



Craig Donnelly's

ANALY\$I\$

@parxracing



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.

Sponsored and Distributed by the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horseman's Association

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2019—SMARTY JONES DAY- FIRST POST 12:25 P.M.

Best Bets: ABIDING STAR (5th)-- FASHION FAUX PAS (9th)

Race 1

1A	EBO SPECIAL – Battled experienced rival when easily second best in debut facing state-bred company.
2	ETANA – By excellent sire Super Saver with encouraging Jersey works; Breen stable been sizzling.
7	MARY'S SONG – Rapid sire won six of eight starts including Woodward at Saratoga; may be quick one.
4	TALE OF PERFECT LA – Sire was early developer capturing graded stake as juvenile; high percentage Rice barn.

Race 2

2	NEVA'S GAL – Failed at short odds on road trip after very impressive local romp following Ness claim.
8	BLUE EYED GIRL – Big effort after arriving from Kentucky when game runner-up to streaking Md. shipper.
7	WHIP ME INTO SHAPE – Pair of strong outings at Monmouth following layoff; Paco Lopez having terrific year.
6	FRIGID SISTER – Faced quality opposition in Maryland and overmatched only local attempt last summer.

Race 3

8	MR THRIFTY – Moves turf to dirt and returns from Saratoga; powerful debut effort here in June sufficient.
2B	RICHIE'S EDGE – Ran into tiger in encouraging bow but continued gamely to earn runner-up spot.
7	IRISH PAUL – Gained late after losing ground behind second choice; worked quickly since at Delaware.
3	KID MACHO – Hampered by stumbling start at Laurel; shown flashes of ability and tries blinkers.

Race 4

5	CREATIVE STYLE – Closed big gap in Saratoga upset and finds ideal spot for repeat closer to pace.
2	HE'S INCREDIBLE – Awkward start vs. heavy favorite on road trip after winning twice since claim locally
6	FLIGHT RISK – Idle since overmatched in stake and good form at tough Oaklawn meet; must adjust to sprint.
7	E J'S REVENGE – Popular at claiming box and made progress this season; closer than anticipated in last.

Race 5 THE \$100,000 NESHAMINY STAKES

9	ABIDING STAR – Speedy veteran held on tenaciously in stakes and might have controlling speed this time.
11	PARET – Rallied behind top pick in just second outing since arriving from Australia; improvement likely.
8	ROBIN HOOD – Prepped after layoff over synthetic footing and showed turf prowess earlier last season.
4	CHILLY IN CHARGE – Overmatched in W. Va. Derby but impressed locally in June; initial grass attempt.

Race 6 THE \$100,000 BENSLEM STAKES

8	ENGAGE – Probably needed first outing since September and frequently formidable in past; competitive field.
7	WHERESETOLDMETOGO – Sidelined year after trying to bite opponent in Gallant Bob; moved to Cox stable.
1	MIDTOWNCHARLYBROWN – Overcame taxing duel to boost career mark to 10-for-20; speed along inside.
1A	MIDNIGHTCHARLY – Full-brother to entymate always gives his best; shorter time between races seems plus

Race 7 THE \$100,000 ROAMIN RACHEL STAKES

5	CHALON – Amazingly consistent mare exits powerful effort in Grade II event; ample early targets.
7	MS LOCUST POIHT – Nearly perfect over this course and captured half of 18 starts; obvious contender.
1	BRONX BEAUTY – Outran second pick last pair and determined winner of local stake last summer.
3	BONITA BIANCA – Moderate success with top-notch New York-breds but possibility off earlier form.

Race 8 THE \$100,000 SALVATORE M. DeBUNDA PTHA PRESIDENT'S CUP

6	COLONIA – Stretch-running filly idle since fourth in West Coast Grade I; Motion barn gets them ready.
5	JEHOZACAT – Failed to give true measure here in July but series of strong outings previously make threat.
7	NOTAPRADAPRICE – Surprised after layoff at 25-1 and usually fires; home track advantage.
4	DYNATAIL – Late energy sprinting and better suited this yardage; contributes to lively pace.

Race 9 THE \$150,000 CATHRYN SOPHIA STAKES

10	FASHION FAUX PAS – Favored but no match for champion Jaywalk in Delaware Oaks; prior try outstanding.
5	QUEEN OF BEAS – Captured three of last five starts with losses in graded tests; should be flying late.
3	GRANDARIA – Daughter of Curlin benefits from first race since January; much promise early in career.
4	JELTRIN – Overmatched lately and 51-1 shocker during strong portion of Gulfstream meet; removes blinkers.

Race 10 THE \$300,000 TURF MONSTER

11	PURE SENSATION – Terrific turf sprinter with \$1,797,550 in earnings seeks third consecutive victory this event.
9	TEXAS WEDGE – Lightly raced but ample ability and making key third start after long absence.
10	ROCKET HEAT – Good effort but no match for top selection in Parx Dash; most effective on lead.
2	JUSTAHOLIC – Trio of big efforts since introduced to turf this season and benefit of very recent race.

Race 11 THE \$300,000 SMARTY JONES STAKES

6	GRUMPS LITTLE TOTS – Developing nicely this year and exits confidence booster vs. older rivals at Spa.
8	MAJID – Used up setting pace vs. Travers winner Code of Honor; speedster won four straight previously.
4	GRAY MAGICIAN – World traveler with success at various venues; two dull tries due to wet surfaces.
3	SPUN TO RUN – Remote third as longshot when trying blinkers in Haskell; trounced local opposition.

Race 12

4	FIRE SPARX – Sharp try this level and Danny Velazquez barn excelling with claims; best effort necessary.
8	TERRY'S CHARM – Outran top pick after usual slow start and faced quality foes in several prior defeats.
9	SANAVI – Failed at Colonial but finished first and disqualified locally for higher tag; Pino-Sanchez combo.
1	WENDY WEND – Humbled by solid rival on wet footing in early July; speedy and determined veteran.