S HOLLOW – Half-brother to rapid Pure Lure and talented Brilliant Chase; top barn.  |
| <b>1</b> | SIR ROB ROY – Improved effort in last and avoids claim tag this time; making fifth attempt.  |

### Race 9

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| <b>7</b>  | ET'S MOON MAIDEN – Big effort when easily second best this spot; gains rare victory with Paco. |
| <b>5</b>  | COCOA'S VIVIAN – Speedy mare racing into shape again and shorter distance in her favor.        |
| <b>3</b>  | PACHELBEL – Game and versatile mare humbled by smashing winner again; offers late punch.       |
| <b>10</b> | VALIANT MAJESTY – Walloped easier when taken by hot Arce barn; shorter time between races.     |

### Race 10

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| <b>8</b> | ALMOND CIDER – Continued gamely after constant pressure again and might wire from outside.       |
| <b>9</b> | HIDDEN PROMISE – Fired again with this kind and 8-year-old with 10 victories, quarter million.   |
| <b>4</b> | PARDSY – Dueled then moved clear to late stages after hiatus; likely fitter now as major threat. |
| <b>5</b> | SIR CUPID – Prominent to stretch after layoff for new connections; chance with further progress. |