

CRAIG DONNELLY'S ANALYSIS @ 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.



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Best Bets: ADDIEADDIEBOBADDIE (4th) - YOUBETTERBEJOKING (8th)

Race 1

- CREATIVE COPY Drew away eagerly when changing barns again; excellent 7-for-24 lifetime.
- ERIN'S ENTHUSIASM Veteran with numerous good efforts in recent months; rail and Sanchez.
- PEYTON'S COLLEGE Sufficient ability but voided claim last month; finished behind top pick.
 - PRINCESS CUPID Speedy mare shown improved stamina lately but humbled by first choice.

Race 2

- WINCHAM Dueled long way sprinting in local bow and further progress anticipated in route.
- 2 MAGICAL ROAD No match for runaway winner as huge favorite; already shown route prowess.
- BRUSHBACK Faded after setting pace but making key third outing since layoff; speed inside.
- HUNDRED PROOF Distant fourth in latest but prior outing encouraging when adding blinkers.

Race 3

- ROAN BURGUNDY Good effort from extreme outside post at loftier level; quick but can rate.
- KATE'S GOLDEN DUDE Amazing 10-year-old romped in 19th career score, many in Moore barn
- JUSTINSPEIGHTOFIT Failed to offer true measure in last; capable but difficult to guess lately.
- WARRIOR'S VOW Cruised past lesser last pair and likely tested against this kind.

Race 4

- ADDIEADDIEBOBADDIE Used up dueling vs. smashing winner in sprint; drops testing stamina
- 5 SPOOKY GAL Brief trouble in stretch this level sprinting; daughter of Hard Spun tries route.
- PATIENT FI Faded in sloppy debut in December and adds Lasix and blinkers; \$120,000 buy.
- JOYFUL JOYCE Stakes-placed earlier and first time in claimer; blinkers on stretching out.

Race 5

- BULLET BREEZE Closed big gap after awkward break; hit board two of three route outings.
- UTILITY Finished ahead of top choice with better trip; often forms bottom of exacta.
- **2** BOBO LIVER Quick early and taking significant drop; facing early pressure from inside.
- STOUTHEARTED Dominated weak group two weeks ago; extra eight mile possible obstacle.

Race 6

- 4 TATUM Victim of severe early trouble last pair; impressive score after layoff in January.
- NINJA PRIZE Battled throughout this spot after Brown re-claim; serious threat from inside.
- RUNYONESQUE Numerous solid efforts recent months; Hawthorne claim retains Hernandez.
- MINXZHIPPSDONTLEYE Claimed back by breeder and shown progress lately; upset chance.

Race 7 LIKA ROLLING STONE – Easily second best to big favorite at Aqueduct; edged in Laurel return. VANELLOPE – Trounced slightly lesser in route after Padilla claim; must adjust to rare sprint. TELEPHONE LINE – Hard-earned score in local return; began career with ample promise. CELTIC TIGER – No match for runaway winner at Penn but speedy and good record locally. Race 8 YOUBETTERBEJOKING – Dueled throughout this spot after third straight claim; appears at best. MR. HUSTLE – Narrowed gap after hiatus sprinting and better suited this yardage for top stable. COMMINGLING – Used up early after acting up in gate; probable pacesetter stretching out. WICKED GENIUS – Sidelined since November after competing over synthetic at Gulfstream. Race 9 AMBITIOUSLY PLACED – Pulled way after dueling at Penn; terrific eight victories last season. DEVIL PAYS IN GOLD – Classy mare loves to win and ships from Laurel; absent since October. BUSTIN DOWN DOORS - Weakened after half mile in return with classy foes; fitter now as threat ANNIEWORKSTOOMUCH - Game filly won three of six since claim; back home as contender. Race 10 SUNNY MAGIC – Drops and tries route again; solid effort in "key" race prior; wide-open race.

CARNABY – Improved when second best behind heavy favorite; tricky post at this distance.

COACH KNIGHT – Led to late stages this spot in first route attempt; making steady progress.

WILD CAPTAIN – Fired twice since getting Lasix and proved his fits this spot; serious threat.