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TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

>> RACE 1

1. SALLY'S GOLD

2. SUGAR BEE

3. SPOILS OF WAR

First post is 12:10 ET with 12% takeout on "Value Pick 5" wagers. **SALLY'S GOLD** switches surfaces as a full sister to a turf winner, and a half to another. Doesn't appear to show interest on dirt, but she shook loose on a quick pace to blitz them on Tapeta two back, and that speed would play very well here. Barn sent out 10-1 first-turf winner Guaponess at Pimlico last spring. Hamilton departs this one and Nuwanda for Hazelmoor Beach. **SUGAR BEE** rallied stoutly to win her first two starts with blinkers, then acted up badly behind the gate prior to being overmatched in the Pan Zareta at Fair Grounds. In tough against two next-out winners last time over Gulfstream's Tapeta with the runner-up returning to take a \$12,000 starter there with an 84 Beyer. Might be a bit more aggressive early with blinkers back on. **SPOILS OF WAR** rated outside in midpack behind a quick pace two back, split horses in upper stretch, eased out for a serious run, and stormed home despite hopping back to her left lead. Kicks on in the lane. COME TO MAMA is often off slow, and she can't afford to give up too much ground turning back to this sharper sprint distance. Gets a little class relief here. POLICE WOMAN (wears cheekpieces) returns to her best surface after wintering on dirt.

>> RACE 2

1. PROUD DIVI

2. KILO ROAD

3. DWELLING LEGACY

PROUD DIVI cleared off to set an uncontested pace in New York, then drove home a comfortable winner with a career-best Beyer. Wonder if she'll have to work a bit harder than that race, a heat where they ran 1-2 around the track, but she'll be right there when the real racing starts. **KILO ROAD**, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (injured) on 3/28, broke a beat slow against an odds-on pacesetter winner that returned to place in a first-level allowance at Aqueduct with an 86 Beyer before grabbing a second-level allowance here with a 94. Outpaced at the back, she steadied in between in upper stretch, then finished evenly. Benefits if this pace gets hot. Barn sent out 5-1 winner Lady Ensign off a similar layoff on 4/19. **DWELLING LEGACY** pressed outside the 5-1 runner-up, then failed to change leads. Appears to be racing herself back into form for her third after a 238-day break. Hazlewood lands here instead of Feelin So Lucky. BEACHFRONT BREEZE set a pressured pace inside Dwelling Legacy, then got the better of that foe when succumbing to Concrete Faze, who next ran third in a starter/first-level allowance in New York with a 77 Beyer. Might face strong pressure from the top pick. PROFITUNITY, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 4/19, rallied from off a fast pace to finish ahead of Firstlady Rosalynn, who then took a second-level allowance at Colonial with an 82 Beyer.

>> RACE 3

1. HIGH VIEW

2. MAP TO THE MOON

3. SWEET AND FEISTY

HIGH VIEW is a half-sister to stakes-placed dirt sprinter My Imagination (79 dirt Beyer) and multiple stakes-placed Silent Moon (85 synthetic Beyer) out of

stakes-placed dirt sprinter Perfectly Quiet (81 dirt Beyer). Barn went 2 for the last 10 (20%, \$3.54 ROI) with first-time starters. The last two works match up with the barn's 5-year-old Crisper (87 turf Beyer). Perhaps they went in company. **MAP TO THE MOON** is a half to two turf winners by a solid 15% grass sire. A bit dirtied up on form due to some troubled trips and difficult race flows, she can get close to the pace for a barn that went 3 for the last 13 (23%, \$3.46 ROI) with second-time routers. **SWEET AND FEISTY** was wired in a a slow-paced race in her lone turf start. The runner-up then placed in a maiden special at Tampa with a 62 Beyer. Eligible to show fresh speed off the layoff as she stretches out and adds Lasix. **RADIANT TONES** set a reasonable pace in final turf start of 2024 before tiring behind the odds-on winner. Drops into a claimer, adds Lasix, and should show good early foot. There's a chance this pace gets hot, and that helps **LAUGHING FIT**, who hit the board here with a late flurry three back. **NEARLY A LADY** might get a better flow than in her most recent turf start, a race where they ran 1-2 around the track.

>> RACE 4

1. HALF A LEAGUE

2. STORMY HOLLOW

3. SKYLAR'S BROTHER

HALF A LEAGUE, listed as a Delaware vet scratch on 10/17, must overcome a seven-month layoff, but he faced a pretty good group there in his final strat at three. Broke well, but was outrun to the back. Made an outside bid, but only finished evenly in between. The third-finisher then compiled a 3-1-1-1 record with a 70 Beyer top. Shows some bullet works at Delaware for this. **STORMY HOLLOW** finished behind the two favorites after contesting the pace going seven furlongs last month. Think he'll appreciate cutting back in distance, and figures to show fine positional speed after breaking from the rail. **SKYLAR'S BROTHER** broke two lengths slow in final start last year, made a three-wide bid into the teeth of a quick pace, angled inside on the turn, then finished evenly while over in behind rivals. The ninth-finisher then ran third for the dime with a 50 Beyer. Must cure that nagging gate affliction as he returns from seven-month layoff. **NORTHERN CARDINAL** was wired in a slow-paced race by a dominant debut winner, and the fourth-finisher then graduated for \$12,500 with a 54 Beyer. Shouldn't be too far away when they turn for home. Hazlewood departs for **WRIGHTSVILLE**, who drops in class after being wired in a slow-paced heat.

>> RACE 5

1. MISSIONAIRE

2. FLETCHER

3. ADDICTED TO YOU

MISSIONAIRE was bumped at the start last time, raced in a bit tight while stalking in between horses, made a three-wide bid on the second turn, then couldn't seal the deal. The sixth-finisher next won a \$15,000 "non-three" at Turfway with a 75 Beyer. Think he's more adaptable to race flow as it looks on paper, and he won off a shorter layoff to kick off his 2024 season. Barn went 2 for the last 10 (20%, \$7.02 ROI) with horses returning from 120-180 day layoffs. Hazlewood lands here instead of Top Blood. **FLETCHER** pressed the 7-1 sixth-finisher through quick fractions of 23.21, 23.37 and 23.54, grabbed the lead and the rail on the second turn, then dug in gamely to miss by less than length. The winner of that race next compiled a record of 3-0-1-2 with an 81 Beyer top. He's run well fresh in the past, and should get the jump on the top pick. **ADDICTED TO YOU** earned a competitive Beyer at Saratoga four back, then failed to match that performance in his subsequent races. Think this freshening was just what the doctor ordered, and he's won twice off layoffs in the past. Big drop in class for **MY IMAGINATION**, who faced an impressive odds-on winner nine days ago.

>> RACE 6

1. HOMESTEAD

2. SILLY RABBIT

3. TATE'S WAR CRY

Although **HOMESTEAD** hasn't started in a pari-mutuel race in 413 days, he legged up for this heat with a second-place finish going 1 1/2 miles on turf at the Middleburg Spring races eight days ago. Earned competitive speed figures on turf and synthetic before the layoff, and can get close to the pace for new connections. Boasts similar form as Big Big Star, who returned from a "27-month" layoff off the trainer switch last year to graduate at 9-2 odds on Laurel sod after prepping in a point-to-point meet. **SILLY RABBIT** (\$245,000 RNA yearling) is a half-brother to Grade 1-winning turf routers Spanish Queen (won debut) and Spendarella (won first three starts), and multiple stakes-winning turf router Spanish Loveaffair (won first two starts; 91 turf Beyer). Worked with blinkers from the gate on 4/18, broke slowly, then rushed up to put away two outer workers despite failing to change leads in the straight. **TATE'S WAR CRY** is out of a two-time turf winner from the family of multiple Grade 1-winning dirt router Borrego. Barn sent out debut winners Lazy Days (10-1 odds) and Weekend Wife (5-1 odds) this year. The 4/16 work matches barn's 4-year-old Whiskeyinthejaro (83 dirt Beyer). Perhaps they went in company. **WORK HARD** was wired by the favorite in most recent turf heat, a race that produced two next-out winners with the seventh-finisher graduating against special weights with a 79 Beyer. Hazlewood departs for TELL 'EM I'M COMIN. Perhaps too early to give up on **UNCLE GREY**, who faced tough ones in his lone turf start with the runner-up compiling a 3-2-1-0 record with an 88 Beyer top. **GREY BIGGSY** took advantage of a quick pace to rally nicely in lone turf start. **CHRISTMAS SPIRIT** switches surfaces out of stakes-winning turf router Patsy's Holiday (91 turf Beyer).

>> RACE 7

1. DAZZY

2. WEEKEND WIFE

3. NAVANI

DAZZY was bumped at the start over "good" going, pulled to track the pace from in between, attacked three wide in between on the turn, then finished willingly in between with a decent gallop-out. Seems tactical enough to stay within range of the leaders. **WEEKEND WIFE** pressed inside the more-experienced favorite through reasonable fractions before asserting herself in the stretch. Half-brother to Grade 2-placed dirt router Passion Rules earned a solid number for that race, and stretches out with the speed to make the running. **NAVANI** finished just behind the top pick, but now goes third after the layoff after pairing up Beyers, usually a good sign for a forward move. **MISCHIEVOUSNESS** gets class relief after facing Sheila's Warcloud, who then ran third in an open second-level allowance with a 70 Beyer. Figures tighter in the second start following a 281-day break, and she earned a good speed figure three back at Churchill. Boasts fine tactical speed and should appreciate the added ground.

>> RACE 8

1. ATTACHED

2. GOLDEN CAN

3. TAP IT UP

Usually don't trust that Meadowlands form, but **ATTACHED** pressed outside the favored fifth-finisher through fast fractions, took over turning for home, and held sway despite being very late to change leads. Sanchez lands here instead of Tap It Up. **GOLDEN CAN** just missed the last time she ran on turf. Set quick fractions of 22.61 and 22.57, then battled hard to just miss to the favorite. Think she can assert herself in the opening stages here. **TAP IT UP** won three of her last four turf sprints and benefited from a patient ride to win 2024 finale. Saved ground in midpack, waited in behind horses until a seam materialized in midstretch, then burst on through to score. The eighth-finisher then placed in a dime claimer over Gulfstream's synthetic with a 71 Beyer. Kicks hard in the stretch. **INSTPARTY** has won moving route to sprint, and can unleash a late rally if the pace is quicker than expected.

>> RACE 9

1. CAP CLASSIQUE

2. CENTRE COURT CHAMP

3. DI'S SURPRISE

CAP CLASSIQUE must deal with seven-month layoff, but she showed some ability last year at three. Stalked three wide and in between in the Weather Vane, then flattened out just a bit in between rivals. That race produced three next-out winners with Irish Maxima taking four of her next five starts with a 101 Beyer top. Barn went 4 for the last 11 (36%, \$2.38 ROI) with first-time Lasix users returning from 180-365 day layoffs. **CENTRE COURT CHAMP** bled when the beaten favorite in the 2024 Primonetta, and now returns after a year on the sidelines. Wired in a short field that day, she may receive a better race flow this time, and she won her last two starts with Lasix on. **DI'S SURPRISE** has angles moving turf to dirt, route to sprint, and adding Lasix for her second start after a freshening. Pressed the 14-1 winner's solid pace two back before digging in gamely to post a huge upset. MISS HARRIETT back from a seven-month break after wiring a solid second-level allowance group. Shook off favored fifth-finisher Beguine before going about her business. Her speed plays well here.

>> RACE 10

1. WE CALLED SOL

2. DOCSGOTALLTHECANDY

3. TYSON'S DELIVERY

WE CALLED SOL found a perfect spot tracking a quick three-ply pace at Tampa, cut the corner, then was in tight along the rail in the final sixteenth. Earned a competitive speed figure over course and distance in second start. **DOCSGOTALLTHECANDY** looms the one to catch and beat after chasing a fast opening quarter in a race that went to a favored deep closer. Brushed at the start, she tracked outside, went on a turn attack, but didn't change leads. Barn sent out 7-2 winner Where's My Chew at Penn National on 4/23. Likely receives an easier flow today. **TYSON'S DELIVERY** broke a beat slow, hustled to set a pressured pace inside the odds-on winner, was urged along on the turn, and tired late. Zero Blitz flattered the form by next winning for \$20,000 with a 64 Beyer. WALL STREET MAGIC wheels back on short notice after getting caught up in a two-turn pace dispute at Tampa Bay. Bumped at the start, she pulled to set a pressured pace inside of the 7-2 third-finisher, but couldn't keep up on the second turn and steadily retreated. There's a chance she's better on synthetic, but might rate more comfortably cutting back in distance. Hazlewood departs this one and Flatbed Ford for LET FLY. FLATBED FORD must avoid being outsprinted turning back drastically in distance. Kicks late after facing Rick'swarmheart, who then ran third for \$12,500 with a 47 Beyer. LUCKY ONE TIME drops after being overmatched against odds-on Key Stat for \$30,000. ROYAL FLUSH HEARTS is a half-sister to stakes-placed dirt miler Feeling Woozy (98 dirt Beyer).

MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

R1: Blinkers back on for Sugar Bee may prompt a return to the early form which landed her in stakes company. Keep an eye on Nuwanda, she came off the bench last year against much tougher and likely gets the pace to run down today.

R2: Beachfront Breeze has plenty of early speed and remained gritty on the inside last out against Dwelling Legacy. Proud Divi to the outside will have all the advantage and may kick free early.

R3: A modest group of maidens, Empire's Treat has shown well on the turf but I wonder if she may prefer a bit more ground than this. I land with Nearly a Lady who showed well on the turf early on, she may improve with a return to the surface.

R4: Stormy Hollow seems to be the obvious pace player and made a big improve through the stretch last out. I keep an eye on the outside in Repeatingofcourse, who is 3rd time lasix when sprinting and gets Toledo aboard.

R5: Outside speed from Fletcher, it will be interesting to see if Wine Collector puts the pressure on after showing some early speed recently. Top Blood is my top price in here - distance, family, and fitness all bode well for a first on turf try.

R6: A very interesting group for this long on the turf maiden event. Silly Rabbit is a half to Spendarella and Spanish Loveaffair, but finds himself with a price tag on for the debut. Homestead is an interesting transfer, note the work from Middleburg PtP in the 1.5 mi training flat race. He finished second by a head to another former flat runner (Jhirsch), ahead of mostly seasoned hurdle horses. I find myself shopping for a price in this race.

R7: Dazzy was able to do the heavy lifting on a loose leader for a deeper closer to get by last out. Her 2 back was up against very in form sprinters where she just couldn't work out the right trip. She seems like strongest in the spot here as a 4x winner.

R8: Watch Me Disappear blew the doors off with early speed last weekend, suspect she takes the same approach from the outside here today.

R9: Miss Harriett seems the quickest early on but I find myself concerned she may be caught in between early on. She has shown the ability to take pressure, but the outside speed in Alani may wear down the early leader.

R10: Suspect plenty to press the early pace, I take interest in We Called Sol after a few tough trips. Perhaps this one can find a way to sit close and rally. Take note of the debut runner in Royal Flush Hearts, a half to Feeling Woozy who seems fairly placed.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 3

#11 - High View

Trainer: Tim Woolley

First-Time Starters: 2 for the last 10 (20%, \$3.54 ROI)

#12 - Map to the Moon

Trainer: Jose Corrales

Second-Time Route: 3 for the last 13 (23%, \$3.46 ROI)

RACE 5

#6 - Missionaire

Trainer: Hugh McMahon

First After 120-180 Days: 2 for the last 10 (20%, \$7.02 ROI)

RACE 9

#3 - Cap Classique

Trainer: Brittany Russell

First-Time Lasix, First After 180-365: 4 for the last 11 (36%, \$2.38 ROI)

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

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Race 8: OC 12k/SAL 8k, 3YO+F, 5 1/2F, Turf

HORSE	RACE	TRIP NOTE
ANONYMOUSLY	SA, Lrl, 6F, Fast, 03/30/25 – 2nd	'ANON' broke well, then eased back off the speed & tracked the pace along the rail to the far turn. She was then nudged along on the far turn & held her position well before cutting the corner into the stretch & coming under a strong ride. She then finished willingly inside with a steady rally to force a photo but lost the bob. Clean rail skimming trip. Ran a likable race in defeat & one that suggests today's long stretch will be to her advantage.
GOLDEN CAN	SA, CT, 4 1/2F, Fast, 03/06/25 – 3rd	'GC' broke a touch slow, then advanced along the rail to track the speed into the far turn. She then came under a ride ~5/16 pole & responded willingly, however, possibly because there wasn't a ton of room along the rail, her rider never got into a full drive & only half-heartedly hand rode her to the wire. Regardless, she only finished 2 1/4L behind the winner in 3rd. The rider seemingly was not comfortable with the size of the rail gap from the top of the stretch which resulted in him giving just a half-hearted hand ride. Feel she could have won this race. Upgradable effort.
INSTPARTY	Clm5k, CT, 6 1/2F, Wet Fast, 11/15/24 – 4th	'INSTA' was not rushed from the gate & settled towards the rear of the body of the field before advancing under minimal urging along the rail into the far turn. She then came under a stronger ride between horses on the far turn & from thereon, she finished willingly at one pace to the wire, however, she lacked the pace to challenge strongly. Clean trip. Traveled well & finished willingly but needed more & was one paced late.
SMOOTH PEBBLE	SA, Lrl, 5 1/2F, Firm, 06/23/24 – 3rd	'SP' broke well but was then in a touch tight leaving the gate & eased back to chase the speed along the rail in 4 th . She then came under a ride on the far turn, responded & cut the corner into the stretch but was then shut off ~3/16 pole & altered course to the centre. From there, she finished evenly into 3 rd despite looking weary & flopping leads ~1/16 pole. Slightly troubled trip but having finished 3L behind the runner-up, it's unlikely it cost her a place. Ran okay, though didn't like her flopping leads late. Effort followed by lengthy layoff.
SOCIAL WHIRL	SA, Lrl, 5 1/2F, Firm, 10/31/24 – 6th	'SW' flashed good speed, then eased back to stalk the pace in the pocket. She traveled well on the leaders' heels to the top of the stretch, then had to wait while lacking room to ~3/16 pole. From there, she came under a strong ride but could only finish evenly & then lacked room again very close to the wire. Slightly troubled trip – she was better than the result suggests: traveled best to

		the top of the stretch, then was forced to wait for room. Didn't pick up for pressure as expected in the stretch (she looked loaded ~3/16 pole) but did respond to pressure, only to lack room again late.
GOLD TIME VIXEN	Clm7.5k, Lrl, 5 1/2F, Fast, 04/05/25 – 7th	'GTV' broke sharp from the rail but was then slowly into stride & dropped back to race in mid-pack/rear. She had then dropped back to a share of last when rounding the home turn & came under a ride while lugging out a touch. Her response to her rider's urgings was limited & from the top of the stretch, she weakened to finish a detached last. Was outpaced following a sharp break, then lugged out a touch on the turn & offered little off the bridle. Uninspiring.
QUIT QUAY	Clm25k, Lrl, 7F, Good, 04/06/25 – 1st	'QQ' broke well from the outside gate & settled into a close stalking position in the clear 3W early. She then advanced into a share of the lead having received pressure to her outside running into the far turn. Under as tight hold with her rivals strongly under pressure, she then advanced into a clear lead on the turn & turned for home ~3L in front before coming under a strong ride. She responded willingly to pressure through the stretch & gamely held off a strong closer. Sat a clean trip racing between horses. Traveled best into the race & showed a game attitude late. Likable in victory.
ATTACHED	Clm5k, Med, 5F, Firm, 10/18/24 – 1st	'ATTACHED' broke well, was hustled from the gate, worked forward & pressured the leader 2W into the first turn. She then drew level for the lead on the far turn before taking a very slim lead at the top of the stretch. She then came under a strong ride & opened up slightly in the stretch, despite not changing leads until ~1/16 pole, & then held safe under a hand ride late. Clean trip on the front end 2W. Showed good speed & finished willingly, though didn't switch leads until late & wasn't visually that impressive.
TAP IT UP	SA, Lrl, 5 1/2F, Firm, 10/31/24 – 1st	Having broken cleanly from the rail draw, 'TIU' raced comfortably in mid-pack to the stretch, then had to wait until ~1/8 th pole to offer a finishing effort as she was forced to wait in traffic. When clear, she came under a ride & finished well between horses, wearing into the leader's advantage & getting up on the wire. Overcame the fact that she lacked room in the stretch to ~1/8th pole, finishing well to get up in time. Traveled very well into the race. Feel she was better than the winning margin suggests.
WATCH ME DISAPPEAR	Alw, Lrl, 5 1/2F, Firm, 04/18/25 – 12th	After taking a slight bump at the break, 'WMD' was ridden hard to take the lead heading into the turn. She then crossed to the rail & opened up ~2L lead under a tight hold on the turn & into the stretch. He maintained a healthy lead under a hold & had his rivals strongly under pressure ~3/16 pole but then flopped leads & quickly faded to last under a motionless rider. Was 82/1 in this race & went very hard in front, so potentially just weakened late because she was tired & outclassed. However, the rider's body language late, coupled with the late lead 'flop', could also indicate that something was amiss.
SWEET SUMMER LOVE	Clm40k, Lrl, 5 1/2F, Firm, 04/19/25 – 12th	'SSL' broke sharp from the wide outside gate, then crossed to the 4P & pressured the contested pace to the far turn where he was then scrubbed on to keep up but struggled to do so & weakened approaching the top of the stretch. Having then swung 5W into the stretch, she came under a strong ride but could offer no more & faded to a distant last. Sat a wide trip but that didn't cost her the race. Faded quickly from the top of the stretch in an uninspiring effort that lacked an obvious excuse.
NEOLITHICA (MTO)	Alw, Lrl, 1m, Good, 04/04/25 – 2nd	'NEO' got away cleanly between horses, then worked forward to set an even tempo in the 2P with a rival closely stalking her on the rail. She traveled well to the far turn where she then briefly extended her advantage under under a hold before being challenged by two fresh faces on her outside. She maintained a slim lead to the top of the stretch, then came under a strong ride. She then fought very resiliently towards the inside & held off all bar one of her rivals to the wire. Clean trip setting the pace. Was extremely game to the wire, seeing off all bar one rival. Very likable in defeat, though off this effort, it's uncertain that she wants to cut back to sprint distances.
LOVE TO EAT (MTO)	SA, Lrl, 6F, Fast, 03/30/25 – 4th	'LTE' broke sharp & zipped into a clear lead under a tight hold early. She traveled well with a clear lead along the rail to the top of the stretch with her rivals under strong pressure in behind her. However, upon straightening, she then became very leg weary & didn't switch leads which, despite the fact that she tried very hard under a strong ride, resulted in her fading to 3 rd . Set hot pace, then became leg weary while not changing leads (black mark). Looked to try hard though & although she was visually unimpressive, she actually ran fairly well.

Race 9: OC 55k, 3YO+F, 6F, Dirt

HORSE	RACE	TRIP NOTE
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CENTRE COURT CHAMP	Priminetta S., Lrl, 6F, Fast, 04/13/24 – 2nd	‘CCC’ broke sharp, then eased back to track the speed early. She was then nudged along to keep pace with the leading duo heading into & around the far turn. She just about managed to do so, then angled out in the the 4P & came under a strong ride at the top of the stretch. From there, she finished willingly down the stretch for 2 nd , though was never reaching the winner. Clean trip, though a touch wide into the stretch. Looked a touch outpaced on the turn but responded well to pressure & finished willingly. Likable in defeat. Reported to have bled. Effort followed by lengthy layoff.
DI’S SURPRISE	Dahlia S, Lrl, 1M, Firm, 04/19/25 – 5th	‘DS’ was hustled to the lead early where she set an honest, uncontested pace to the far turn. She was then squeezed along to hold her advantage ~5/16 pole. She responded well to her rider’s urgings & retained the lead to ~1/8 th pole before (not for a lack of trying) she was engulfed by several rivals. Ran well enough at 39/1 & showed a likable attitude trying to go gate to wire. Just wasn’t good enough. A return to sprinting today should suit.
CAP CLASSIQUE	Weather Vane S., Lrl, 6F, Good, 09/22/24 – 6th	‘CC’ raced between horses in mid-pack to the far turn, then advanced under mild pressure 2W to ~1/4 pole. She then came under a strong ride when tight in between foes again at the top of the stretch & advanced into 4th. She willingly responded to pressure & from there on, finished willingly to the line, however, two closers flew home on her outside, demoting her to a 1 3/4L defeat in 6 th . Was forced to race in between horses from start to finish & was tough to run as well as she did. Lost 4th in the dying strides & was only beaten 1 3/4L for everything. Likable in defeat & not nearly as bad as the bare result would suggest. Effort followed by layoff.
MISS HARRIETT	Alw., Lrl, 6F, Sloppy, 09/27/24 – 1st	‘MH’ broke sharp, went to the front, crossed to the rail & set a pressured pace into & around the far turn. She then had her rivals under pressure when extending her lead at the top of the stretch, came under a ride & continued drawing off to the wire. First time racing with both lasix & blinkers. Gate to wire trip. Set hot pace yet still managed to draw away with unfatigued strides late. Good performance. Feel she had more in the locker. Effort followed by layoff.
HAPPY CLOUDS	What A Summer S., Lrl, 6F, Fast, 01/18/25 – 5th	‘HC’ stumbled extremely badly at the start & was away a long last. She then chased the field along the rail to the wire but never managed to get into contention, despite making up minor ground late & passing a rival in a determined effort. Was 31/1, so who knows where she’s have finished with a better start, but she lost all chance at the break. Was determined chasing to the wire.
ALANI	Alw, Prx, 7F, Fast, 04/08/25 – 1st	‘ALANI’ broke sharp from the rail & took the lead early, setting an honest, uncontested pace to the far turn. With her rivals under heavy pressure behind her, she then came under a strong ride ~1/4 pole, turned for home ~2L in front & drew off impressively late. Set an honest pace in front yet still managed to draw away late. Good performance.

Race 10: MC 12k, 3YO, 5 1/2F, Dirt

HORSE	RACE	TRIP NOTE
LET FLY	MC12k, Lrl, 6F, Good, 04/04/25 – 7th	Having broken from the outside gate, ‘LF’ stayed in the clear racing in mid-pack heading into the far turn. He then began weakening ~7/16 pole, came under a ride, dropped to a detached last & lost all chance. He was tailed off when the rider then stood up & allowed him to just gallop home in his own time ~3/16 pole. Clean trip. Stopped fast ~7/16 pole & finished tailed off. Very uninspiring without an obvious excuse.
WE CALLED SOL	MC16k, Tam, 6F, Fast, 04/11/25 – 3rd	‘WCS’ broke okay though a touch inwards from the rail draw, then dropped back to last where he chased the pace into the far turn. He became outpaced rounding the far turn & lost further ground but was not hard ridden until he came under a ride at the top of the stretch. He then finished willing along the rail & ran home nicely, only to lack room along the rail close home which forced him to check & (potentially) cost him 2 nd . Was outpaced to the top of the stretch but then finished well, only to check close home. Arguably could have finished 2nd. Slightly upgradable effort. Off this effort, it’s uncertain whether he wants today’s cut back in trip.
DOCSGOTALLTHECANDY	MC12k, Lrl, 6F, Good, 04/04/25 – 2nd	Following a decent break, ‘DOC’ was squeezed along chasing the loose leader in 2 nd to the far turn where he then began eating into the leader’s advantage, despite drifting out into ~4P. He then came under a strong ride at the top of the stretch & maintained his momentum to pass the longtime leader, however, the eventual winner had built a greater head of steam to his outside & blew by them both. ‘DOC’ chased the winner gamely to the wire, despite not changing leads, & was a clear 2 nd best. Clean trip. Ran very well chasing an honest pace & was still there at the end. Did by far the best of the forwardly placed horses & showed a good attitude though for the third time in a row he didn’t switch leads in the stretch. Maybe that’s just him?

TYSON'S DELIVERY	MC12k, Lrl, 5 1/2F, Fast, 03/21/25 – 4th	'TD' was hustled hard from the rail & took a slim lead heading into the far turn before he was then joined & dueled to ~1/4 pole. He then came under a strong ride but had no chance of keeping up with the winner who aired. He kept trying hard to the wire & held 2 nd to ~50yds from the wire but then lost two places late. Clean trip. Contested pace but had no chance with sparing partner who aired by 8L. Was game late & only lost 2nd late on. Likable in defeat.
WALL STREET MAGIC	MC10k, Tam, 1m, Fast, 04/18/25 – 5th	Having broken from the rail draw, 'WSM' speed to the front where he helped set a slowish pace to the far turn. He then dropped back slightly & was nudged along before losing further ground at the top of the stretch, coming under a strong ride & weakening fast through the lane. Helped set a slow pace, then stopped fast at the top of the stretch. Uninspiring.
LUCKY ONE TIME	MC25k, Lrl, 1m, Good, 04/06/25 – 7th	'LOT' broke out slightly from the outside gate but was quickly corrected. He raced in the clear in mid-division to the far turn but then began losing ground. He quickly dropped to last, came under a ride & offered nothing more, finishing tailed off. Stopped on the turn. Uninspiring without excuse.
FLATBED FORD	MC12k, Lrl, 1m, Fast, 03/22/25 – 6th	'FF' lacked speed but was not rushed from the outside gate. He stayed in the clear out wide racing at the back of the body of the field heading into the far turn. He then came under a ride when 3W on the far turn but offered a very limited response & plugged on home at one pace. Lacked speed & a finishing effort. Uninspiring.
ROYAL FLUSH HEARTS		DEBUTANT
IMPERIAL BRUT	MC12k, Lrl, 6F, Fast, 10/24/24 – 11th	'IB' broke slow & raced in rear early. He then dropped to a detached last on the far turn & came under a ride but offered a limited response to his rider's urgings & remained well back to the wire. Was outrun throughout. Uninspiring without an obvious excuse.

Horses to Follow

R8: ANONYMOUSLY (5/1 ML)

For the first time in her 51-race career, the ultra consistent 9-year-old mare, ANONYMOUSLY, who has hit the exacta in all her last six starts, will tackle 5 ½-furlongs over the Laurel Park lawn for the first time today. And as you can see from the above trip notes, based off her most recent effort, the test, in no small part due to today's extra long stretch, could hit her square between the eyes. She hasn't stepped foot on the turf since August 2023, yet her form on the grass is as strong, if not stronger than that of her dirt form, and trainer Kieron MaGee clearly sees the surface switch as a plus. She has tactical speed to use from a ground saving rail draw and a fitness edge over her main market rivals. Add in speed figures that make her live whichever way you slice them and ANONYMOUSLY can score in today's eighth.

R9: ALANI (4/1 ML)

The top three morning line choices for today's ninth race are all returning to the track off lengthy layoffs this afternoon, which could open the door for a slightly bigger priced runner in ALANI. This remarkably consistent daughter of COMPETITIVE EDGE, who has never missed the board in nine career starts on dirt, enters today's contest off the back of a career best 77-Beyer earning gate-to-wire romp at Parx earlier this month. She set a taxing pace from the start that day but still had enough in reserve to kick powerfully late, eventually crossing the line 5 3/4-lengths up on a solid group of mares. With a tactical outside post position today, leading Parx based rider Frankie Pennington, who's making the trip to Laurel just for this mount, will once again be able to use ALANI's ability to withstand a strong early gallop knowing that she'll still kick strongly in the stretch. Off the bench, her main market rivals may not be able to live with her late and and at ~4/1, she could be tough to peg back.

R10: DOCSGOTALLTHECANDY (8/5 ML)

DOCSGOTALLTHECANDY broke his maiden in career start number two last August, then contested three races against winners, but was later disqualified from his maiden breaking effort due to his rider's overuse of the crop and so dropped back into maiden claiming company April 04. He finished second that day yet ran a super race in defeat: chasing a hot pace that set things up nicely for the closers, he faught of all his rivals save for the even money favorite and eventual winner, DEFINED BOUNDARIES. The 3-year-old gelded son of HOPPERTUNITY now looks to have found an ideal opportunity to finally shed that maiden tag (again) as he drops back to his preferred 5 1/2-furlong trip and faces what appears on paper to be the softest group he's met to date. He's got speed to make the early lead from gate three and with leading rider Jamie Rodriguez aboard, he could be worth singling in the late sequences.

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 *(Entered Today, Race 2)*

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

Last Race: April 4, 8th

Finish: 5th by 14

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.

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.

CUZ UR PRETTY

Trainer: Rodolfo Sanchez-Salomon

Last Race: April 19, 6th

Finish: 1st by 8 1/2

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 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.

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.

NEOLITHICA *(Entered Today, Race 8 - MTO)*

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.

WHENIGETTOHEAVEN

Trainer: Nolan Ramsey

Last Race: April 19, 8th

Finish: 3rd by 2 3/4

Bumped at start, then sent up between horses while involved in a three-way pace skirmish around the turn. Stayed on through the stretch behind speedy Fore Harp and Maryland Champion Wittty.

Sanchez-Salomon runner bounced back in a big way after troubled Colonial try. Right to the front against OCLM-NW2X F&M and rolled from there posting a 90 Beyer Speed Figure.

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.

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.

PEDIATRICIAN

Trainer: Marco Salazar

Last Race: April 11, 5th

Finish: 2nd by 2 3/4

Impressed with a solid Maiden Special Weight run. Half-brother to G2 Eddie D turf stakes winner Lane Way, he chased the early pacemaker and maintained a steady pace to finish second behind the favored winner, Agreed. It appears that he may prefer more ground, and is certainly a horse to watch when transitioning to turf.

BRIGHTNESS

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Last Race: April 18, 6th

Finish: 2nd by 3 1/2

Improved performance when adding blinkers second out. Raced 4 deep early, then 3 wide around the far turn. Gave chase to energetic winner Ready For Magic in mid-stretch, then kept on gamely while well clear for place spot.

ISLAND DREAM GIRL

Trainer: Kieron Magee

Last Race: April 19, 4th

Finish: 3rd by 2

Sent along in pursuit of the pace skirmish, chased five deep nearing far turn, remained six wide approaching upper stretch, but persisted and managed to stay on, narrowly missing second place by a nose.

EFF THIRTY FIVE

Trainer: Brittany Russell

Last Race: April 18, 9th

Finish: 1st by 3 3/4

BTR trainee excelling on grass right now. Dominated OCML-NW2X field with strong off the pace surge. Kept on eagerly through gallop. Stakes company might be next.

TWAIN

Trainer: Madison Meyers

Last Race: April 19, 3rd

Finish: 1st by 3/4

3-year-old Kitten's Joy colt brought a sustained run after being angled out for clear sailing in 5 1/2 MSW event. Added distance probably not out of the question.

JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 1 - Weston Hamilton: #1 - Hazelmoor Beach; #8 - Sally's Gold; #9 - Nuwanda >>> **Hamilton rides HAZELMOOR BEACH**

Race 2 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #2 - Dwelling Legacy; #3 - Feelin So Lucky >>> **Hazlewood rides DWELLING LEGACY**

Race 4 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #4 - Wrightsville; #5 - Northern Cardinal >>> **Hazlewood rides WRIGHTSVILLE**

Race 5 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #6 - Missionaire; #7 - Top Blood >>> **Hazlewood rides MISSIONAIRE**

Race 5 - Weston Hamilton: #2 - Bermuda Run; #10 Wine Collector >>> **Hamilton rides BERMUDA RUN**

Race 6 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #5 - Tell 'Em I'm Comin; #7 - Work Hard >>> **Hazlewood rides TELL 'EM I'M COMIN**

Race 6 - Jevian Toledo: #4 - Wrap and Send; #12 - Triple Sec >>> **Toledo rides WRAP AND SEND**

Race 8 - Mychel Sanchez: #9 - Attached; #10 - Tap It Up >>> **Sanchez rides ATTACHED**

Race 8 - Jaime Rodriguez: #4 - Smooth Pebble; #8 - Quit Quay >>> **Rodriguez rides QUIT QUAY**

Race 10 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #1 - Let Fly; #5 - Wall Street Magic; #7 - Flatbed Ford >>> **Hazlewood rides LET FLY**

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

Apr. 18 – INSIDE BIAS

Apr. 19 – Fair