

Craig Donnelly's





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, NOVEMBER 10, 2025 - FIRST POST 12:05 P.M.

Best Bets: COCKTAIL HUMOR (2nd) – GOT GAME (7th)

Race 1

- WAR COMMANDER Signs of ability elsewhere and faces soft opposition for new stable.
- 2 | SPIT THE BIT Dueled to final yards at loftier level and competing cheapest ever as threat.
- ROCKET NIGHT Solid effort over wet surface at Penn as 7-5 chalk; crushed maidens locally.
- PRAIRIE DUNES Stretching out and recent conqueror ran big again next time.

Race 2

- 4 COCKTAIL HUMOR Led nearly this far when beaten by smashing winner; best despite 10 tries.
- ACT OF FAITH Soundly beaten by top choice but claimed earlier at Ellis and can progress.
- WEEKEND HONOR Humbled by huge favorite in route and should be gaining late this yardage.
- TIPTOP Overmatched in last and rough trip previously after layoff; adding blinkers.

Race 3

- BATTLING TIME Significant drop and most effective on turf but should handle this kind.
- 2 ROMAN GODDESS Narrowly missed to opponent which won again last week; Kirby claimed.
- RAGTAP GIRL Won via disqualification and runs big race on occasion; factor with Sanchez.
- JOEY THE FISH Slow fuse but shows good closing kick at times; needs aid of pace set-up.

Race 4

- CAP'N CATS Victim of serious early trouble when runner-up to Jersey invader this spot.
- GAVONE Half-brother to stakes-winner Carousel Queen; drops from top ranks with blinkers.
- 4 LUCKY CAPO Dueled then faded behind top choice again; must improve but 33% Pino barn.
- STARROSSO Faded after forcing pace in route and likely better suited this distance.

Race 5

- PHONE EATS FIRST Led to final furlong after layoff against repeat winner; can wire on best.
- LOVE LIKE CRAZY Dueled long way in route and captured two of three previous sprints.
- SOFSTER Hit board last three but outrun by top pick in September; some progress needed.
- LADY ARWEN Hampered by early excuse at Delaware and earlier success on N.Y. circuit.

Race 6

- LADY D'ORO Competed nearly entirely on turf but plunges and likely needed last at Laurel.
- MOMMA PIC Absentee takes realistic drop and should offer late rally with this kind.
- 3 SHUDABEENACOWGIRL Close up three straight since Gallimore took but just 1-for-22 career.
- BE MY QUEEN Stopped abruptly when overmatched in return; series of sharp tries earlier.

Race 7 GOT GAME – Disappointed in Maryland after impressive romp here; appears well-spotted. LADY SRIRACHA – Closed well sprinting and less than two lengths behind in only route try. REPAYNT – Crushed single-winners to end long losing skid; threat with renewed confidence. STARSHIP LEGEND – Bumped soundly after long duel when testing stamina; merits attention. Race 8 DEVILS ARROW – Pulled away from maidens in impressive score in second outing after layoff. IRISH BANBA – Exits pair of strong efforts against capable Pa.-breds and back in sprint. TAP DANCIN COWGIRL – Overcame poor start to win debut at Penn and adding Lasix. I AM RUE – Possibility if disregard latest; second to rival which won rich stake at Keeneland. Race 9 CAROUSEL QUEEN – Excellent efforts including stakes victory in September with Sanchez. 2 GLOWS IN THE DARK – Overcame traffic woes in route and rallied behind tigress in sprint. 8 BIG DREAMER – Pair of big efforts at Delaware after long absence and formidable last year. ANGEL OF HOPE – Rapid filly with stamina issues lately and needs to shake loose for upset. Race 10 SMOOTH MOTION – Set pace with much tougher in route; difficult to like or dismiss plunge. BANJO – Eliminated at start with bad stumble and speed to pose major threat this level.

DRUNKLE – Competed exclusively on synthetic and moves to Pino stable; often close.

SCHEDULING DUDE – Hard used chasing smashing winner nine days ago; also from Pino barn.