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TODAY'S SELECTIONS FROM THE TMJC TEAM



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DAVE RODMAN



TIM TULLOCK

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TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

>> RACE 1

1. Z BOGDAN

2. SEVERN RUN

3. CASEY N PAP

First post is 12:10 ET with 12% takeout on "Value Pick 5" wagers. **Z BOGDAN** (\$20,000 weanling) is an interesting new face as a half-brother to stakes-winning dirt sprinter Bazinga C (won debut; 84 dirt Beyer) by Uncle Lino (20% with older debut runners). The dam was stakes-placed routing on dirt (68 wet-dirt Beyer). Barn sent out 45-1 debut winner Sugar Bee on grass here last fall. Also want to use **SEVERN RUN** in multiple-race wagers as he's hit the board in his last three, and was wired by favored Tetched over a speed-friendly track in his most recent outing. Prompted four wide and in between rivals, dropped inside to track from the pocket, was urged along on the turn, then finished evenly on the fence. Don't think he'll mind racing outside and clear of other horses. **CASEY N PAP** has angles dropping in class with new Lasix for first start after 155-day break. Stalked three wide last time, raced midpack and in between at the three-eighths, was urged along on the turn, and had no rally against two next-out winners. Crab Daddy then won the Pennsylvania Nursery with a 76 Beyer. Better fit at this level. **FIRMANTOWN** cleared off to set an uncontested pace at Penn National, then tired after failing to change leads. Expect similar speed tactics. **ROYAL FLUSH HEARTS** is a half to stakes-placed dirt miler Feeling Woozy (98 dirt Beyer).

>> RACE 2

1. TUFF LUCK

2. URBAN SYMPHONY

3. FLASHY DUDE

TUFF LUCK, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 3/23, looked good dusting off basement maidens. Tracked a slow pace five wide, made a four/five wide bid on the turn, bumped with the odds-on runner-up in midstretch, then gamely prevailed. Perhaps new blinkers made all the difference for barn that went 5 for 22 (23%, \$2.18 ROI) between 3/8 and 4/6. Hazlewood departs for Sir Chance a Lot. **URBAN SYMPHONY** broke a beat slow in sharp sprint, settled into a decent stalking position, made a four/five wide bid, then grinded up for second. Think there's enough pedigree and bodytype for him to last the extra distance for barn that went 22 for the last 84 (26%, \$2.02 ROI) moving sprint to route. Uncoupled mate **FLASHY DUDE** broke a beat slow last month, stalked outside at the back before angling in to save ground, raced over in behind horses in upper stretch, altered outside, then didn't menace late. Kicks on late for barn that went 4 for the last 12 (33%, \$2.03 ROI) going third after 61-120 day layoffs. **IT'S NOT OVER YET** wired three others in circuit debut, and is expected to show good speed once again.

>> RACE 3

1. HAPPY HOUR JOKER

2. ANOTHERHOPE

3. FEEL THE BOLT

HAPPY HOUR JOKER wanted the lead last time, but she was forced in during the opening furlong, and the jock had to take hold. Pulled to prompt a three-ly pace from the rail, settled for the pocket, eased out into the stretch, then held second behind the pacesetting winner. Expect her to get close to the pace for barn that sent out maiden winners Honors Due (9-1; 2/28) and Night Preacher (3-1; 3/1) making the same "third off the layoff" move.

ANOTHERHOPE cleared off to set reasonable fractions at Colonial, shook loose on the turn, then gamely fought back along the rail to just miss. She seems better on fast going, and figures right there when they turn for home. **FEEL THE BOLT** returns from 170-day layoff with new Lasix after being wired in a slow-paced race that produced two next-out winners (the runner-up scored for \$12,500 with a 50 Beyer).

>> RACE 4

1. STATES UNITED

2. BETTA GO GO GO

3. FLUFF THE PILLOW

We'll learn more about **STATES UNITED**'s quality after he wired maidens in a race where they ran 1-2 around. He showed no rust following a 244 day layoff, but this seems like a tougher spot from a class and pace perspective. Barn scored with last-out maiden winner Tuned to the Moon at 9-2 odds on 3/29. Also want to use **BETTA GO GO GO** in multiple-race wagers despite a 1 for 22 record. Tracked a slow pace three wide last time, was urged along on the turn, swung five wide and made up ground with a promising gallop-out. Tactical enough to work out a good trip from stalking range. **FLUFF THE PILLOW** was super-game when graduating in New York. Pressed a solid pace three wide, was confronted from both sides in deep stretch, then surged again after changing back to his left lead. Owner-trainer combo went 4 for 10 (40%, \$2.94 ROI) in the first after a barn switch. Think this one can get close to the lead. Although **TETCHED** took advantage of speed-friendly track, he might have finally put it together, setting fractions of 23.44 and 23.92 before drawing away. Another that can get up and on the pace. **MAX BARLEY** was wired by a 25-1 shot at Penn National, but can kick on if the pace heats up.

>> RACE 5

1. WHISKEY AND YOU

2. FIVE DREAMS

3. KEITHSENDSHELLOOOO

It's been over four years since **WHISKEY AND YOU**'s last victory, but the veteran has been plugging away with good recent efforts, usually at solid mutuels. Prompted four wide last time, made a three/two wide bid, then stayed on gamely despite being herded to the fence in the final yards. Dropped a tough bob, but appears to have found his correct class. Good tactical speed has him right there when the real racing starts. Multiple stakes-placed **FIVE DREAMS** was second in the De Francis here last year, and he gets needed class relief after facing some toughies. Wired by odds-on Rominski last time in a race where they ran 1-2 around, and that one then won a high-level allowance with a whopping 102 Beyer. **KEITHSENDSHELLOOOO** broke a beat slow at Parx, then was outsprinted behind the pacesetting winner's quick fractions before running on in the stretch. Back on short notice and kicks late for barn that went 10 for 35 (29%, \$2.02 ROI) between 4/4 and 4/9. **BYK** failed at odds-on at Penn National, but that was his first after a short break, and he looks like the main speed. Loves a wet track. **BACKNTHEWOODS** drops to winning level after tackling Monday Morning Qb, who returned to place in a \$20,000 starter with an 86 Beyer. Might revert to rating tactics that worked well for him in the past, but must overcome layoff.

>> RACE 6

1. TWICE GOLD

2. ZERO BLITZ

3. IT'LL DO

TWICE GOLD broke slow last month, then rushed up to track a slow pace from the pocket. Had trouble keeping up on the turn, then had no pop along the fence. Drop in class might be just what the doctor ordered, and he should get a bit more pace to work with in this bulky field. Barn sent out 5-1 winners Viennese Waltz and Schrader on 4/5. Hazlewood lands here instead of Mo Joke. **ZERO BLITZ** battled outside the 32-1 fourth-finisher over a speed-friendly track, then put the boots to basement maidens. Might have to go a bit faster in the early going if he is to obtain a similar trip as last time. **IT'LL DO** makes first start for Russell and repeats the route to sprint move that resulted in his lone victory. Wired at Oaklawn last time in a race that produced Remember the Fear, who next ran third in a \$12,500 "non-three" there with a 67 Beyer. Barn went 13 for the last 41 (32%, \$2.52 ROI) off the trainer switch. Think he'll be quick from the stalls. **KAZ CREED** and **STAY FUNNY** deserve consideration if able to escape the Also Eligible list.

>> RACE 7

1. TAKETHEMONEYHONEY

2. GOLD DIGGING BROAD

3. BAILINTIN

TAKETHEMONEYHONEY won her first two starts by a combined 15 1/2 lengths, then had that unbeaten run snapped by a dirty nose in a tough Aqueduct allowance. Prompted the 7-5 fourth-finisher from the outside, advanced in between horses on the turn, then just missed while finishing ahead of two next-out winners (fourth-finisher won \$25,000 claiming allowance there with a 93 Beyer). Her early speed plays very well in this spot. **GOLD DIGGING BROAD** rallied from far back when wired in the restricted Conniver last month, and should appreciate stretching back out in distance with Lasix back on. Wouldn't mind a wet track in the slightest. Neither would **BAILINTIN**, who earned valuable blacktype when a well-beaten third in the Nellie Morse. Tracked three wide through solid fractions of 23.43 and 23.67 two back before gutting out the win over Edge of Town, who returned to win two in a row with Beyers of 78 and 73. Barn went 8 for the last 33 (24%, \$3.12 ROI) adding Lasix. Lyapustina departs for GINGER GIRL.

>> RACE 8

1. SAXTON

2. IT'S HAMMERTIME

3. BARBADIAN RUNNER

SAXTON gave a strong try when shipped to New York for the Jimmy Winkfield Stakes. Broke sharp, tracked three wide and in between horses, made a solid bid in between on the turn, then was herded out and bumped by the winner in upper stretch before recovering to place a close second. Good tactical speed should have him in a nice spot for barn that went 7 for the last 17 (41%, \$2.04 ROI) with Lasix on. **IT'S HAMMERTIME** was one of the better 2-year-olds in the region last year, and he returns from 162-day layoff after failing as the favorite in Aqueduct's Nashua, a race that produced next-out Maryland Juvenile winner Tony Eclipse (82 Beyer). Quick enough to find forward position while outside in the clear for barn went 4 for the last 14 (29%, \$2.33 ROI) returning from 120-180 day layoffs. **BARBADIAN RUNNER** was very game to win both the Spectacular Bid and Miracle Wood, and might still be underrated despite those stakes successes. Beat Pay Billy last time, and that one then took the Private Terms with an 83 Beyer. Must rally from out of it cutting back from a mile.

>> RACE 9

1. MADDIE TEN

2. SHINING SPIRIT

3. VELVET VIXEN

MADDIE TEN was taken in hand while in a bit tight to track the odds-on pacesetter winner, went on a hard chase on the turn, and understandably tired in the stretch. Perhaps a more relaxed trip from close to the pace is coming this time around for barn that went 3 for 4 between 3/29 and 3/30. **SHINING SPIRIT** settled behind that pace, then rallied past the top pick in the lane. Often fractious before loading, but she has better tactical speed than last time, and shouldn't be too far away when they turn for home. **VELVET VIXEN** might have aimed a bit too high in Penn National starter allowance, but she was super-competitive at this level two back, and has the early speed to get up and on the pace. **CANDY CRAZE** drops and wheels back on short notice in second off the claim. **SPIRITED RIDE** looks well-entered after facing runaway Goldeneye Magic, who returned to win a "non-four" allowance at Mahoning with a 72 Beyer. **JUST GREAT** also has angles dropping in class for her second off a lengthy layoff.

KALI'S KEY – by Kali Francois

Race 7: #1 Northern Glow

While all of the attention will be rightfully on Malibu Moonshine and Takethemoneyhoney, the way to make some decent money on this race is going a little wider with some value underneath. That's where I go with Northern Glow at a 10/1 price for Russell...let's see if I keep that price. Essentially, this mare has been begging to come back to that one turn mile.

MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

R1: Pace from Firmantown may work out cutting back to 5.5, Severn Run benefits with weight off.

R2: Flashy Dude seems a sleeper in here with J. Rod aboard, recent lasix addition, and has handled the off going should there be any remaining moisture on the track.

R3: Anotherhope has stepped up as a 3 y/o, speed cuts back works well for figures.

R4: Second off the bench for Ness, Fluff the Pillow may be back to older form.

R5: Byk has the ability to sit a nice stalking trip in here, proven over the surface, and has handled this level well before.

R6: Short priced Russell runner prompts me to find value, Zero Blitz is first against winners but has answered willingly in both starts.

R7: Stop the Cap never stops trying, she has stepped up willingly against tougher.

R8: A great feature for the day, take a shot on Bright Charger...he could let loose on the lead, a wet dirt works in his favor.

R9: Spirited Ride is hasn't seen a fast track since 3 back, he may appreciate getting back to Laurel after testing his form off the layoff.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 2

#1A - Tuff Luck

Trainer: Hugh McMahon

Between 3/8 and 4/6: 5 for 22 (23%, \$2.18 ROI)

#5 - Urban Symphony

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Sprint to Route: 22 for the last 84 (26%, \$2.02 ROI)

#6 - Flashy Dude

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Third After 61-120 Days: 4 for the last 12 (33%, \$2.03 ROI)

RACE 4

#1 - Fluff the Pillow

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Owner-Trainer Combo, First After Trainer Change: 4 for 10 (40%, \$2.94 ROI)

RACE 5

#9 - Keithsendshelloooo

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Between 4/4 and 4/9: 10 for 35 (29%, \$2.02 ROI)

RACE 6

#9 - It'll Do

Trainer: Brittany Russell

First After Trainer Switch: 13 for the last 41 (32%, \$2.52 ROI)

RACE 7

#7 - Bailintin

Trainer: Rudy Sanchez-Salomon

Lasix On: 8 for the last 33 (24%, \$3.12 ROI)

RACE 8

#1 - Saxton

Trainer: Brittany Russell

Lasix On: 7 for the last 17 (41%, \$2.04 ROI)

#7 - It's Hammertime

Trainer: Gary Capuano

First After 120-180 Days: 4 for the last 14 (29%, \$2.33 ROI)

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

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Race 7: OC 40k/N2X, 3YO+F, 1m, Dirt

HORSE	RACE	TRIP NOTE
NORTHERN GLOW	Alw, Lrl, 1 1/16m, sloppy, 02/16/25 – 4th	NG broke out slightly from the inside gate & bumped with a rival before being encouraged forward to take the lead. She traveled well setting a moderate pace to the far turn before she was challenged, came under a ride & went head-to-head to the ¼ pole. She responded gamely to pressure & was still the fighting ~1/8 th pole but had nothing thereafter. Set pace & fought gamely but wasn't good enough late. No excuse but was first start off layoff so can maybe improve.
MAJESTIC CREED	Alw, Lrl, 1 1/16m, sloppy, 02/16/25 – 5th	MC checked hard & was forced to rear when in tight leaving the gate. She then took a strong hold & pulled his way forward while 4W around the first turn before settling into a tracking position outside horses down the back. She then came under pressure around the far turn & dropped back before finishing at one pace late behind leg weary foes. Rough start & wide trip – upgradable effort though probably wasn't ever winning.

MALIBU MOONSHINE	Conniver S., Lrl, 7f, fast, 03/08/25 – 2nd	MM took back off the seed having broken well, crossed to the rail & tracked into the far turn where she then became a touch outpaced & dropped back under encouragement. Riding the rail into the stretch, she responded well to pressure, re-engaged & began to recover lost ground. Under a strong ride late, she made a furious late bid along the rail in the stretch but missed. Rail skimming trip throughout. Became outpaced entering the far turn but then re-engaged & finished well. Game. Stamina looks her forte.
STOP THE CAP	Alw, Lrl, 1m, fast, 03/21/25 – 3rd	STC rated off the speed early before creeping closer under a tight hold along the rail heading into the far turn. She traveled well behind the leader on the far turn before coming under a ride ~3/8 pole & shooting forward into the lead through a rail opening. She then gamely fought through the stretch to the wire but could not hold off the eventual top two. Took lead in stretch but was sent for home too early with the second wire in mind – upgradable? Was game in defeat. Likable effort.
LOVELY CHARM	Alw, Lrl, 1m, fast, 03/21/25 – 4th	LC broke nicely & traveled well while closely stalking the pace 2W into the far turn. She then got a shove to stick with the leader rounding the turn, faded between horses ~5/16 pole & while lugging into the rail, found little off the bridle through the stretch. Traveled well but faded quickly & found little off the bridle. Lugged in a little too. Not impressive.
GINGER GIRL	SA, Lrl, 1m, fast, 03/08/25 – 1st	GG traveled well tracking the leader along the rail to ~3/8 pole before she tipped into the 2P & loomed upsides on a tight hold. Having turned for home traveling best with a slim lead, she was then shaken up & edged into ~1L lead but was then strongly challenged & lost lead inside ~1/8 th , only to float her rival out & come back again to win the bob. Perfect trip. Looked like she'd draw off to score easily top off stretch but didn't find as much as expected off bridle. Then floated rival out late which, as she won by just a nose, likely won her the race. Okay effort but wouldn't be certain to win a rematch.
BAILINTIN	Nellie Morse S., Lrl, 1 1/16m, good, 02/15/25 – 3rd	BAIL tracked the pace in the clear 3W before being asked to move closer ~1/2 mile pole. She responded to her rider's urgings in a labored fashion, gradually getting to within a length of the lead ~5/16 pole. The top two then kicked off the bend & to that, she had no answer. She was left her in a remote 3rd & plodded home. Wide trip but that didn't cost her. Third best with no real excuse
DON'T TELL KELLY	Alw, Lrl, 1m, fast, 03/21/25 – 6th	Having broken well front he outside gate, DKK traveled powerfully while stalking the pace in the clear heading into the far turn. She then made an advance while 4W on the bend & briefly threatened the leaders but could not sustain her run & weakened. Had a wide trip which gives cause for minor upgrade though she was done ~3/16 pole.
GOLD DIGGING BROAD	Conniver S., Lrl, 7f, fast, 03/08/25 – 2n	GDB showed no speed following a decent break & fell right back into a detached last. She was ~15L when coming under a ride around the turn, from where, she steadily responded to pressure & began building momentum before swinging 7W into the stretch. Down the centre late, she finished with a rattle but ran out of real estate. Got too far back early & couldn't make the ground back up, despite finishing fast. Wide trip too. A fast one turn mile probably her best game.
TAKETHEMONEYHONEY	Alw, Aqu, 1m, fast, 03/15/25 – 2nd	TAKE traveled well while closely stalking the pace in the clear 2W to the far turn before she was then joined by a rival on her outside & encouraged to keep tabs on the leader. She responded well to her rider's urging in between horses & poked her head into a slim lead at the top of the stretch before coming under a strong ride. She opened up late & gamely responded to her rider's urgings but was brutally nailed late. Perfect stalking trip. Ran a winning race in defeat but was nailed late. First route – can likely improve. Solid

Race 8: OC 75k, 3YO, 6f, Dirt

HORSE	RACE	TRIP NOTE
SAXTON	Jimmy Wink S., Aqu, 6f, fast, 03/15/25 – 2nd	SAX broke on top before settling into a tracking position between horses heading into the far turn. He then began to advance under a hold while 3W on the bend to get within 1L of the lead ~1/4 pole, from where, he came under a ride & exchanged a bump with a rival. Through the lane, he fought gamely in between horses, then was leaned on dramatically inside the final 1/8 th by the eventual winner. He managed to briefly poke his nose in front but the winner then found room & got up by a neck. V likable effort fighting in between horses throughout. He was much wider than the rail skimming winner & interfered with by that foe through the lane – arguably best horse in race, worthy of an upgrade.
BARBADIAN RUNNER	Miracle Wood S., Lrl, 1m, fast, 02/22/25 – 1st	Under a tight hold, BR dropped to the rail & closely stalked the slow pace into & around the turn before tipping out into the 3P at the top of the stretch. He then came under a hand ride, drew level with the leaders ~3/16 pole & came under a strong L hand ride ~1/16 pole. He didn't extended away late but held safe. Perfect trip. Interesting the jock used just a hand ride up until the 1/16 pole & was then V aggressive late. He didn't extend away as one would have expected him to late - maybe a horse who needs to be delivered late? Note his last victory came by just a head.

DO IT FOR MICHAEL	Jimmy Wink S., Aqu, 6f, fast, 03/15/25 – 6th	DIFM had a slightly messy break but showed good speed regardless & contested the pace into the turn. He was then squeezed along when beginning to struggle in between horses on the turn, fell back at the top of the stretch & weakened through the lane. No real excuse. Weakened from the top of the stretch home.
ARTILLERY GUNNER	Clm20k, Lrl, 6f, fast, 03/30/25 – 1st	AG drifted out shortly after the start & bumped a rival but then recovered & settled close up in the clear 3W heading into the turn before. 2W on the turn, he gradually crept up to the lone leader under minimal urging & took a share of the lead ~1/4 pole with a way back to third. Having come under a strong ride 3/16 pole, he forged into the lead & was then game to the wire, holding off two fast closers. Perfect trip chasing lone leader. Traveled well & was game late but didn't extend away for pressure as expected late (rider looked full of horse top of stretch).
BRIGHT CHARGER	Alw, Mvr, 6f, sloppy, 04/05/25 – 1st	BC was rushed to take the lead early & set an honest, pressured pace along the rail. He then got his rivals on the back foot rounding the bend, opened up a clear advantage at the top of the stretch & extended away late under a largely hand ride. Gate to wire on the stop. Okay on the eye. Much the best with seemingly a little more to offer.
REGGIE RUNS ROGUE	MD Juv S., Lrl, 7f, fast, 12/07/24 – 5th	REGGIE took a keen hold closely tracking the leaders in between horses early. He then had to wait in traffic slightly ~5/16 pole when seemingly still going okay behind the pace, however, when the field fanned out & he found room in the stretch, he found little off the bridle & was weak late. Traveled well in behind the speed but found disappointingly little off the bridle & was weak in the finish without excuse.
IT'S HAMMERTIME	Nashua S., Aqu, 1m, fast, 11/02/25 – 4th	The rider had a tough time settling IH into a nice rhythm early as he took a strong hold trying to track the pace in between horses. Having worked to the outside of foes, under a tight hold, he then made a 4W move around the bend into a share of 2 nd ~1/4 pole & looked to be coming with a promising run. However, when then coming off the bridle in the stretch, he failed to sustain his run & weakened while drifting out late. Questionable ride – failed to establish a rhythm or position early & then wheeled 4W on the bend. Was weak late & drifted out – something amiss? Effort followed by layoff – not right? Excusable run?

Race 9: Claiming 12k, 3YO+F, 6f, Dirt

HORSE	RACE	TRIP NOTE
DESTINED TO DANCE	Clm25k, Lrl, 1 1/16m, fast, 02/28/25 – 6th	Having broken from the rail, DTD raced comfortably in the rear before coming under pressure as the pace quickened entering the far turn. From there, she became outpaced & weakened to finish a detached last. Became outpaced home turn & failed to respond. Finished tailed off without excuse.
CANDY CRAZE	Clm25k, Lrl, 7f, fast, 04/06/25 – 6th	CC vied for the lead in the 2P early before taking control heading into the turn. She dropped to the rail ~1/2 mile pole & seemed to be traveling well but was then challenged, lost the lead, quickly came under a ride ~3/8 pole & stopped while lugging out. Stopped quickly & lugged out. Uninspiring.
MADDIE TEN	Clm12k, Lrl, 5 1/2f, fast, 03/23/25 – 3rd	MT was wrangled back from between horses early & then taken to the outside where she closely tracked the pace. Under a hold, she loomed menacingly behind the leader on the turn but, having joined the leader ~3/16 pole, she was then outfooted by the 2/5 fav who kicked clear. She stayed on one paced through the stretch but lost 2 nd to a fast closer. Looked good top of stretch but proved no match for winner. One paced late. Looked like she'd prefer a hard ride from the front. Game in defeat.
SPIRITED RIDE	Alw, Mvr, 6f, muddy, 03/05/25 – 5th	Having broken from the rail, SR dropped to rear early & raced behind the bridle while chasing the pace. She came under a ride around the far turn but was one paced off their bridle & tired inside the final 1/16. Outpaced throughout & one paced off bridle. Possibly didn't like being behind the sloppy kickback, though didn't show any signs of resentment? Better over further or with a stronger pace to run at.
JUST GREAT	Clm40k, Lrl, 6f, fast, 03/28/25 – 5th	JG chased the pace in between horses heading into the far turn & then came under a ride to go after the top two while drifting out into the 5P. She lacked gears off the bridle however, & despite appearing to try hard, faded at one pace into a well beaten fifth. Responded to pressure but was outpaced from 1/2 mile pole. Ran like needed further.
SHINING SPIRIT	Clm12k, Lrl, 5 1/2f, fast, 03/23/25 – 2nd	SS was fidgety in the gate, then bobbed & bumped slightly leaving there. She was away quickly regardless & managed to work into a tracking position along the rail into the turn. She then became outpaced as the leaders quickened ~3/8 pole & dropped back before coming under a ride & tipping out 4W into the stretch. Gamely, she stuck to her task well & finished strongly into 2 nd before galloping out well. Became outpaced before finishing well. Not aided by rail & had no chance with 2/5 winner but ran well regardless. Will be suited by today's extra 1/16.
VELVET VIXEN	SA, Pen, 6f, fast, 03/14/25 – 6th	VV was rushed forward from between to set the pace along the rail into the turn before coming under pressure when headed ~3/8 pole. She lugged out around the bend & stopped quickly ~5/16 pole. Lugged out bend & stopped fast. Uninspiring.

Horses to Follow

R5: B WEST (8/1 ML)

In today's fifth - a 6-furlong starter allowance - keep B WEST on your radar, especially if playing any vertical wagers. This stakes-placed MINESHAFT horse caught eyes with a sharp runner-up finish at 5 ½ furlongs on March 21, as noted in ITM's [Post-Race Trip Notes](#): stymied in traffic on the turn, he unleashed a furious late rally, just missing the win. A clearer path could've sealed it. Still, his 67 Beyer fits this field, and now, debuting for Jose Corrales' sizzling 25%-off-the-claim barn, he's primed to outrun his odds back at his preferred 6-furlongs where he boasts an impressive record of four wins, a second, and two thirds in just eight tries at the distance. Paired with crack 10lbs apprentice Yedsit Hazlewood for the first time, B WEST offers juicy value at a fair price.

R7: TAKETHEMONEYHONEY (8/5 ML)

Scratched from Saturday's Heavenly Cause Stakes, TAKETHEMONEYHONEY looms large in today's seventh race - a one-mile allowance. The lightly raced GOLDEN LAD filly has been impressive, romping in her first two starts by daylight before a heartbreaker last out at Aqueduct, caught late by the stakes placed mare, CATHERINE WHEEL, in her first crack at a mile. That defeat didn't tarnish her form, and now with a route race in her pocket, she's set to improve in her third start off the layoff. Her 86 Beyer from that effort dwarfs the last-out numbers in this field, making her a serious threat, and as trainer Michael Moore sports a 21% strike rate (\$2.28 ROI) with horses third off a break who placed last time, she looks single material with a cozy outside post.

R8: IT'S HAMMERTIME (8/5 ML)

Fresh off a 162-day layoff, IT'S HAMMERTIME is set to scorch the eighth - a 6-furlong allowance for 3-year-olds. Gary Capuano's VEKOMA colt kicked off his career with a bang, demolishing his Delaware maiden by eight lengths before cruising in the First State Dash S. and Rocky Run S. last year. His head-scratching fourth in the Nashua S. as the 4/5 favorite? Blame a shaky ride and whatever sidelined him after. Now, dropping to 6 furlongs with six bullet works behind him and first-time Lasix, he's poised to roar back. Teamed with Capuano and Torrealba, this guy is tough to overlook in his 3-year-old return.

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

OURDAYDREAMINGGIRL

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

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 McMahan

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

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.

DOUBLE AIRO *(Entered LRL – Fri 4/18, Race 2)*

Trainer: Robbie Bailes

Last Race: Mar. 14, 8th

Finish: 6th by 4 1/4

Sent to engage a speedy rival in hot fractions, bid forward to lead with confidence mid-turn, then burst away to win as much as the best March 1st at Laurel Park. Jostled at the start 14 days later in her next run at Colonial, costing her a contending position as third wagering choice.

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

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

Trainer: Michael Gorham

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.

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**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**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 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.

NEOLITHICA *(Entered LRL – Fri 4/18, Race 7)***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.

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

JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 2 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #1 - Sir Chance a Lot; #1a - Turf Luck >>>

Hazlewood rides SIR CHANCE A LOT

Race 6 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #5 - Mo Joke; #10 - Twice Gold >>>

Hazlewood rides TWICE GOLD

Race 7 - Tais Lyapustina: #6 - Ginger Girl; #7 - Bailintin >>>

Lyapustina rides GINGER GIRL

Race 7 - Angel Cruz: #3 - Malibu Moonshine; #8 - Don't Tell Kelly >>>

Cruz rides MALIBU MOONSHINE

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