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TODAY'S SELECTIONS FROM THE TMJC TEAM



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1-7-4-6

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TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

>> RACE 1

1. THE AMAZING MIZZEN

2. ROZZYROO

3. LADY ENSIGN

First post is 12:10 ET with low 12% takeout on "Value Pick 5" wagers. **THE AMAZING MIZZEN** won sprinting last spring, and finished off her campaign earning respectable Beyers in longer races. Tracked the favored pacesetter winner last time, went on a hard chase, then understandably tired in between. Think she'll settle back and let others do the dirty chasing work for barn that sent out route to turf sprint winners Carolina Hideaway (5-2 odds) and Run Around Slew (9-2) off similar layoffs last year. **ROZZYROO** switches surfaces by a young sire that went 9 for 30 (30%) with first-turf performers. Although there isn't much turf in the female family, there's plenty of class, so perhaps she'll move forward. Tiz the Law - Smart Strike breeding nick produced recent Gulfstream stakes-winning turf sprinter Cloe (86 Beyer). **LADY ENSIGN** prompted outside the 14-1 winner, then couldn't go with that one on turf two back. Hazlewood lands here instead of Sharmin and Rapido Rosa. **CONCEPTUALIZE** got cooked going 22.02 and 45.28 off the layoff at Turfway. Might not have to work as hard to make the lead. **BIG WANDA** raced greenly in the early stages of lone turf start, fell far behind, swung widest, altered course inside the drifting winner, and gave a strong kick to prevail. Wore bar shoes in two subsequent dirt outings, but seems better on the grass. Toledo departs for **JUSTHEART**, who races on turf for the first time since facing two next-out winners in that 10/24 Aqueduct heat.

>> RACE 2

1. SHE'SAROLLINGSTONE

2. ALWAYS LAUGHING

3. DATE NIGHT KISSES

SHE'SAROLLINGSTONE tracked in between horses, dropped into the pocket on the second turn, angled three wide turning for home, then was kicked down by a class-dropping closer. Seems tactical enough to work out a midpack trip for barn that went 25 for 86 (29%, \$2.00 ROI) between 3/28 and 4/16. **ALWAYS LAUGHING** got away with an easy lead when dominating conditioned claimers at Penn National in first for this barn. She's shown the ability to rate and finish if necessary, but think she'll be squarely in the thick of things when the field turns into the long stretch. **DATE NIGHT KISSES** was forced to make a premature and wide move into a slow pace at Penn National, then just missed to favored Jess's Gypsy Girl. Think she'll get a better race flow this time around for barn that sent out 19-1 winner Lord's Lady here on 4/12. **QUIT QUAY** steps up in class and distance in search of hat trick after pushing a solid pace to a sprint score. Expecting her to get close to the lead once again. Rodriguez departs for **PATTY CAKES**, who took advantage of speed-friendly track in first for this barn. A little class relief could go a long way for **MAXIMO MADNESS**, who parlayed a quick pace into a rallying dead-heat runner-up finish.

>> RACE 3

1. BUILT BY KHOZAN

2. BULLY FOR YOU

3. TWAIN

Although **BUILT BY KHOZAN**'s sire only connects with 4% of first-turf performers, the colt is a half-brother to stakes-placed turf sprinter Fulminate (85 turf/synthetic Beyer) out of a half to stakes-placed turf sprinter Anyriderill Do (89 turf Beyer). Couldn't step with Verifire, a \$1M first-time starter that

popped a 92 Beyer in that Colonial race on 3/15, but should show speed from the fence. Barn went 4 for the last 17 (24%, \$2.08 ROI) between 3/23 and 4/13. Hazlewood lands here instead of Great Artist. Wish there was more turf and precocity in **BULLY FOR YOU's** pedigree as the sire only hits at 6% with first-turf runners and 8% with all first-time starters. That being said, he shows solid workouts with the April 3 drill matching the barn's 4-year-old filly Lorraine. That filly hit the board in five of eight with a 68 synthetic Beyer top. Perhaps they went in company. The second dam was a stakes-winning dirt sprinter (76 dirt Beyer). Barn popped with a 37-1 debut runner on turf at Pimlico a few years ago. **TWAIN** (\$80,000 weanling) is bred both sides for turf being by grass champion Kitten's Joy out of stakes-winning turf router Camila Princess (88 turf Beyer). The second dam was a stakes-winning dirt sprinter (won debut; 75 turf Beyer). Barn sent out 4-1 debut winner Mr. Keys on 2/23. MY LUCKY ACE was overmatched in lone turf start against Thick as Thieves, who returned to graduate for \$30,000 at Fair Grounds with a 71 Beyer. ENZO tried to rally in a slow-paced race on turf two back, a heat that produced two next-out winners. Well-bred gelding kicks hard late.

>> RACE 4

1. FIELD OF ROSES

2. FAIR TRADE

3. VIEUX CARRE

FIELD OF ROSES might be a bit "dressed-up" as she controlled a slow pace at Mahoning Valley in a race where the two favorites ran 1-2 around the track. Pressured by the 7-5 runner-up, she drew off in the lane. That being said, she's the lone three-time winner in the field, and should get close to the pace once again. Barn sent out repeat winner Shape Note moving allowance to claiming at Colonial on 3/13. Lopez lands here instead of Blessed Candy. **FAIR TRADE** got the right trip and setup when placing at this level three weeks ago. Stalked outside, found good position behind a hot three-ply pace duel, made a three-wide bid under confident handling, then stayed for second after being late to change leads. The pace should be to her liking once again for barn that sent out two winners here on 3/30. **VIEUX CARRE** showed them her heels in her Penn National debut, and now gets Lasix with the speed to get up and on the pace from her inside draw. Barn went 2 for the last 10 (20%, \$4.70 ROI) on dirt in Maryland. CAN DO drops in class with good early speed.

>> RACE 5

1. GOLDEN ROCKET

2. PRETTY LIAM

3. VISBY

Both of **GOLDEN ROCKET's** turf sprints are good, including a late-kicking win against New York bred last fall. Broke sharp in that heat, dropped back to save ground at the tail of the field, eased three wide, and ran them down. Expecting a stretch rally given the right pace and trip scenario. Rodriguez lands here instead of Afandi. **PRETTY LIAM** switches surfaces as a half-sister to Grade 3-winning turf router Danse Macabre. Not away the best from the rail last time, she tracked from the pocket, then finished evenly on the fence. Has more tactical speed than the top two picks for barn that went 3 for the last 12, 25%, \$2.20 ROI) with experienced horses getting blinkers for the first time. **VISBY** drops and adds Lasix after facing two next-out winners with the third-finisher next taking a \$32,000 optional at Tampa with an 86 Beyer. Broke slow two back, split foes turning for home, then rallied well for second despite briefly swapping leads a couple of times in the stretch. Know her in the final furlong. Wonder if PRECIOUS AVARY is using this as a prep as she returns from 161-day break. Cooked up in a speed duel going two turns in her final start last year, she can get close to the pace. INDEPENDENCE AVENUE seems well-entered moving back to turf and dropping in class for her second start of the year.

>> RACE 6

1. STICKWITHTHECOLORS

2. SHEILAHS WARCLOUD

3. MY FLICKER

STICKWITHTHECOLORS, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 3/30, seeks fourth straight win after gritty gate-to-wire score in the restricted Conniver last month. Bounced out to an uncontested lead through a quick second quarter in 23 flat, then just had enough to hold the closers at bay. Beat two next-out winners, and the third-finisher then placed in a second-level allowance with an 85 Beyer. Drew outside the other main speed, and should be squarely in the mix when the real running begins. **SHEILAHS WARCLOUD** saved ground in midpack, made a four-wide bid through a quick second quarter of 22.59, then kept going to prevail at Colonial. There's a good chance she gets a nice race flow once again. **MY FLICKER** saved ground in midpack, angled to split rivals three wide, eased five wide into the stretch, then stayed on to best two of these at Colonial. Might be racing herself back into shape for barn that went 5 for the last 11, 45%, \$2.62 ROI) third after 180-365 day layoffs. **SUSAN'S MULE**, listed as a Colonial vet scratch on 3/13, won her final two starts last year, and overcame strong pace pressure from the third-finisher to score on 12/6. The fourth-finisher next won a \$32,000 claimer in New York with a 71 Beyer.

>> RACE 7

1. CUT FROM CLASS

2. SPARKLE BLUE

3. TUFANI

CUT FROM CLASS ran very well in the Big Dreyfus when beaten less than a length, then might have felt the effects of a long campaign when a tiring fourth in the All Along. Set the pace on the rail in the latter race, couldn't steal away under a pretty confident ride, then faltered in the final eighth. Think this shorter distance is just what the doctor ordered, and she can get close to the pace. Millionaire **SPARKLE BLUE** ran down the top pick in the Big Dreyfus, then likely gained good fitness over the winter at Tampa Bay. Rated back to pocket position in a race that sped up drastically during the middle part, came up the rail in upper stretch, and finished evenly while in a bit tight. Class relief helps this late-kicker, who breezed outside Group 1 winner Gimme a Nother on 4/13 at Fair Hill, finishing a head behind after five furlongs. **TUFANI** raced behind a solid pace, then finished well for second behind the favorite at Fair Grounds last month. Barn sent out 10-1 turf winner Think Big at Keeneland on 4/8. **PURE MAJESTIC** tries older horses with the speed to get forward. No match for Admit last time over synthetic, and that one then ran third in the Bourbonette Oaks at Turfway with a 77 Beyer.

>> RACE 8

1. DETERMINED KINGDOM

2. HAD TO HAVE HIM

3. SWILL

DETERMINED KINGDOM was purchased for \$190,000 at public auction following an impressive fourth-level allowance win at Keeneland. Tracked a quick 21.11 opening quarter from the pocket, squeezed and bulled his way through in between horses in upper stretch, then drew away late. Expect him to get close to the pace for barn went 7 for the last 27 (26%, \$4.17 ROI) after a trainer switch and following a 120-180 day layoff. Think **HAD TO HAVE HIM** will benefit returning from 140-day break as a new gelding. Pinched at the start on turf two back, he stalked outside, eased out into the lane, then swapped leads several times in the stretch. Barn sent out 2-1 winner Happy Hour Joker here last week. **SWILL**, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick), on 12/14, beat four of these in final start of 2024. Prompted the favored runner-up from the outside, went on a hard chase turning into the long stretch, then outlasted them despite hopping back to his left lead. Barn went 3 for the last 13 (23%, \$6.77 ROI) returning from 120-180 day layoffs.

>> RACE 9

1. COMPLEXITY JANE

2. SAFE TRUST

3. MOON CACHE

COMPLEXITY JANE was a very professional debut winner. Bounced around at the start, she settled into a rhythm, then rallied up the fence to overcome a speed-friendly track. Broke inward stretching out to a mile last month, she set the pace inside the 7-2 last-finisher, opened up turning for home, then was nailed in the waning strides. Figures close to the pace for barn that went 9 for the last 24 (38%, \$2.35 ROI) with second-time routers. **SAFE TRUST** wheels back on short notice after kicking down sprinters over a closer-friendly track. Urged along to keep pace with fractions of 22.71 and 23.64, she swung widest, then ran them down with a nice flurry. Just missed going a one-turn mile when promoted to first via disqualification, but this extra distance is a question mark. **MOON CACHE** a very dangerous contender after game Beyond the Wire run. Tracked a very fast pace, made an early bid to the lead in upper stretch, then stayed gamely only to be penalized by the stewards. Beat two next-out winners that day, and can settle into another good tracking position despite the far outside post. **REPLAY** acts like she'll run all day long. Tracked a fast pace from a loose pocket at Colonial, was urged along on the turn, then kept finding more in the stretch. Big step up in class.

>> RACE 10

1. NEAT

2. MISCHIEVOUS ANGEL

3. CARD TRICK

Grade 2 winner **NEAT** found a tough spot in his 2025 debut when facing Grade 1 foes in Santa Anita's Frank E. Kilroe. Stalked outside at the back behind a moderate pace, eased out three wide, then never threatened. The seventh-finisher then won the Grade 3 San Simeon there with a 94 Beyer. Specializes at this distance, and kicks on well in the stretch. **MISCHIEVOUS ANGEL** settled into the pocket in the Grade 3 Belmont Turf Sprint, then couldn't finish with two next-out winners with Determined Kingdom returning to win a fourth-level Keeneland allowance with a 99 Beyer. Won off a similar layoff last year for barn that went 3 for the last 12 (25%, \$2.09 ROI) moving sprint to route. **CARD TRICK** has excellent tactical speed, and utilized it to full effect when earning career-best Beyer in second-level allowance at Tampa. Might work out a nice pace-tracking, ground-saving journey. Trainer-jockey combination scored off the trainer switch with 9-1 Quint's Brew in the Jennings on 1/18. **OCEAN CITY** has big speed, but might relax better as a new gelding. Faced two next-out winners at Fair Grounds with the eighth-finisher taking two of his next three with a 93 Beyer top. Late-running **SIGNATOR** got the pace help he needed when winning his turf debut. Faces tougher, but ran some nice races on dirt earlier in his career, and the barn often gets them better as they mature.

>> RACE 11

1. KENTUCKY OUTLAW

2. SURFSIDE MOON

3. PAY BILLY

We'll learn a great deal more about **KENTUCKY OUTLAW** as he steps up in class and distance following two blowout wins at Parx. Broke in a bit in two-turn debut, pulled very hard when setting the pace while just off the rail, then received a beautiful breather through a slow second quarter in 24.76. That was all she wrote for the rest of the field, as he sprinted home to win. He's a naturally fast horse that can make the lead here, but it is imperative for him to settle better heading into the backstretch. **SURFSIDE MOON** has improved greatly with additional distance, and he gave a fine effort when second in the Withers at nine furlongs. Found a comfortable stalking spot, made a four-wide bid into contention on the second turn, then couldn't finish with the favorite. Missed some time with illness after that race, but should get a fair pace to attack in the stretch. **PAY BILLY** tracked three wide around both turns in the Private Terms, then was too good for that group. Tactical sort has enough speed to find good forward position on the first turn, and looks and acts like he'll stay the extra distance.

>> RACE 12

1. SOUTHERN DISTRICT

2. MR JEFFERSON

3. WALK AWAY JOE

SOUTHERN DISTRICT saved ground at the back behind the pacesetting winner's quick splits of 24.22 and 23.93, made a four-five wide bid on the second turn, then finished evenly behind both halves of the odds-on entry. He has back races that would make him competitive. **MR JEFFERSON** settled three wide at the back behind a quick pace, made an inside bid, angled five wide to split horses in upper stretch, then might have found that state-sired allowance too tough. The winner of that heat then hit the board twice in open second-level heats with Beyers of 81 and 78. Rosado departs for Toast to Coast. **WALK AWAY JOE** finished ahead of three of these, including the top pick, when wired by Berks. Found good position in midpack behind the quick pace, made a four-wide bid on the second turn, was placed on a hard two-wide chase at the quarter pole, then stayed on for second. **ENERGY EFFICIENT** didn't break smooth in his last two, but he has enough speed to make the lead given a clean start. Pushed a quick 23.92 second quarter in a race that went to closers last time, and might not have to work as hard early in here. **SUPREME SONG** seems well-entered after facing Tycoon, who returned to win a nickel conditioned claimer at Parx with a 64 Beyer.

KALI'S KEY – by Kali Francois

Race 8: The King T Leatherbury Stakes

#3 Prince of Jericho

In a full field of 12, and I go with the first horse amongst my top three? Plenty of reasons, outside of the fact that he's on a roll and pretty much near top form.

1. His dam was a multiple listed stakes mare routing on the turf in Canada. She also ran several times on the first before having her successful turf career.
2. His grandma was a decent fourth in the Garden City Stakes on the turf, now known as the Belmont Oaks (1 1/4 Oaks, Garden City 1 1/8) 3. In his first race, Brittany had him entered on the grass going 5.5 4. Watching him, he looks like he feels he could handle the second surface well enough - his stride has a 'grabbing' factor to it that I think will appreciate the fresh turf, and hopefully, give him a sense of fresh air in his lungs.

MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

R1: 10-1 ML on the #10 Rozzyroo, perhaps she gets to be the outside speed and recover from 2 tough trips since the maiden win. 2nd Dam was a multiple graded stakes winning sprinter, sire hits ~25% for turf sprinters.

R2: She'sarollingstone has been consistent at this level over the late winter and early spring, just missing out as a deep closer snuck by last time out. Should be an honest pace inside and looks to sit the right trip.

R3: Enzo will be the big name in the room as he returns for his 4 y/o season. The half sibling to Caravel and full sibling to Witty, he has taken a bit more time to find his way. The barn typically excels with 2nd/3rd off the bench, I look to beat him with the inside speed and potentially a better value in Built by Khozan.

R4: Field of Roses show the ability on debut and second asking, nice confidence building move to get back in form after troubled trips. Looks to be the quickest on the outside and can play her way in here.

R5: Visby comes in second off the bench, following her 2025 debut in the Lightning City, where she picked up right as she left off. Key player and familiar company will be Gift of Gab, she hit the board in 6/7 starts last season.

R6: Stickwiththecolors was able to control things all the way last out in the Conniver, I just don't see her having it that easy with Susan's Mule just to her inside. Should be an honest setup for the closers.

R7: I find myself aligning with horses who really fit the distance here, including a price in the #5. I ultimately use Fantastical on top as she has tactical ability, keeps good company, and comes in after a win on 3/20.

R8: Fore Harp on the inside likely sets the stage for early pace. Determined Kingdom will have the option to press or sit chilly and stalk, he is 4/5 in the winners circle here at LRL in turf sprints...the only miss being a wide trip. Ultimately, I find Prince of Jericho highly attractive as he should work out a close stalking trip and benefits from a solid base fitness. Witty will look to defend his title with a late run, perhaps a tougher group this year than last.

R9: Will be curious to see who goes on for the pace, likely Late Nite Call who wears a target in the early stages. Complexity Jane, Safe Trust, and Moon Cache have benefitted from being able to sit close without doing the heavy lifting in routing efforts, could work out for them here. Reply seems a short price but she may benefit from a pace setup and others challenging early.

R10: Looks to have an honest pace and feels the type of race where you can find value. Lasix and distance are my angles for this spot, some of them jump out when applying these factors. Degree of Risk seems a great value as he is consistent over the turf mile.

R11: Kentucky Outlaw arrives as the clear pace, some question if anyone will challenge it early. The outside posts for Pay Billy and Just a Fair Shake could be significant, offering flexibility in their tactics. Surfside Moon worked well from the inside in the Withers, he looks to sit a similar trip and could improve 2nd time going the distance.

R12: Seems a few runners here would prefer the front end and haven't been able to make it happen in recent outings. Kick Startness is an interesting type, claimed back 2 starts after losing him against much tougher, you might just have to buy into the connections for this one.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 2

#1 - Patty Cakes; #4 - She'sarollingstone

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Between 3/28 and 4/16: 25 for 86 (29%, \$2 ROI)

RACE 3

#2 - Built by Khozan

Trainer: Hugh McMahon

Between 3/23 and 4/13: 4 for 17 (24%, \$2.08 ROI)

RACE 4

#2 - Vieux Carre

Trainer: Bruce Kravets

Dirt, Maryland: 2 for the last 10 (20%, \$4.70 ROI)

RACE 5

#7 - Pretty Liam

Trainer: Brittany Russell

Experienced Horses, First-Time Blinkers: 3 for the last 12 (25%, \$2.20 ROI)

RACE 6

#3 - My Flicker

Trainer: Brittany Russell

Third After 180-365 Days: 5 for the last 11 (45%, \$2.62 ROI)

RACE 8

#10 - Determined Kingdom

Trainer: Mike Trombetta

Trainer Switch, First After 120-180 Days: 7 for the last 27 (26%, \$4.17 ROI)

RACE 8

Trainer: Hugh McMahon

First After 120-180 Days: 3 for the last 13 (23%, \$6.77 ROI)

RACE 9

#1 - Reply; #4 - Complexity Jane

Trainer: Brittany Russell

Second-Time Routers: 9 for the last 24 (38%, \$2.35 ROI)

RACE 10

#8 - Mischievous Angel

Trainer: Jorge Abreu

Sprint to Route: 3 for the last 12 (25%, \$2.09 ROI)

TRIPS AND TIPS – by Will Humphrey, *In The Money Media*

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Race 7: Dahlia S., 3YO+F, 1m, Turf

HORSE	RACE	TRIP NOTE
GOURMET	SA, Pen, 1m 70yds, fast, 03/21/25 – 4th	GOUR broke sharp under minimal urging before being restrained to stalk the pace 3-4W. ~7/16 pole, she came under a ride & seemed to responded willingly, however, she was also giving away plenty of ground racing 5W on the turn & struggled to advance. She stayed on gamely at one pace to the wire late but lost 3 rd to a closing foe on the wire. She was game in defeat and her wide trip probably cost her 3rd but she was never winning. Okay run.
SPARKLE BLUE	Hillsborough S, Tam, 1 1/8m, firm, 03/08/25 – 5th	SB broke well from the rail draw, then had to ease back as the leaders crossed heading into the far turn. She traveled well tacking the pace in the pocket to the far turn, then came under encouragement as the pace increased turning for home. She stayed on well & remained competitive along the rail towards the wire, however, it was too tight inside for her rider to really get aggressive in the drive & she was only hand ridden through the stretch, losing two positions to strong closing foes late. Nice effort off the bench. Ignore the chart comment 'checked early' – that was of no significance. She sat a perfect trip into the stretch but was then tight along the rail & hand ridden through the stretch – can improve for the run & for a cleaner stretch run. Solid effort in a tough race.
CUT FROM CLASS	Alw, CT, 6 1/2f, good, 11/23/24 – 3rd	Having broken from the rail, CFC closely tracked the pace in the pocket to ~3/8 pole where she was then encouraged to keep up with the leading duo who increased the pace. She became outpaced & dropped back under a strong ride before plugging on at one pace to the wire. Had a perfect rail pocket position tracking slowish pace but was then outpaced in the second half of the race. Will be suited by further.
FANTASTICAL	Alw, TP, 6 1/2f, synth, 03/20/25 – 1st	Despite cutting back in trip, FAN showed good early speed before settling in behind the pace where she chased between horses. She then steadily crept closer to the leading duo under a hand ride rounding the bend & tipped out 3W before coming under a strong ride ~3/16 pole. She then gradually wore into the leader's advantage through the lane & got up in time. Clean trip chasing pace before gamely getting up on the wire. Won despite looking as if the trip was on the short side for her; she did nothing in a hurry but relentlessly stayed on under pressure. A good effort that bodes well for today's stretch out trip.
DI'S SURPRISE	Alw, Lrl, 7f, fast, 01/24/25 – 1st	DI broke sharp, despite drifting in a little, & sped to the front before conceding the lead & closely stalking the pace in between horses. She traveled well on the leader's shoulder to ~3/8 pole, then came under a ride. Gamely, she kept responding to pressure & edged into the lead ~1/8 th pole, despite drifting in a little, & was then saved by the wire by a strong closing foe. Showed good speed, traveled & finished gamely. Was fortunate to be saved by the wire though & did also lean in a touch late. Okay effort.
PURE MAJESTIC	Cin Trophy S., TP, 1m, synth, 02/21/25 – 9th	PM broke a touch slow & raced in rear early, crossing behind horses to the rail. She raced well off the pace in an isolated last to ~7/16 pole before being asked to make an advance around horses 4W on the turn. She failed to respond to her rider's urging however & having been stuck wide on the turn, never landed a blow, finishing tired at one pace towards rear. Track was speed favoring, but this was underwhelming, nonetheless. Trailed throughout & never factored. Looked tired late.
TUFANI	Tom Ben Mem S., FG, 1m, firm, 03/22/25 – 2nd	TUF traveled well while racing in mid-pack 2W to the 5/16 pole where she was then asked to quicken & angled out into the clear 5W off the turn. She picked up nicely for pressure in the centre of the track & ran on well into 2 nd late, despite the fact that she flopped leads ~1/8 th pole. A clean trip having been patiently ridden in mid-division – maybe needed to move earlier? Winner skimmed rail while TUF came wide – less between top two on ability than margin suggests. Finished well & showed a good attitude, however, didn't like the flopping of leads late.
SKIP THRU DA FIRE (MTO)	Alw, Lrl, 1m, good, 04/04/25 – 1st	Having broken from the outside gate, SKIP was encouraged forward before settling into a tracking position wide & in the clear heading into the turn. She then made an eye-catching advance under a hold while 4W around the turn to take a share of the lead top of the stretch. Having come under a strong ride ~3/16 pole, she gamely edged into a slim lead & held safe, despite flopping leads late. Clean trip though wide. A solid effort though didn't like how she flopped leads late.

NINETEENAMENDMENT	Alw, GP, 1m 70yds, synth, 03/20/25 – 1st	NINETEEN broke on top, crossed to the rail & then settled back into a close stalking position inside. She traveled comfortably to the far turn, then eased into the 2P & readily moved forward to eyeball the leader turning for home. She traveled best into the stretch before she was shaken up & extended away. Beautiful stalk & pounce trip. Traveled best & was. Solid effort.
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Race 8: King T. Leatherbury S., 3YO+, 5 1/2f, Turf

HORSE	RACE	TRIP NOTE
FORE HARP	Alw, Lrl, 5 1/2f, firm, 11/02/24 – 2nd	FH took quite a significant bump leaving the gate but showed good speed regardless & sped to the front where he comfortably set a strong pace to ~1/4 pole. He then came under a ride & responded gamely, finishing well to the wire, though he couldn't hold off the fast closing winner late. Very nearly went gate to wire in a likable effort. Solid, but can he improve upon this? A flat 5f maybe more his thing.
GREAT IDEA	Alw, Lrl, 5 1/2f, firm, 11/02/24 – 3rd	GI was pinballed at the break & away slow before he jumped on the bridle, pulling his way forward between horses heading into the far turn where he was then shuffled back when in tight. He remained under a hold behind horses rounding into the stretch, then came under a ride. He took a little time to pick up in the stretch but then found his best stride late & finished well. Poor start, then shuffled back a little on the turn before finishing strongly. If he'd been able to hold his position heading into the turn, he could have gone close. Likable & upgradable effort.
PRINCE OF JERICHO	Gen George S., Lrl, 7f, muddy, 02/15/25 – 3rd	POJ bumped with a rival at the start but showed good speed regardless & moved forward to set a pressured pace into the turn. He traveled well while maintaining a slim lead to ~1/4 pole, however, he then lost the lead to the much the best winner & came under a strong ride. He responded well to pressure chasing in vain through the stretch & was game to the wire but faded into 3 rd late. Had no chance with winner who pressured him throughout. Was game in defeat.
WITTY	HASB Mem S., Lrl, 7f, fast, 12/21/24 – 3rd	WITTY traveled well in rear while remaining in the clear having broken from the outside gate heading into the far turn. He then came under pressure ~7/16 pole but was outpaced before he straightened for the drive & rallied strongly down the centre into 3 rd . Wide trip. Finished strongly but too late. Today's second wire stretch will help.
EL DIVINO NINO	Clm25k, Lrl, 5 1/2f, sloppy, 04/11/25 – 1st	EDN broke sharp from the rail but then let the speed go slightly & closely stalked the pace inside to the 3/8 pole. He then eased into a share of the lead & turned for home under a hold when his rivals were under pressure. He extended under a hand ride to the 1/8 th pole, then received one back hander & continued to extend under a hand ride late. Clean rail stalking trip. Traveled well & was much the best with seemingly a little more to offer.
WHENIGETTOHEAVEN	Janus S., GP, 5f, firm, 12/21/24 – 9th	WHEN broke well & settled into the rail pocket behind the speed early. He was then in danger of becoming outpaced rounding the far turn & so his rider gave him a squeeze, however, he was unable to respond as a rival crossed to the rail & took his path, shuffling him back a little. He then came under a stronger ride when granted room ~1/4 pole but was denied a clear path to the wire & consistently shuffled back further with his rider unable to ride a proper finish. Troubled trip from the 5/16 pole home. Unable to provide his true running. Forgivable effort.
MAYA PRINCE	Alw, Lrl, 5 1/2f, firm, 11/02/24 – 5th	MP broke well from the outside gate, then eased back into mid-pack. He was gently encouraged to move closer while 3W on the bend & did so to a degree but lacked a true finishing kick & was one paced to the wire. Clean trip. Lacked a finishing kick & had no real excuse.
SWILL	Alw, Lrl, 5 1/2f, firm, 11/02/24 – 1st	SWILL stood a little awkwardly in the gate & then bumped with a rival at the break but was ridden hard away & showed good speed regardless to closely stalk the pace in the clear 2W. He was then shaken up at the top of the stretch. He took a little time to find his best stride but when the rider went to the L hand crop ~1/8 th pole, he leveled off well, took the lead close home & held off the closers. Perfect trip closely stalking the lone leader. Good finishing effort although he seemed a touch fortunate to have gotten the jump on the closers.
HAD TO HAVE HIM	City of Lrl S., Lrl, 7f, fast, 11/30/24 – 9th	HTHH was hustled forward to press the pace along the rail through the opening 1/8 th . He was then shuffled back behind horses ~9/16 pole & from there, he weakened quickly under a ride & offered nothing. Showed speed for 1/8th & then stopped. Possibly didn't like the kickback though he didn't show major signs of resentment. Uninspiring effort followed by layoff – something amiss?
DETERMINED KINGDOM	Alw, Lrl, 5 1/2f, firm, 10/25/24 – 1st	DK was hustled forward to adopt a perfect close up rail stalking position into and around the turn. He then moved out 2W ~1/4 pole & searched for room out wide when the leader began retreating in front of him along the rail. He was hand ridden to keep the revs up while waiting for room behind hoses to ~1/8 th pole before he burst through a slim opening towards the rail & exploded away to the wire. Miles the

		best. Waited for room to the 1/8th pole & then exploded late to win easily with seemingly more to offer. Big effort with possibly more to offer.
INCINERATOR	SA, Lrl, 6f, fast, 02/28/25 – 6th	Having broken well from the rail, INCIN chased the pace inside to the turn but then weakened under a ride & finished tailed off. Stopped ~3/8 pole with seemingly no excuse. Very uninspiring.
TUDOX OPPORTUNITY	Alw, Prx, 1m, fast, 03/18/25 – 5th	TO was encouraged forward to press the pace 4W around the first turn. He then dropped to the 2P down the back stretch, was joined to his outside & became the centre party in a three-way go for the lead heading into the far turn. He began weakening between horses ~3/8 pole & dropped back under a ride around the bend before finishing at one pace to the wire. Wide early & pulled hard. Sucked himself back & stopped when between horses on far turn. Uninspiring with a turf stake in mind.
WHERE'S RAY	SA, Cnl, 5 1/2f, firm, 08/12/24 – 5th	WR broke towards the rear & raced in between horses at the back of the field heading into the far turn. He was ten nudged along rounding the far turn 2W but offered little response & finished one paced to the wire. Was outrun throughout & one paced late. An underwhelming effort followed by a layoff – something amiss? Feel he's better than this.

Race 9: Weber City Miss S., 3YOF, 1 1/16m, Dirt

HORSE	RACE	TRIP NOTE
REPLY	MSW, Cnl, 1m, fast, 03/14/25 – 1st	REPLY took a bump at the start & was a touch slow into stride. She was patiently ridden & allowed to settle in rear, crossing to the rail where she tracked the speed under a hold. She was then nudged along to go after the top two rounding the far turn & steadily responded to pressure by building momentum that she carried into the stretch, catching the leader ~1/16 pole before drawing off cozily late. Big, long striding filly who did showed grit. Like how she was completely unfazed by kickback on debut. Was fine on the eye. She did nothing in a hurry but showed relentless stamina & her gallop out was good – the faster they go the better.
ADE	Clm40k, Lrl, 6f, good, 04/04/25 – 3rd	ADE was not hard ridden from the inside gate & content to ease off the speed, chasing the pace into the turn. She then made built momentum racing between horses on the bend but was forced to wait for clear sailing ~5/16 pole. As the field then fanned at the top of the stretch, she came under a strong ride between horses late & finished at one pace to the wire but never threatened for the win. Lacked the pace to challenge strongly but did stay on well to the wire. Today's stretch out should suit.
LATE NITE CALL	MSW, Lrl, 1 1/16m, fast, 02/21/25 – 1st	LNC broke well, crossed to the rail & established the lead early. She set a modest pace without much pressure to the far turn where she then got her rivals on the back foot. She remained on the bridle to ~3/16 pole, was then shaken up & drew off to score comfortably. Won comfortably with seemingly more to offer. Was much the best, however, she was also gifted an easy time of things on the lead which she's unlikely to get today.
COMPLEXITY JANE	Alw, Lrl, 1m, fast, 03/02/25 – 2 nd (promoted to 1 st)	CJ flashed good speed from the rail draw & established a clear lead to set an even pace into the far turn. She had her rivals under pressure when coming under a ride ~5/16 pole & from there, she gamely kept responding to her rider's urgings, retaining a healthy lead to ~1/16 pole. She didn't look to tire much late, however, a strong closer still managed to reach her late & blow by her inside the final 1/16, demoting her to 2nd. Traveled well in front & kept finding for pressure but couldn't fend off strong closer. Ran a winning race in defeat & made a likable impression trying the distance for the first time in start #2. Open to improvement.
HOLLYWOOD BEAUTY	Main Line S., Prx, 1 1/16m, fast, 03/04/25 – 4th	HB was hustled from the gate & stalked the pace 2W early while being squeezed into the bridle. She held her position despite not traveling that well to ~1/2 mile pole, then began weakening & under a ride, faded into a poor fourth. She was not aggressively ridden late. Didn't travel well & then weakened without a visible excuse. Uninspiring.
SAFE TRUST	Alw, Lrl, 6f, muddy, 04/12/25 – 1st	ST let the speed go leaving the gate & settled towards the back of a tightly grouped field where she was squeezed forward into the bridle. She then came under a more vigorous ride on the turn when becoming a touch outpaced & dropped to last. She was just about hanging onto the coattails of the field & fully extended ~1/4 pole but then swung 6W off the bend into the centre of the stretch & launched a very strong rally, quickly moving from last to take the lead ~1/16 pole before drawing away to score very comfortably. Looked outpaced throughout & dropped to last on the bend but then rapidly engulfed her foes in the stretch to win easily. Visually impressive. Ran as if today's extra yardage can bring about further improvement. A solid run, however, a possible outside closer biased track could raise question marks over this effort.

MOON CHACHE	Beyond The Wire S., Lrl, 1m, fast, 03/22/25 – 1 st (placed 2 nd)	MC was squeezed along while chasing the pace in the clear 3W to the far turn before she made an eye-catching 3W move on the bend, taking a share of the lead under minimal urging ~5/16 pole. She then came under a strong ride at the top of the stretch & forged into a clear lead under L-handed asking, despite drifting in a little. She remained in front to the wire, however, she also drifted back out under L-handed asking from ~1/8 th pole, bumping & interfering with the fast-closing runner-up. She was then demoted to 2 nd upon steward's review. Liked her impressive 3W move on the bend & how she stayed strongly to the wire. A huge & likable effort on barn debut at 17/1. She was arguably the best horse in the race, despite the fact that she was DQ'd.
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Race 10: Henry S. Clark S., 3YOF, 1 1/16m, Dirt

HORSE	RACE	TRIP NOTE
OCEAN CITY	Alw, FG, 1 1/16m, fast, 12/26/24 – 4th	(Off turf event). OC flashed good speed & took a strong hold early while closely stalking the pace in the 2P. He then came under a hand ride rounding the far turn but offered little response & weakened between horses into 4 th at the top of the stretch where he remained to the wire. Other than his possible dislike of the dirt, OC had no excuse here. He sat a perfect trip but was done ~5/16 pole. Uninspiring effort followed by gelding op & layoff – something amiss?
CARD TRICK	Alw, Tam, 1 1/16m, firm, 02/15/25 – 1st	CT traveled really well stalking the lone leader in 2nd 2-3W having shown good natural speed from a wide draw. He then breezed upsides the leader with ease on the far turn & traveled by far the best into the lane with a slim advantage. He was then shaken up in the stretch & kicked clear impressively to win well. Perfect trip stalking pace. Traveled best & kicked well late. Nice visual impression. Much the best. Solid.
FULMINEO	VA Derby (G3), Cnl, 1 1/8m, firm, 09/07/24 – 7th	Not rushed from the gate, FUL failed to cross from his wide draw & raced keenly in mid-pack/rear while stuck 4-5W around the first turn. He continued to pull in the centre of the track down the back stretch, making an early advance into the far turn. He was then nudged along while 4-5W around the far turn but, likely as a result of being so wide, he lost ground. Then, under a strong ride late, he finished evenly while remaining on his L lead before the rider wrapped up on him ~1/16 pole. Forgivable defeat: lost significant ground by being caught very wide throughout & was then wrapped up on late, exasperating margin of defeat. Effort followed by layoff & did not change leads late & was wrapped up on - something amiss?
NEAT	Frank E. Kilroe Mile S. (G1), SA, 1m, firm, 03/01/25 – 6th	NEAT broke a beat slow & was bumped slightly at the break with resulted in him getting away towards the rear. He was then caught 3W around the first turn having worked his way into mid-pack where he remained to the far turn. His rider cued him to the pick up ~1/4 pole but he lacked the pace to challenge & finished evenly to the wire. Tough race. Was wide early & then lacked the pace to challenge G1 quality foes late. Not a terrible first start against open company off the bench, just not good enough. No black marks.
CRABS N BEER	Alw, Lrl, 1 1/16m, fast, 02/28/25 – 5th	CNB broke awkwardly & bumped with a rival, then jumped on the bit & pulled along the rail in behind horses around the first turn, forcing him to check back to the rear of a bunched up group. He continued to pull in behind a slow pace to the far turn, then came 2W and tried to improve. However, he lacked the pace to challenge off the turn & weakened tamely to finish tailed off. Trouble around the first turn shuffled him back to last in a slowly run event, so the race didn't set up well for him. However, he found little late & weakened quickly in the stretch, plus, he wasn't visually impressive late. Overall, fairly uninspiring.
SIGNATOR	Alw, Tam, 1 1/16m, firm, 03/02/25 – 1st	SIG was not rushed from the inside gate & dropped to last early where he was patiently ridden to the far turn. He remained under a tight hold rounding the far turn 2W & steadily weaved between under pressure foes to enter the lane ~3L off the pace, traveling best behind horses. He was then carefully ridden threading the needle between horses inside the final 1/8 th & burst onto the scene at the right time to get his nose down on the wire. Traveled extremely well into a strong pace from last & found the right splits to get his nose down in time. A solid effort, though aided by the pace scenario no doubt. One of those races where he could easily have missed the board if he hadn't found the right gaps. Okay effort.
DEGREE OF RISK	Alw, GP, 1m, firm, 02/06/25 – 1st	DOR dropped to rear early & settled between horses before pulling his way into mid division down the back stretch. He continued to strain on the reins between horses heading to the far turn & was then forced to wait in traffic rounding into the stretch. He found room by tipping out from behind horses into the 5P off the bend & then kicked impressively under a ride late, quickly seizing ~1/16 pole the lead to win well. Pulled hard when bottled up behind modest fractions, then looked for room, found room & kicked very well. Passed the eye test. Could be better again with a stronger pace to run at. Solid.

MISCHIEVOUS ANGEL	Belmont Turf Sprint S. (G3), BAQ, 6f, firm, 10/05/24 – 6th	MA chased the pace along the rail in mid division to the far turn before coming under pressure ~5/16 pole. He stayed on willingly to the wire under a strong ride but lacked the pace to challenge & when clearly not going to hit the board, the rider wrapped up on him late. Showed a willing attitude but lacked the pace to challenge. Disappointing without visible excuse at 2/1 however, effort followed by layoff – something amiss? Didn't look guaranteed to relish further but this effort would put you off having a go.
HAMMER	Alw, CT, 6 1/2f, fast, 03/06/25 – 1st	HAMMER showed speed & closely stalked the lone leader 2W to the far turn, then advanced into the lead under a hand ride. He came under a strong ride ~1/16 pole & then extended, holding safe to the wire. Clean trip. Won well, though didn't exactly look as if he was crying out for further.
DESVIO	Hill Prince S. (G3), Aqu, 1 1/8m, firm, 11/09/24 – 6th	DES settled under a hold hold in a tracking/mid-pack position while 3-4W to the far turn. He was then nudged along while 3-4W around the far turn but failed to respond, became outpaced & faded to last. He never threatened thereafter & plugged home one paced, looking tired. Wide trip but that didn't cost him much – faded turn & looked tired late. Uninspiring with a stake race in mind.

Race 11: Federico Tessio S., 3YO, 1 1/8m, Dirt

HORSE	RACE	TRIP NOTE
SURFSIDE MOON	Withers S., Aqu, 1 1/8m, fast, 02/01/25 – 2nd	SM chased the leading group of four into the back stretch before making a steady advance 3W into the far turn. He continued to travel well, looming in behind the leaders on the far turn, then tipped into the clear 4W ~5/16 pole & came under a strong ride. He maintained his progress gamely into the stretch & chased the winner to the wire, drawing well clear of 3 rd . Proved to be no match for the winner but ran a nice race in defeat. Passed the eye test & was game late. Looked to be no fluke about this performance, even at 33/1.
RIGHT WING RUNNER	City of Brotherly Love S., Prx, 1 1/16m, fast, 03/04/25 – 2nd	RWR showed good early speed & traveled well on the leader's shoulder 2W from the start, pressing the pace to the far turn. He then came under a ride ~7/16 pole & gamely responded to his rider's urgings, taking a very slim lead at the top of the stretch, even after a receiving a bump. He then fought hard under pressure with the longtime leader though the stretch but could not shake off that foe, was floated/drifted late out & faded back into 2 nd . Clean enough trip stalking modest pace. Ran well in first try at two turns but wasn't good enough. Okay on the eye. Could improve a little, probably needs to.
ARCADIAN	Jimmy Wink S., Aqu, 6f, fast, 03/15/25 – 5th	ARC took a bump at the break having missed the beat & dropped to a detached last early where he was hustled along to keep up. He was still ~11L off the pace & fully extended turning for home, then finished one paced to the wire. Ignore chart comment "stumbled st" – he was a beat slow & then bumped; likely always going to end up last. Will be suited by further no doubt, but hard to gauge his ability from this effort. Would have liked to have seen more, even over inadequate trip.
BOLD DIVERSION	SA, Lrl, 1 1/16m, fast, 03/07/25 – 1st	BD broke well from the outside gate, crossed to the 2P & stalked the pace under a hold to the far turn where he then loomed upsides the leader under a hold. Having come under a ride ~1/4 pole, he extended away nicely to the wire to win easily. Clean trip. Traveled well & extended nicely late. Only hand ridden final 100yds – possibly more to offer. Okay on the eye though not sure what he beat.
KENTUCKY OUTLAW	Alw, Prx, 1m 70yds, fast, 03/26/25 – 1st	KO took a strong hold & pulled his way to the lead from the rail draw. He was extremely strong & fighting the rider in front until he was given his head & allowed to go on with things down the back stretch. He then settled with ~2L lead heading into the turn, got his rivals under pressure when still under a hold on the bend, then turned in under a tight hold. He was eventually given a minor hand ride in the stretch & extended impressively. Wasted energy by pulling hard early but that didn't stop him traveling like a fresh horse into the stretch. He then extended under minimal urging – had plenty more to offer. Impressive performance & visually too.
STUDLYDORIGHT	VA Derby, Cnt, 1 1/8, fast, 03/15/25 – 5th	STUDLY lacked early speed despite being encouraged into stride, crossed to the rail & dropped to rear where he was nudged along to keep up. He then came under a stronger ride when in rear around the far turn & made a minor advance along the rail before tipping out ~4W in the stretch & finishing one paced upon tiring foes. No speed or excuse. Looked outpaced throughout & was one paced to the wire. Ran like he needs a complete pace meltdown on a closer friendly track going as far as possible.
SACRED THUNDER	Private Terms S., Lrl, 1 1/16m, fast, 03/22/25 – 2nd	ST traveled well loping along towards the rear of a tightly bunched field to the far turn before he tried to make a 4W move ~3/8 pole. Not aided by the fact that he was giving away plenty of ground racing wide, his initial response to pressure was limited & he failed to make up any significant ground by the time they straightened for the drive. He didn't tire late however & did manage to stay on well for 2 nd though had no chance with the winner who was long gone. Showed relentless stamina & did not tire, however, he lacked the pace to be competitive under pressure. Ran like he needed further, the long stretch going a one turn mile at Lrl, and/or a very strong pace to run at.

HAPPY DELUSIONAL	Alw, Prx, 1m 70yds, fast, 03/26/25 – 2nd	HD lacked speed from the outside gate & rated off the pace in the clear ~3W to the far turn. He traveled okay to the 1/2 mile pole, then came under a ride while wide on the bend. He stayed on well for pressure late, dropped back inside & ran on nicely into 2 nd , though had no chance with the winner. Wide trip. Did his best work late & ran like further would suit but had absolutely no chance with the re-opposing winner.
PAY BILLY	Private Terms S., Lrl, 1 1/16m, fast, 03/22/25 – 1st	PB ways not rushed from the outside gate & got caught 4W around the first bend before settling close to the pace in the clear when straightened down the back stretch. He was then asked to advance while 3W around the far turn & did so willingly, instantly drawing upsides the leading duo. Having poked his nose in front at the ¼ pole, he than came under a strong ride at the top of the stretch & powered clear late to win under wraps late. Wide trip made no difference. With seemingly endless stamina, he powered clear late and was much the best with seemingly more to offer.
JUST A FAIR SHAKE	Alw, Lrl, 1 1/16m, fast, 03/23/25 – 1st	In first time blinkers, JAFS showed speed from the gate but then proceeded to lean on top of his inside rival heading into the first bend & got shuffled back, eventually settling in mid division. While being hustled along to keep up, he was taken out into the clear running down the beck stretch & made eye-catching headway to enter the far turn within a length of the lead 4W. He vied for the lead 3W around the bend, then came under a strong ride at the top of the stretch & ground into a clear lead late before holding safe to the wire, despite looking tired. Overcame a slightly messy trip; he could improve further. Not visually impressive but got the job done. Showed stamina & determination.

Horses to Follow

R9: MOON CACHE (5/1 ML)

Somewhat surprisingly, leading trainer Brittany Russell is just 2-for-26 (8%) with last out maiden winners in stakes races, even though twelve of those runners were sent off at odds of under 5/1. REPLY may therefore not be a lock from the rail draw in today's Weber City Miss S. and so instead, why not take a bigger price about MOON CACHE. Despite being disqualified for bumping the re-opposing SAFE TRUST near the finish in the Beyond The Wire S. last time, Mike Gorham's trainee delivered a standout performance at odds of 17/1, powering through a three-wide move on the turn before she surged to the lead with authority, crossing the line a nose in front. Just like when she scored two starts back and earned glowing remarks in [ITM's Post Race Trip Notes](#), there seemed to be no fluke about the performance, and as she now returns to the track for today's Weber City Miss S., she has a perfect opportunity to go well again. Her form and consistently improving Beyer speed figures slot nicely amongst her rival's and with an ideal post position draw in gate seven, from where she can use her tactical speed to best effect, she could simply emerge as being the best horse sitting the best trip. Note: trainer Mike Gorham and jockey Raul Mena boast a 24% win rate (\$2.05 ROI) with dirt horses coming off a career-best Beyer.

R10: DEGREE OF RISK (8/1 ML)

With speedballs OCEAN CITY and HAMMER set to line up in today's one-mile Henry S. Clark S., DEGREE OF RISK could get an ideal pace set-up to run well at a price. The 6-year-old son of CAIRO PRINCE has really stepped forward since joining the Nolan Ramsey barn last summer and won very well last time. As you can see from the above trip notes, he pulled hard behind modest fractions, then waited for room, found room out wide and kicked like a fresh horse to score at Gulfstream Park with a solid 85 Beyer. He ran in a manner to suggest that a strongly run flat mile, such as the one he'll face today, could see him to even better effect and with leading rider Jamie Rodriguez, who has an impressive 3-2-0 record from six rides when riding for Ramsey, taking the reins (\$2.33 ROI), 'DOR' could be able to add value to your ticket, especially if playing any vertical wagers.

R11: PAY BILLY (5/2 ML)

PAY BILLY stamped himself as Maryland's top 3-year-old with a standout win in the Private Terms S. last time out, and he now looks to follow up in today's Frederico Tessio S.. Trained by Mike Gorham, this son of IMPROBABLE swooped to the lead with a bold three-wide move on the turn last time before pulling away with energetic strides, winning by a growing 3½ lengths. He seemingly had any amount left to offer, and with paired up Beyer tops of 83, plus an extra 1/16-miles playing to his strengths and a longer run into the first turn enabling a more ground saving trip, he's primed for another career-best effort. Over the last five years, Gorham has gone 14-for-55 (25%; \$2.05 ROI) with dirt routers who won last out and PAY BILLY just keeps getting better. His ceiling is still unknown and he can now book his ticket to Baltimore.

FUTURE HORSES TO WATCH

PERSIAN

Trainer: Linda Albert

Last race: Nov. 3, 4th

Finish: 4th by 7 1/4

Shuffled back to last on the rail behind a tiring pacesetter, she finished evenly along the fence in a race that produced three next-out winners.

LIL SEBASTIAN *(Breezed 4F – 50.00 at LRL on 4/6)*

Trainer: Justin Nixon

Last race: Dec. 20, 8th

Finish: 2nd by 1/2

Broke well going a one-turn mile over muddy going but rated four wide and lost ground through the turn and into the long stretch. Never stopped trying, however, and just fell short to an odds-on winner.

MIKES MO TOWN

Trainer: Carlos Mancilla

Last Race: Mar. 21, 5th

Finish: 6th by 13 3/4

Tracked in between rivals, dropped down to the pocket on the turn, then failed to threaten a pace-pressing runaway winner over a speed-friendly track. Perhaps he needs weaker company, so he's worth a follow at the dime maiden level here, or against nickel sellers at Charles Town.

KILO ROAD *(Breezed 4F – 49.00 at LRL on 4/11)*

Trainer: Hugh McMahon

Last Race: Feb. 22, 6th

Finish: 6th by 6

Lost her positional opportunity with a slow break. She regained her composure when angled off inside in the stretch run, only to encounter traffic at a pivotal juncture. Deserves another chance in a dirt sprint.

LEVISA

Trainer: Richard Sillaman

OURDAYDREAMINGGIRL *(Breezed 4F – 49.45 at PRX on 4/15)*

Trainer: Lou Linder

Last Race: Feb. 22, 7th

Finish: 4th by 2 1/2

Steadied in opening stages of the Wide Country Stakes, angled out six wide entering the stretch, then closed willingly while drifting out.

PACO THE TACO MAN

Trainer: Annette Eubanks

Last race: Dec. 13, 1st

Finish: 4th by 4

Might have been too aggressive in the early stages of recent \$30,000 “beaten” seller as he battled for the lead in a race that went to closers. He’s a proven commodity from off the pace and might opt for those tactics next time.

LOVE ME TENDER

Trainer: Michael Trombetta

Last race: Nov. 30, 8th

Finish: 7th by 6 3/4

Raced 4 wide in the City of Laurel, stalking a duel (22.43, 44.97), then made a slight run with one furlong to go. Should be able to score with slight step back in class.

SHE’SAROLLINGSTONE *(Entered Today, Race 2)*

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Last Race: Mar. 23, 4th

Finish: 2nd by 1

Tracked from in between rivals, dropped down to the fence on the second turn, angled three wide to produce a prolonged bid to the lead in midstretch, then succumbed to a solid class-dropper in the final sixteenth. Good fit at the \$20,000 starter-optional claiming level.

SWIFTY DEVIL *(Entered LRL – Fri 4/25, Race 9)*

Trainer: Michael Gorham

Last Race: April 4, 8th

Finish: 5th by 14

Set a pressured pace outside the 9-1 last-finisher, cleared to the rail to face a challenge from the 9-2 runner-up, then tired very badly as the favorite in a race won by a deep closer. She's inconsistent, but she's also fast, and she fits in a conditioned \$7,500 claimer that lacks other early speed.

GREY FLANNEL BOSS

Trainer: Kerry Hohlbein

Last Race: April 13, 4th

Finish: 4th by 4 3/4

Much-improved effort second off the claim. Got into extended pace scrum, then showed gritty comeback after looking beaten at the head of the lane going a one-turn mile.

CACTUS *(Breezed 4F – 50.40 at LRL on 4/11)*

Trainer: Kieron Magee

Last Race: Mar. 21, 4th

Finish: 5th by 9 3/4

Didn't break the best over speed-friendly track and was wired by the odds-on winner after chasing three to four wide around the track. Claimed out of the race by a high-percentage barn, he can move forward when dropped to a conditioned \$7,500 seller.

ADMIT NOTHING *(Entered LRL – Fri 4/25, Race 6)*

Trainer: Carlos Mancilla

Last Race: March 29, 3rd

Finish: 2nd by head

Pressed the pace outside the 7-1 last-place finisher, made the front in between that one and the 3-1 fourth-finisher on the second turn, then gamely battled the good-setup, odds-on closer in the final furlong to just miss. In-form gray fits going middle-distances at the \$12,500 "non-three" level.

BLESSED CANDY *(Entered Today, Race 4)*

Trainer: Antonio Machado

Last Race: April 4, 4th

Finish: 6th by 10

Broke nicely, but was rated back to track from the pocket in a tightly-bunched field. Not sure she appreciated the restraint and never made

Last Race: March 29, 4th

Finish: 4th by 8 3/4

Hooked up in a wicked speed duel (22.84, 22.52) outside the favored fifth-finisher, was under siege from in between rivals at the quarter pole, then just lost the show spot in the final yards. Gave a solid gallop-out after the fact, however, and deserves another shot at a price in a first-level allowance, or with a drop in class.

MAXIMUS SPEED

Trainer: Carlos Mancilla

Last Race: March 28, 6th

Finish: 5th by 1 3/4 lengths

Never received a breather when stretching out to seven furlongs. Hustled out to make a pressured lead inside the 4-1 seventh-finisher, put that one away and immediately faced pressure from the 12-1 sixth-finisher, then understandably tired in the stretch. Fits at the \$12,500 "non-two" level cutting back to six furlongs.

MISSED THE TURN

Trainer: Genevieve Londono

Last Race: March 30, 4th

Finish: 2nd by 4 3/4

3-year-old a different sort since gelded, adding Lasix and landing in Maryland. Gritty effort against the talented Slam Notion in latest, registering a 19-point jump on the Beyer scale.

ST PETE'S PASSION

Trainer: Clyde Martin Jr.

Last Race: April 4, 3rd

Finish: 4th by 3

Broke well in one-turn mile event but wound up tracking the pace three-four wide in a tight pack behind a gate-to-wire winner. Churned on evenly in the stretch as the beaten favorite. Fits at the \$45,000 level here, or in a maiden special weight out of town.

RAD PAISLEY *(Breezed 4F – 49.00 at LRL on 4/18)*

Trainer: Joanne Shankle

Last Race: April 4, 6th

Finish: 4th by 2 1/4

Making his first start since January, Rad Paisley battled outside the 11-1 last-finisher, took over the lead on the turn, then understandably faltered

a rally in a disappointing effort. Perhaps she aimed too high in this \$40,000 seller, but she can contend sprinting for half that price.

in the stretch. Nine-time winner gained conditioning with that effort and fits at the \$8,000 starter level.

NEOLITHICA

Trainer: Damon Dilodovico

Last Race: April 4, 7th

Finish: 2nd by 3/4

Perhaps a mile is just a bit too far for this in-form mare. Set a pressured pace inside the 6-1 fifth-finisher, made the lead on the turn and was immediately under siege, then stayed on well to just miss. Deserves another chance at the state-sired allowance level or in a \$12,000 starter-optional.

JOCKEY CALLS

At Laurel Park, jockeys can be named on more than one horse on the original overnight.

Race 1 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #1 - Sharmin; #1A - Lady Ensign; #2 - Rapido Rosa >>> **Hazlewood rides LADY ENSIGN**

Race 1 - Jevian Toledo: #4 - Big Wanda; #8 - Justheart >>> **Toledo rides JUSTHEART**

Race 2 - Jaime Rodriguez: #1 - Patty Cakes; #6 - Quit Quay >>> **Rodriguez rides PATTY CAKES**

Race 3 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #1A - Great Artist; #2 - Built by Khozan >>> **Hazlewood rides BUILT BY KHOZAN**

Race 4 - Paco Lopez: #6 - Field of Roses; #7 - Blessed Candy >>> **Lopez rides FIELD OF ROSES**

Race 5 - Jaime Rodriguez: #3 - Golden Rocket; #6 - Afandi >>> **Rodriguez rides GOLDEN ROCKET**

Race 12 - Johan Rosado: #5 - Toast to Coast; #6 - Mr. Jefferson >>> **Rosado rides TOAST TO COAST**

PAST TRACK TRENDS

Jan. 17 – Fair

Jan. 18 – Fair

Jan. 24 – Fair

Jan. 25 – Fair

Jan. 26 – CLOSERS BIAS

Jan. 31 – SPEED BIAS

Feb. 1 – SPEED BIAS

Feb. 2 – CLOSERS BIAS

Feb. 7 – SPEED BIAS

Feb. 8 – CLOSERS BIAS

Feb. 9 – Fair

Feb. 14 – Fair

Feb. 15 – SPEED BIAS

Feb. 16 – Fair

Feb. 21 – Fair

Feb. 22 – Fair

Feb. 23 – Fair

Feb. 28 – Fair

Mar. 1 – Fair

Mar. 2 – Fair

Mar. 7 – CLOSERS BIAS

Mar. 8 – Fair

Mar. 9 – Fair

Mar. 21 – SPEED BIAS

Mar. 22 – Fair

Mar. 23 – Fair

Mar. 28 – Fair

Mar. 29 – Fair

Mar. 30 – Fair

Apr. 4 – Fair

Apr. 5 – Fair

Apr. 6 – Fair

Apr. 11 – Fair

Apr. 12 – CLOSERS BIAS

Apr. 13 – SPEED BIAS