



# Craig Donnelly's

## ANALYS\$\$

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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: LADY ANNABELLE (2<sup>nd</sup>) – IRISH MAXIMA (8<sup>th</sup>)

#### Race 1

- 7** THEGODDESSOFSNAKES – Faced tougher sprinting after yet another claim; suited this yardage
- 4** ZONING ORDER – Finished behind top choice after crushing three-time winners in route.
- 5** BREEZY DANCE – Speedy mare needs lead to be effective; just one outing since November.
- 3** OBSTINATE – Humbled by runaway winner this spot last week; nine-year-old with 10 scores.

#### Race 2

- 5** LADY ANNABELLE – Forced pace in good effort this spot; Padilla-Preciado barn 27% off claims.
- 2** WILD GIRL – Game try despite constant pressure in better field; rallied just off pace earlier.
- 3** FAYTASTIC – Nice efforts behind decisive winners this level; recent conqueror took plunge.
- 1** SHUDABEENACOWGIRL – Some traffic trouble this spot three weeks ago; romped once earlier.

#### Race 3

- 4** ALASTAR – Hard used chasing eventual winner as big favorite; drops notch with Sanchez.
- 3** VERY BAD GUY – Very quick and shorter yardage might help; threat but stamina woes persist.
- 2** PENN FRANKLIN – Keeps firing and just missed on wet surface; figures close in 11<sup>th</sup> attempt.
- 1** ARCH COMPETITOR- Shown flashes of ability but sidelined since June; Cedeno rode in debut.

#### Race 4

- 2** BRAVE BLEND – Weakened in route behind smashing winner; plunges returning to sprint.
- 4** REELIN N DEALIN – Fare back throughout when overmatched but romped in prior outing.
- 1** KEEPING THE FAITH – Takes realistic drop and shows pair of decisive victories as threat.
- 3** MR. MENDELSSOHN – Faded under pressure in route but making key third start since layoff.

#### Race 5

- 8** QUICK TO JUDGE – Dueled long way as heavy favorite this spot when claimed; rough trip before
- 3** POINT BARROW – Narrowed gap in bulky field at Turfway and moves to Abrams barn local bow.
- 2** CHUCK'S LAW – Forced pace to final furlong for higher tag in first local try; dangerous this level.
- 4** SUPERNOVA DREAM – Improved effort in last but stamina woes persist; 2<sup>nd</sup> finisher won next.

#### Race 6

- 6** CENTER STAGE – Chased classier rivals twice since Mosco re-claimed; several convincing wins
- 7** MORE RANSOM – Won this level last month and seeks third straight for leading Ness stable.
- 5** PEACH PERFECT – Game veteran stretch-runner outrun by second pick but boasts 11 local wins
- 3** RACEY RUBY – Trounced easier taking plunge and Arce bought; back up claiming ladder.

**Race 7**

<b>6</b>	<b>DRAKE DRIVE – Speedy but hampered by stamina issues but soft spot and shorter yardage plus</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>SITTIN CHILLY – Easily second best behind odds-on winner this level in improved effort.</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>SERGEANT SINATRA – Victim of early trouble in second attempt after arriving from Gulfstream.</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>MUNYHUNGRY – Outrun twice after layoff but competing cheapest ever as possibility.</b>

**Race 8**

<b>3</b>	<b>IRISH MAXIMA – Graded stakes-winner crushed Aqueduct rivals and likely to shake loose again.</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>SWEET LAURA – Swept past rivals in New York and impressed locally in December romp.</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>PACHELBEL – Terrific mare with huge earnings ultra game and versatile; late kick anticipated.</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>JEANNE MARIE – Talented Pa.-bred keeps firing and proven she fits with similar; must respect.</b>

**Race 9**

<b>7</b>	<b>THIS RUN'S FOR YOU – Wide trip against solid sprinters and likely ready for rare route attempt.</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>ROAN BURGUNDY – Veteran tends to drift out and traveling two turns; races cheapest ever.</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>AMITY ROAD – Overmatched in last but fired this spot after hiatus in prior outing; dangerous.</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>ADMIRAL'S WAVE – Sufficient ability and first race since voided claim two months ago.</b>