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TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

>> RACE 1

1. ANOINT

2. INANNA'S QUEST

3. CAIRO STREET

First post is 12:10 ET with low 12% takeout on "Value Pick 5" wagers. **ANOINT** won the last time she was offered for a tag, and seems well-entered after an even performance off a long layoff in a second-level allowance. Broke a beat slow from the fence, raced three wide at the back, dropped inside when one-paced on the second turn, then finished evenly while over in behind rivals. She could use a little pace help to adequately setup her late bid.

INANNA'S QUEST acted up a bit prior to her seasonal debut, then stayed relatively close to a fast pace in a race won by the deep-closing favorite. The fourth-finisher next ran third in a second-level allowance with a 78 Beyer. Better fit at this class level for barn that went 3 for the last 11 (27%, \$4.89 ROI) second after 180-365 day layoffs. **CAIRO STREET**, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 5/26, returns to preferred surface after being wired in a Keeneland heat that produced two next-out winners. That last turf race proved key as well with the fourth-finisher next taking a \$45,000 starter at Delaware with a 75 Beyer. Can get close to the pace for barn that sent out 5-1 turf winner Canadian Bear here on 6/15. **PATTY CAKES** deserves respect if able to escape the Also Eligible list. **WHITE LILACS** walked the dog on the lead when beating three of these in circuit debut. She might very well be the fastest from the stalls once again.

>> RACE 2

1. REPLY

2. MISCHIEF IN MOTION

3. ROSIEONTHERIVER

REPLY ran well in the Grade 2 Black-Eyed Susan considering it was only her third start, and that she had to endure a long delay prior to the race due to extreme weather conditions. Bumped from midpack early, she found good position near the back behind a fast pace, made an inside bid under urging on the second turn, swung four wide, and finished evenly. The winner next ran second in the Grade 3 Delaware Oaks with a 78 Beyer. Perhaps new blinkers will get her into the race a bit earlier, and we know she has a strong late kick. Conversely, **MISCHIEF IN MOTION** sheds blinkers after being up close to a solid pace (23.84; 23.51) in a race where stalkers and closers did best. Like to see her back on short rest, and she figures to get the jump on the top pick from tracking range for barn that sent out 5-1 "blinkers on" winner Coringa on 2/8. **ROSIEONTHERIVER** was wired in a slow-paced race over a speed-friendly Monmouth track. Bumped and pinched back at the start, she pulled while saving ground near the back, made an outside bid under urging, then finished evenly. **CLEMENTINE HUNTER**, a half-sister to stakes-winning turf router Carnival Colors out of Grade 1-placed dirt router Carnival Court, earned low Beyer in career debut, but she should really appreciate this extra distance, and can grab the early lead.

>> RACE 3

1. MORTAL SIN

2. FIGHTNOMOREFOREVER

3. JUST FOR GIGGLES

MORTAL SIN prepped for this with a fourth-place finish in a 12-furlong point to point race at Old Dominion on April 5. Raced midpack three wide on Laurel turf two back, followed the winner's live cover on the second turn, eased out into the stretch, then changed back to his left lead while second best. Graduated on dirt last time, and should make a late bid swapping out blinkers for cheekpieces. **FIGHTNOMOREFOREVER** saved ground in midpack behind a fast pace, made a three-wide bid, then flattened out in between in final start of 2024. The runner-up next placed in a \$40,000 "non-two" with a 73 Beyer. Barn sent out 11-10 winner Agent Kelly returning from a six-month layoff on 5/11. **JUST FOR GIGGLES** received a solid race flow when winning turf

debut. Settled midpack while slightly off the rail, altered course five wide, then got up in the last jump despite being late to change leads. Barn went 4 for the last 12 (33%, \$3.17 ROI) with last-out maiden winners. KUNOOZ deserves strong consideration if able to escape the Also Eligible list. Rodriguez lands here instead of Return Fire. HOMER JONES saved ground in midpack behind a solid pace, split rivals entering far turn, altered outside, then switched back to his left lead late in the game. Think he can get forward in this spot.

>> RACE 4

1. IN MY MEMORIES

2. TUNED TO THE MOON

3. GRAYSON'S GIRL

IN MY MEMORIES, the lone four-time winner in the field, rebounded from four consecutive losses as the favorite to score earlier in the month. Broke in a bit, found a nice spot tracking from off the rail, made a four-wide bid, and got away from them. Versatile running style allows her to adapt to any race flow for barn that went 13 for 35 (37%, \$2.21 ROI) on dirt between 6/2 and 6/17. **TUNED TO THE MOON** prompted three wide and in between when wired two back, was brushed in between entering the turn, dropped into the pocket, eased out into the stretch and was second best. Part of a three-ply pace dispute last time, and it might have softened her up for top pick's late rally. She might not have as much pressure up front this time for jockey-trainer combo that sent out 10-1 winner On the Mark on 6/6 and 7-2 winner Ginger Girl on 6/14. **GRAYSON'S GIRL** ran well when wired at Pimlico. Broke a beat slow, didn't seem comfortable racing behind horses on the rail at the back, uncorked a five-wide bid, and finished with interest. She hasn't been good from the gate, however, and might need to stay a bit closer to the pace for barn that went 11 for the last 25 (44%, \$3.32 ROI) third after layoffs between 180 and 365 days in dirt sprints. TIP LINE, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 3/8, drops in class and adds Lasix after racing in three stakes. Wired in the Future Stars Fillies, a race where they ran 1-2 around the track, she settled at the back, eased out to split rivals, then finished evenly without threatening. The third-finisher then won Aqueduct's Ruthless Stakes by ten lengths with a 77 Beyer.

>> RACE 5

1. WON AN AWARD

2. HARDSPUN REASON

3. FOREVER SOUPER

WON AN AWARD seemed fresh in first following six-month layoff as he prompted the 17-1 fourth-finisher under confident handling, went on a hard chase on the second turn, then finished evenly with a solid gallop-out. The runner-up next took Monmouth's Cliff Hanger with a 92 Beyer. Think he'll revert to more patient tactics for barn that went 7 for the last 31 (23%, \$3.97 ROI) second after 180-365 day layoffs. Ruiz lands here instead of Wow What Summer. **HARDSPUN REASON** prevailed following a 233-day freshening for a barn that excels off layoffs, so not that concerned about the 342-day rest leading up to this start. Wired by odds-on Forever Souper in a short field in the Prince George's County last time, he should get a stronger flow to attack. Breezed heads-up outside 3-year-old maiden Astar (58 Beyer) over Fair Hill turf on June 13. **FOREVER SOUPER** failed as the favorite in his last three, but drops back in with allowance types after just missing in the Cliff Hanger to Otago, who next ran second in the Monmouth Stakes with a 93 Beyer. Tactical sort should sit a nice stalking trip. WOW WHATA SUMMER closed into a strong pace to just miss at Pimlico. The fourth-finisher then ran third in a second-level allowance with an 84 Beyer. Upgrade if there is give in the ground.

>> RACE 6

1. TIDEWATER

2. DETERMINED KINGDOM

3. CRABS N BEER

TIDEWATER just missed in last year's Ben's Cat after carving out the fractions in a race where the pace held together, and he got a bit too far back in his most recent start at Pimlico. Altered course to the outside in the stretch and ran on with energy at that five-eighths trip. The fifth-finisher then took a second-level allowance with an 89 Beyer. Might be set for best in third start of the year for barn that sent out 10-1 winner Toast to Coast on 6/15.

DETERMINED KINGDOM also goes third off the layoff after a late-running try at Pimlico. Purchased for \$190,000 at Keeneland last fall, he couldn't get as close to the pace as usual after being bumped at the start, but showed an improved kick from his prior start. With an alert break, he should be prominent from the opening bell. **CRABS N BEER** hasn't sprinted in almost three years, but he won three sprints early in his career. Probably in a bit tough in the Grade 3 Dinner Party over a wet turf course at Pimlico, but likely reverts to late-running tactics dropping in class and distance.

>> RACE 7

1. INVEIGLED

2. AIN'T DA BEER COLD

3. CADET CORPS

INVEIGLED repeats the "Lasix On" angle that resulted in his seasonal debut victory. Ran well in the restricted Knicks Go at Churchill last time as he hooked up in a solid pace battle (22.42, 22.78) with the 27-1 eighth-finisher, and was the only part of the pace sticking around at the end. His pace rival returned to finish second in a high-level Churchill allowance with a 94 Beyer. Might not have to work as hard to get forward in this spot. **AIN'T DA BEER COLD** hasn't finished ahead of another horse in his last five races, but he has a ton of back class as well as the early speed to get on or near the lead. Think this winter break might have done him a world of good, and he's another one getting Lasix once again. **CADET CORPS** saved ground at the back behind a quick pace at Delaware, split rivals on the far turn under urging, squeezed through a seam in upper stretch, then drove home to score in a race dominated by closers. He should get a fair pace to attack from near the back of the field.

>> RACE 8

1. BOSSERATI

2. ALLA BREVE

3. CUT FROM CLASS

BOSSERATI must navigate six furlongs, but she looks like the controlling speed, and usually displays grit and determination in the stretch. She was ready to roll in the The Very One as she set a pressured pace inside the 3-1 runner-up, then refused to yield despite drifting out and hopping back to her left lead. Beat two next-out winners and handles any kind of ground. Perhaps **ALLA BREVE** has the top one's number as she beat her in last year's Jameela, and finished ahead of her in the Pan Zareta at Fair Grounds. Don't think she had the best trip in the latter race as she broke a beat slow, stalked in between, was steadied entering the turn, eased outside, and changed back to her left lead while in between. Kicks on in the late stages. She won off a 153-day layoff last year, so perhaps she won't be rusty coming back following this 203-day break. **CUT FROM CLASS** turns back in distance, but she's won sprinting. Settled for pocket position in the Dahlia, eased off the rail when likely beaten, and finished in a one-paced fashion. Think she can adapt to any race scenario. **HOLLYWOOD WALK** might have been compromised when wired in the slow-paced License Fee last month. Saved ground in the pocket, then finished evenly behind the two pacesetters. Good fit against restricted competition.

>> RACE 9

1. TEDDY'S LUCKY GIRL

2. THIRD TUESDAY

3. TAMMY'S MAGIC

TEDDY'S LUCKY GIRL brings dirtied-up form into today's finale. Raced wide over a rail-friendly track in debut, caught a muddy strip against tougher \$45,000 waiver maidens at Pimlico, then might not have cared for two-turn turf racing two weeks later. Didn't break the best in that wet-track event, was outrun while saving ground and failed to menace. The winner next ran third in a \$40,000 "non-two" seller with a 48 Beyer. Barn went 3 for the last 10 (30%, \$3.16 ROI) with experienced maidens adding blinkers for the first time. **THIRD TUESDAY** also returns to dirt after being beaten double-digits on the lawn. Perhaps a bit uncomfortable in between in the early stages of dirt start two back, she made a three-wide bid before finishing behind two sharp favorites. The winner repeated in a dime "non-two" claimer with a 50 Beyer. **TAMMY'S MAGIC** has excuses for her lone dirt start as she was wired by odds-on Margarita Daze in her first run after 262 days on the sidelines. The runner-up then finished third in a quarter maiden at Penn National with a 49 Beyer. **BELLA CATTIVA** (\$24,000 RNA May juvenile; \$5,000 June juvenile) breezed two furlongs in 22 flat at the June auction, and is a half-sister to multiple stakes-placed sprinter Had to Have Him (90 dirt Beyer). **GREAT MOON** is very well-entered after being wired in his debut at Charles Town. **AUTHENTICATED** might not have cared for turf or wet-dirt in her last four starts. Wired on dirt two back, but has solid-enough starts on fast going.

KALI'S KEY – by Kali Francois

Race 3 - #1 Just For Giggles and #5 Homer Jones

Giving you either an exacta box or two solid horses to open the first leg of the Middle Pick Four sequence that we have going on for Saturday. With us seeing a different individual in terms of the #1 Just for Giggles, Magee second time on the turf is going to be a stat that will be climbing over the summer and autumn this year. The presumed favorite of the race, #5 Homer Jones with Trombetta in about to cycle in good form - as an individual, he's great 3rd off the layoff. Coming down to the sixteen level helps a little as well.

MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

R1: 2nd off the bench and Boyce back on looks to benefit Inanna's Quest much more here today. Going the mile she will likely sit close to the pace and may keep things honest against the controlling speed in White Lilacs.

R2: Reply adds blinkers and comes out of a trying effort in the Black Eyed Susan, she looks ready to step forward here. Interesting 2nd time starter in Clementine Hunter, the pedigree certainly indicates she may appreciate the added ground.

R3: I find this a tricky race to handicap, ultimately landing with Just for Giggles after the impressive maiden score first on the turf. Severn Run has all the reason to improve when trying the grass here.

R4: In My Memories has answered nearly every question and seems the logical play here, some concern if she can hang on for the 3/4 distance with this group. Conquerthosewecan was quick enough as a 2 y/o on debut to place in MSW company, she may need a race back but could benefit from an honest pace to close into.

R5: Kake's Arrow has everything working in his favor when cutting back to the mile, I still try to beat him with Eff Thirty Five who arrives off of a freshening. Suspect the pace will be kept plenty honest here today.

R6: Super competitive group of veteran turf sprinters, I take a price in King Covee who looks to appreciate the 3/4 distance on the grass. Keep an eye on Tidewater, he has plenty of reason to run his best race 2nd time on the grass this year.

R7: Cadet Corps found trouble 2 back but really impressed when running second to Point Dume, he seems the best play to beat a potentially short priced favorite. Be Better seems to be coming into his better form, which may be enough get a handle on this group.

R8: Alla Breve has always dazzled and you rarely need to make an excuse for her. She may need to step up first off the bench but we have seen it before. Bosserati is full of confidence and looks to be tough in here again, we'll see if the 3/4 distance gives room for foes to catch her.

R9: Third Tuesday has been improving while sticking to this level, I excuse the turf try with a trouble trip and suspect she is forwardly placed here. Keep an eye on debut runner Bella Cattiva, a half sibling to Had to Have Him.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 1

#5 - Inanna's Quest

Trainer: Lynn Ashby

Second After 180-365 Days: 3 for the last 11 (27%, \$4.89 ROI)

RACE 3

#1 - Just for Giggles

Trainer: Kieron Magee

Last-Out Maiden Winners: 4 for the last 12 (33%, \$3.17 ROI)

RACE 4

#1 - In My Memories

Trainer: Anthony Farrior

Between 6/2 and 6/17, Dirt: 13 for 35 (37%, \$2.21 ROI)

RACE 4

#2 - Grayson's Girl

Trainer: Brittany Russell

Third After 180-365 Days, Dirt Sprints: 11 for last 25 (44%, \$3.32 ROI)

RACE 5

#3 - Won an Award

Trainer: Jorge Duarte Jr

Second After 180-365 Days: 7 for the last 31 (23%, \$3.97 ROI)

RACE 9

#4 - Teddy's Lucky Girl; #6 - Tammy's Magic

Trainer: Tim Keefe

Experienced Maidens, First-Time Blinkers: 3 for last 10 (30%, \$3.16 ROI)

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

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Race 6: The Ben's Cat Stakes (Restricted), 3YO+, 6F, Turf

HORSE	RACE	TRIP NOTE
CRABS N BEER	Dinner Party S., Pim, 1 1/8M, Good, 05/17/25 – 7th	'CNB' was not rushed having broken from the two hole but still managed to adopt a favorable rail stalking position early, ~1L off the slow pace. He traveled keenly in this position to ~1/2M pole, then eased into the 2P to avoid the retreating leader heading into the far turn. As the pace then quickened in front, he became outpaced & dropped back slightly while under pressure on the bend, hitting the top of the lane ~3L down & heading in the wrong direction. From there, he faded further in the stretch. This was a high-quality field he was taking on; however, having established a perfect position behind the slow pace early, he then became badly outpaced when the real running began which wasn't ideal considering he's cutting back to 6F today. Trip is likely to be an issue today.
KING COVEE	SA, BAQ, 6F, Firm, 06/12/25 – 2nd	'KC' broke okay from gate two, then took a minor bump after the break but wasn't drastically impeded. He lacked speed initially out the gate & raced towards rear through the opening furlong but then advanced under a tight hold to adopt a favorable tracking position in mid-pack, ~2L off the slow pace while racing in the 2P to the 5/16 pole. He was then angled out into the clear 4W & advanced smoothly around horses to take a share of 2 nd at the top of the stretch with the lone leader in sight. From there, he came under a strong ride & finished strongly to the wire but was never catching the winner. Another solid effort in defeat: he traveled well in mid-pack, advanced smoothly in the 3-4P on the bend, then finished powerfully but could not reach the gate to wire winner who had gotten away with setting a slow pace eagerly. He again showed a good attitude & could have more to offer again as he makes his third start of the form cycle, especially if given a stronger pace to run at.
SINETIC	MD Alw, Pim, 5F, Firm, 05/10/25 – 7th	Having broken alertly from the rail, SINETIC was ridden forward & showed good speed to vie for the lead early. He traveled well dueling through sharp fractions to the top of the stretch, then came under a strong ride & gamely maintained the lead to ~50yds before the 1/8 th pole. However, he then became leg weary, was engulfed by the closers & faded back into 7 th . Went hard dueling from the rail, then faded. He showed a good attitude here; however, this is a much tougher group that he faces today, he's not going to be alone on the lead, & he'll also have to last another furlong if he's to score, which seems unlikely. Needs more.
GREAT IDEA	Alw, Lrl, 5 1/2F, Firm, 05/15/25 – 3rd	Following a clean break, 'GI' came under pressure to keep up when outpaced chasing the blistering pace to the far turn, ~5L back in the 2P. He then found his stride & traveled better when riding the rail around the far turn but didn't advance & hit the top of the stretch still ~7L behind. However, he then tipped out into the clear 4W, came under a strong ride & rallied nicely through the lane for a fast-closing 3 rd . He was never reaching the winner though. Clean trip. Was outpaced chasing the red-hot pace early, then rallied powerfully in the stretch. Was possibly flattered by the pace scenario but still, this was a decent enough effort. If he shows back up today to make his third start of the form cycle off just a 6-day break, the stretch out to 6F should suit him. Promising.
TIDEWATER	Alw, Pim, 5F, Good, 05/16/25 – 3rd	TIDEWATER was restrained from the gate & dropped back to chase the pace in rear, ~10L off the pace racing to the far turn. He remained patiently handled in this position to ~1/4 pole, then worked out into the centre of the track at the top of the stretch, came under a strong ride & finished gamely to the wire, passing multiple rivals to claim 3rd. He lacked the pace to threaten for the win though. Was very patiently handled far off the pace, then finished with interest but lacked the pace to challenge for the win. The pace fell apart a little here, which slightly flattered him; however, he there's no denying that he showed a likable attitude & ran in a manner to suggest that, as he now makes his third start of the form cycle, he can improve today for the extra yardage. He also stumbled a few times on the 'good' listed turf and may have more to offer if the ground comes up firm today.
HAD TO HAVE HIM	Alw, Lrl, 5 1/2F, Good, 05/31/25 – 1st	(Off turf event). 'HTHH' broke alertly from the rail but didn't want any part of the early pace & eased back to stalk the pace in last, ~1L off the lead early. He traveled well in this position to ~5/16 pole, then gradually eased his way off the rail into the clear 3-4W ~1/4 pole. From there, he steadily advanced around horses, drew level for the lead while still under a hand ride ~1/8 th pole, then came under a strong ride & extended away for a comfortable score. Four runner race. This was a convincing win off the layoff: he powerfully stalked the pace, then eased out, advanced under hand urging, drew level ~1/8th pole & extended away nicely late. He won in a manner that suggested 6F could see him to even better effect & he could strip fitter today too. Promising.
HUNTER JOE	Alw, Lrl, 5 1/2F, Good, 06/01/25 – 4th	(Off turf event). Following a clean break, 'HJ' tracked the leaders while being squeezed along between horses in the 3P, ~1L back heading to the far turn. Under a hand ride, he then advanced in the 3P to be racing just a neck behind the pace setters ~1/4 pole. He then came under a stronger ride but could find no more & despite trying hard, faded into last. Sat 3W throughout which maybe cost him a length or two, but not the win. He was under pressure to stick within striking range throughout but could find no more late on & faded. He's entitled to strip fitter for this comeback run & should improve for both the stretch out to 6F & return to turf; however, it would still have been nice to have seen a little more from him here & improvement will be required.

DETERMINED KINGDOM	Jim McKay Turf Sprint S., Pim, 5F, Good, 05/17/25 – 3rd	‘DK’ took a bump & was forced in slightly at the break which left him chasing the place at the rear of the body of the field, ~5L off the pace early. He was patiently ridden in this position to ~5/16 pole, then received a nudge from his rider & advanced slightly along the rail to hit the top of the stretch ~3L down. From there, he came under a strong ride & responded nicely to draw level for the lead ~1/16 pole. However, as the winner then blew by everyone down the centre, his forward momentum flattened out slightly & he had to settle for 3 rd . This was a good effort in defeat against talented horses. Having been impeded at the gate, he had to work hard to draw level for the lead ~1/16 pole which, on the ‘good’ listed turf, possibly explains him flattening out slightly late. Facing slightly easier company today, if granted a cleaner break, he could improve again & be very dangerous as he makes his third start of the form cycle, especially if the turf is firm.
WHENIGETTOHEAVEN	Alw, PID, 6F, Synth, 06/04/25 – 3rd	WHENIGETTOHEAVEN broke okay from the rail, then worked forward to stalk the pace under a tight hold in the pocket, ~1L off the lead early. He traveled well in this position to ~1/4 pole, then found room, came under a strong ride & stayed on well to the wire but lacked the pace to challenge the 7/5 winner who had set slow fractions in front from the start & kicked powerfully off the bend. He eventually dead heated for 3 rd , just 1/2L off 2 nd . Despite the defeat, this wasn’t a terrible effort as he was bottled up behind slow fractions set by the 7/5 favorite from the start which made it hard for him to close late. He did travel well though, show a good attitude & stay on well to the wire. Now returning to the turf with a wide draw in his third start of the form cycle, he can improve.
TALL ORDER	Alw, Pim, 5F, Good, 05/16/25 – 7th	Having broken cleanly from gate two, ‘TO’ was restrained back to chase the pace in rear, ~9L off the pace racing to the far turn. He then began to advance along the rail while under a hold but lacked a clear path ~5/16 pole which stalled his momentum somewhat when he really needed to be getting into top stride. He hit the top of the stretch still under a hold ~5L off the lead, then tried to advance but was denied a clear path again. From the 3/16 pole to inside the 1/8 th pole, he spent his time sharply angling out into the clear down the centre of the track, then he finally came under a strong ride & finished well but had way too much to do. An upgradable effort: he appeared to be closing nicely from the rear but lacked a clear path from ~5/16 pole to well inside the final 1/8th. With a cleaner trip, one feels he could have gone very close. A wide raw today should help him avoid similar trouble as he makes his third start of the form cycle, & the stretch out to 6F should see him to better effect too. He’ll need pace to run at but off this effort, shouldn’t be entirely ruled out.
S S SINATRA (AE)	Alw, Lrl, 5 1/2F, Good, 06/01/25 – 2nd	(Off turf event). ‘SSS’ broke sharply from the rail, took a narrow early lead & then set a hot, pressure pace to ~3/8 pole. He was then joined for the lead & came under a ride to hold his position which he gamely did to the top of the stretch. He then came under a strong ride at the top of the lane & continued to battle hard to the wire but could not keep stride with the top two & faded late on. Four runner race. It’s hard not to admire of this effort having set a pressured pace in front & then battled hard all the way to the wire. However, he’s likely going to be facing pace pressure again today from his wide draw which won’t make getting an extra 1/16M easy, especially as he returns to the turf which seems his lesser preferred surface.
CLAUDEE BOY (AE)	Alw, Pim, 5F, Good, 05/16/25 – 4th	‘CB’ broke okay from the wide outside post, then chased the pace from mid-pack, ~5L off the pace while in the clear ~5W racing to the far turn. He then retained his position while 3W on the bend but dropped further off the pace as the leaders quickened & the field strung out. He hit the top of the lane ~8L off the lead in 7 th , then worked out into the 5p, came under a strong ride & steadily closed, but had too much to do & lacked the pace to threaten for the win. Sat a wide trip which arguably cost him a length or two. He chased the pace from mid-pack, then closed steadily in the lane. He can improve if granted a more ground saving trip today & the stretch out to 6F should be in his favor. However, this was a weaker field than he’ll be facing today & it seems he’ll need to find much more to score.
SUE LOVES BARBADOS (AE)	SA, Pim, 5F, Firm, 05/10/25 – 4th	‘SLB’ was unhurried following a clean break & dropped back to chase the pace in mid-pack, ~5L off the lead while riding the rail into the far turn. He traveled well in this position around the bend to the top of the stretch, then advanced slightly but was briefly denied a clear path. He didn’t have to check, but he did have to alter course slightly out into the 5P. From there, when clear, he came under a strong ride & stayed on well enough to the wire; however, he lacked a finishing punch & never threatened for the win. He didn’t have a completely clean stretch run here, but it didn’t really cost him a position & he didn’t have much of an excuse. He’ll need much more today taking on tougher company.
BUMP N RUN (AE)	Alw, Lrl, 5 1/2F, Good, 06/01/25 – 1st	(Off turf event). ‘BNR’ got away okay from the outside post, then chased the pace from ~2L back while in the clear 4W heading into the turn. He then held this position nicely, despite giving away ground racing 4-5W, possibly lugging out a touch too, around the turn to hit the top of the lane ~2L down in the 5P. From there, he came under a strong ride & after making a slightly late lead change, stayed on strongly down the centre to draw level for the lead ~1/16 pole before edging away late. He then galloped out strongly. Four runner race. This was a solid victory: he traveled well while chasing the pace while wide, then stayed on well to the wire before galloping out nicely. If granted a more ground saving trip today, he could improve a couple of lengths & stretching back out to 6F should suit too. Just not sure he’s quite so effective on turf? Arguably lugged out a touch on the bend too.
EMBOLDEN (AE)	SA, Lrl, 5 1/2F, Firm, 06/08/24 – 6th	EMBOLDEN was unruly in the gate, then hopped at the break & lacked speed, dropping back to chase the pace in rear, ~9L off the pace while 2W heading into the far turn. He then made very steady headway under minimal urging while 2-3W on the turn to hit the top of the stretch ~8L back, then he came under a ride but found nothing off the bridle & remained well behind to the wire. Lacked speed having been unruly in the gate & then hopped leaving there. He found nothing off the bridle late & never factored. The recent gelding operation will need to have helped a lot for him to factor off the layoff today.
SLAM NOTION (AE)	Chick Lang S., Pim, 6F, Fast, 05/17/25 – 8th	‘SN’ broke awkwardly from the rail & found himself chasing the pace in rear, ~10L off the pace early where he looked uncomfortable facing kickback, climbing. He hit the far turn under heavy pressure ~15L off the pace & was never involved thereafter. Having broken awkwardly from the rail, he looked uncomfortable facing the kickback & never did any running which, as lightly raced frontrunner who’d never faced kickback before, seems a legitimate excuse for this sub-par effort. For now at least, a line can be drawn through this effort & more can be expected today.

Race 8: The Jameela Stakes (Restricted), 3YO+F, 6F, Turf

HORSE	RACE	TRIP NOTE
ALLA BREVE	Pan Zareta S., FG, 5 1/2F, Firm, 11/30/24 – 4th	‘AB’ broke slowly from gate seven & was left chasing the pace between horses in rear, ~7L off the lead early. She then tried to advance entering the far turn but was put in tight & forced to check ~3/8 pole which knocked her back a length or two & put her on the back foot. She then came under pressure racing between horse in the 2P on the turn, hit the top of the stretch still racing towards rear, ~6L off the lead, then angled out into the clear ~4W. From there, she rallied nicely down the centre of the stretch, passing multiple rivals for 4 th , just a nose off 2 nd , but had too much to do to contend for the win. This was a decent effort against talented horses at 16/1. Had she not been forced to check ~3/8 pole & been able to save a little more ground, she would almost certainly have finished 3rd & with a cleaner trip from the rail today, she could be capable of improving. Does need pace to run at though. Two time winner off the layoff.
HOLLYWOOD WALK	License Fee S., BAQ, 6F, Firm, 05/04/25 – 3rd	‘HW’ bobbled very slightly out of the gate but still managed to break sharply, then dropped back to track the speed under a hold while riding the rail, 3L off the modest pace racing to ~5/16 pole. She then came under encouragement rounding into the lane & stayed on well enough to the wire but lacked the required kick to ever challenge for the win. Clean trip. Not a bad effort at 15/1. A large factor in the result of this race was the modest early pace – the 10/1 winner went gate to wire, while an 8/1 shot ran second from start to finish. That made it slightly difficult for ‘HW’ to close from mid-pack & if granted a swifter early pace to run at today, she could be seen to better effect as she makes her second start of the form cycle.
NEXT GIRL	Alw, Lrl, 1 1/16M, Firm, 06/06/25 – 2nd	Having broken cleanly from the outside draw, ‘NG’ worked across to comfortably track the pace in a share of 3 rd , ~4L off the pace while 2W racing to the far turn. She then came under a hand ride close in on the leading duo ~7/16 pole & did so nicely, advancing to pass the ¼ pole ~2L off the pace. From there, she floated out into the 4P at the top of the lane, came under a strong ride & then advanced again to be racing ~1/2L of the lead ~3/16 pole. She then ran home willingly to the wire in 2 nd but could not get past the winner. This was a solid effort in defeat at 8/1 where she showed a very likable attitude. However, she didn’t have any excuse either & didn’t particularly run in a manner that suggested a cut back to 6F would see her to any better/the same effect. She’ll need pace to run at today.
CUT FROM CLASS	Dahlia S., Lrl, 1M, Firm, 04/19/25 – 6th	‘CFG’ showed event speed from the gate, then eased back to powerfully stalk the pace on the rail in 3 rd , ~3L off the pace rounding the first turn. She took a strong hold while traveling well in this position to the far turn, then came under encouragement as the pace increased ~5/16 pole but lacked a turn of foot. Closers then passed her & demoted her to 6 th ~3/16 pole & from there she finished evenly to the wire. She had no excuse having stalked the pace in a perfect position but lacked a finishing kick & just wasn’t good enough. However, she did show decent early speed, race powerfully through the early stages of the race & stay on well enough late to be beaten just 4 3/4L, indicating that she could be effective as a closing sprinter. She’s entitled to step forward for this return from the layoff & if the pace is strong early, could be seen to good effect today.
BOSSERATI	Jim McKay Turf Sprint S., Pim, 5F, Good, 05/17/25 – 1st	BOSSERATI broke like a shot out of a cannon from gate two & sped to the lead early. She then traveled well setting a pressured pace along the rail to the top of the stretch, turning for home still under a hold, ~1/4L in front. From there, she came under a strong ride & showed an extremely game attitude to hold her narrow lead to the wire, scoring by a neck. This was an extremely game gate-to-wire win off the layoff. If getting comfortable on the lead today, her determined attitude could see her carry her speed for another furlong as she makes her second start of the form cycle on firmer ground. Big player.
LIFELOVENLAUGHTER	Alw, Lrl, 1 1/16M, Firm, 06/06/25 – 1st	LIFELOVENLAUGHTER showed decent natural speed from the gate, then eased back to track the pace on the rail in 3 rd , ~5L off the loose leader rounding the first turn. She travelled powerfully in this position to the far turn, then came under encouragement to go after the leading duo ~3/8 pole & readily advanced. Having then angled out into the clear 3W at the top of the lane, she maintained her forward momentum under a strong ride to draw level ~1/8 th pole before edging into the lead & gamely holding firm to the wire. This was a solid score off the layoff. She showed decent early speed, race powerfully through the early stages of the race & stayed on well late, indicating that she could be effective as a closing sprinter. She’s entitled to step forward for this return from the layoff & if the pace is strong early, could be seen to good effect cutting back in trip today.
MOONLIT KISS	Fancy Blues S. (Res), CT, 4 1/2F, Fast, 05/31/25 – 3rd	‘MK’ was hustled hard from the inside gate but didn’t flash her usual early speed, then took a bump shortly after which left her racing in last early. She was then quickly taken to the far outside & ridden hard chasing the pace from ~5L back to the far turn. She was under heavy pressure but failing to advance when racing 3-4W around the turn in 7 th , then launched a rally past beaten horses down the centre of the track for 3 rd but could not get up in time & was never beating the winner. Other than racing a touch wide on the turn, she didn’t have much of an excuse here. Based on her finishing effort, she could be capable of stepping forward for today’s extra distance & a wider draw may help her adopt a more forward position early; however, it seems she will need a huge career best to factor.
JUNIPER JUICE	MD Alw, Lrl, 1M, Firm, 05/24/25 – 7th	‘JJ’ broke okay from gate eight, then advanced to vie for the lead 4W heading into the turn before floating way out into the 6P. Having then worked back down to the 4P, she chased the fast pace in a share of 3 rd while being squeezed along ~2L back to the far turn. She then came under more pressure & advanced in the 4P on the turn to dream level for the lead ~1/4 pole but her momentum then flattened out at the top of the lane & she faded tamely into 7 th . Sat a wide trip but

		that didn't make much difference. She was under pressure chasing the pace throughout, then flattened out at the top of the lane. There wasn't much about this effort that suggested a cut back to 6F would bring about improvement & she'll need much more today.
GIFT OF GAB	Alw, Del, 5F, Good, 06/07/25 – 1st	'GOG' was unhurried following a clean break & dropped back under patient handling to race in rear of a tightly bunched field, ~4L off the lead racing to the bend between horses in the 2P. She then made eye-catching headway under minimal urging on the turn to pass the ¼ pole just 2L down. From there, she angled out into the clear 4W, came under a strong ride & maintained her forward momentum into the lane, drawing level for the lead ~1/8 th pole before drawing off to the wire. This was a very convincing score in which she was much the best. She traveled well enough to believe that she can adopt whichever position she desires from the outside gate today & finished as if 6F would be no problem. This is a tougher group she faces today, but she could be sitting on another big effort.

Horses to Follow

R6: WHENIGETTOHEAVEN (5/2 ML)

WHENIGETTOHEAVEN appears well-positioned to defend his title in this afternoon's Bens Cat S., despite a lack of recent wins. The 6-year-old gelded son of STREET MAGICIAN has gone winless in six starts since narrowly defeating the re-opposing TIDEWATER in this race last year, and he hasn't yet matched the 89 Beyer he posted in that victory. Still, his two starts this year show he retains a high level of ability. After a 119-day layoff, he returned to finish a strong third in the King T. Leatherbury S. behind FORE HARP and WITTY (the latter won the Jim McKay Turf Sprint S. with a 94 Beyer next out), despite having been caught in a tough spot pressing the hot pace between rivals early on. Then, in his most recent outing over Presque Isle's synthetic surface, he again finished a game third, even though that race didn't set up well for him at all, as he found himself boxed in behind slow fractions on the rail, which made catching the 7/5 favorite - who wired the field - nearly impossible. Owing to his lack of match fitness two back and the poor set up he received last time, it's easy to envisage him taking a big step forward this afternoon and recapturing his best form as he makes his third start of the form cycle. Not only does he get back to sprinting 6-furlongs on the turf at Laurel Park, where he clearly thrives, but he also draws perfectly towards the outside, from where he can adopt a favorable stalking position in what's likely to be a moderately paced affair, and reunites with jockey Torrealba, who has ridden him in all his top-three Beyer earning efforts. Furthermore, over the the last four weeks, trainer Nolan Ramsey's runners have produced five wins, three seconds, and two thirds from just twelve starts (42%-win rate, 83% in-the-money, \$2.03 ROI), strengthening his case. He comes into this contest as one of the fastest, most hard-trying horses in the line up, has already beaten most of today's rivals, and despite his recent losses, looks set to become the first repeat winner of the race since Ben's Cat himself made it five in a row ten years ago.

R8: BOSSERATI (5/2 ML)

Like the Ben's Cat S., this afternoon's Jameela S. lacks early speed, which could compromise the 2/1 morning-line favorite ALLA BREVE and instead, leave the door ajar for BOSSERATI to notch a second straight stakes victory and put her tough beat in this race last year behind her. Trained by Brittany Russell, the daughter of HOLY BOSS was last seen determinedly scoring in Pimlico's The Very One Stakes, where she broke sharply, seized the lead early, and set a pressured pace before digging deep to hold on by a neck at the wire. Concerns linger about her ability to stretch out an extra furlong today, given she just only just clung on in that 5-furlong battle. However, context matters: she faced constant pressure on the front end that day, was returning from a 167-day layoff, and ran on a 'good' listed turf course described by jockeys as "sticky and holding." Today, on paper at least, it appears that she'll enjoy an easier time of things dictating terms up front, and with that extra race fitness now behind her, plus a firmer turf course playing in her favor, there's a strong chance that she can go all the way again for the red-hot Russell barn, who have started the meet hitting at a staggering 35% clip (11-for-35).

R9: THIRD TUESDAY (4/1 ML)

Look past THIRD TUESDAY's most recent effort when she was significantly hampered just over a furlong into what was her turf debut, and a strong case for her in today's nightcap. Two back, the 4-year-old daughter of GREAT NOTION, now trained by Jonathan Maldonado, posted a 32 Beyer with a strong third place finish over today's course and distance, beaten just 3 1/2-lengths by SHE'S A GEM and PAPERBACK EDITION, both of whom returned to score next out with Beyers of 51 and 40, respectively. However, that race didn't come without mishap either, as she stumbled at the start, then checked entering the turn before getting caught four wide. All things considered, she did exceptionally well to finish as close as she did. Now returning to the dirt, if returning to a similar or improved level of form than she showed that day, she could make her 4/1 odds look very generous in this weaker looking contest with apprentice rider Matilda Burnham taking a valuable 7lbs off.

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.

ROYAL WINTOUR

Trainer: Graham Motion

Last Race: April 26, 10th

Finish: 6th by 4 3/4

Beaten favorite experienced a challenging journey in her 2025 debut. Raced in traffic and between horses at almost every juncture, angled out 4-5 wide turning for home, then wider in the final furlong. Hoping for better trip next start on turf.

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.

MUSGRAVE

Trainer: Phil Capuano

Last Race: May 25, 8th

Finish: 4th by 7

Improved speed first-Lasix and first-time gelding off the claim. Against the grain when battling inside foes, he stayed willingly past mid stretch. Given a fair surface, graduation day could be in order in the near future.

LEVISA

Trainer: Richard Sillaman

Last Race: April 4, 8th

OURDAYDREAMINGGIRL *(Breezed 4F – 48.56 at PRX on 6/6)*

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.

EFF THIRTY FIVE *(Entered Today – Race 5)*

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.

CUZ UR PRETTY *(Breezed 4F – 48.80 at LRL on 6/15)*

Trainer: Rodolfo Sanchez-Salomon

Last Race: April 19, 6th

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.

CADEAU D'ARGENT

Trainer: Niall Saville

Last Race: June 6, 4th

Finish: 1st by head

3-year-old a perfect 2 for 2 for Saville. After an eye-catching debut and gallop-out at Old Hilltop, he stretched out to the mile and got it done at Laurel. Pulled between foes early with his rider having to tap on the brakes a few times, he was shifted out for the long stretch run and closed relentlessly to reel in and forge past the in-form and "loose-lead" Urban Symphony. Can't wait to see what's next for this talented son of Gift Box.

HAD TO HAVE HIM

Trainer: John Salzman Jr.

Last Race: May 31, 6th

Finish: 1st by 1 3/4

Returned in a big way as a first-time gelding for Salzman Jr. Confidently handled around the turn, altered off heels in upper stretch and surged clear of the heavy fave posting a 90 Beyer in the off-turf affair. Had been waiting for him on the lawn, but this race stamps him as a force on either surface moving forward.

THIS IS GOOD

Trainer: Michael Trombetta

Last Race: April 26, 3rd

Finish: 3rd by 5

Off to an awkward break and pinched back at the start, yet demonstrated some grit and class while making up several lengths in the stretch run. Looking forward to his next turf sprint.

BROTHER CONWAY

Trainer: Kieron Magee

Last Race: June 6, 2nd

Finish: 2nd by head

Bounced back to his old self in second off bench. Spurred clear after early move into brisk pace, dug in valiantly, but just failed to resist the Ness-trained favorite. Let's see if he's "protected" next time. That could be a tell.

BAND TOUR

Trainer: Elizabeth McCue

Finish: 1st by 8 1/2

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.

CACTUS

Trainer: Kieron Magee

Last Race: May 10, 8th

Finish: 1st by 1 1/4

Now 2 for 2 off claim for Magee and perfect 3 for 3 sprinting on turf. Overcame rough go in opening yards to recover and pounce in starter allowance. Razor sharp and would be no surprise if he wins on the raise.

FABIA

Trainer: Hamilton Smith

Last Race: June 1, 2nd

Finish: 1st by 8 1/4

Done Talking filly impressed in debut going a mile for Hammy Smith. Not the best of actors in the paddock, she put it together from the get-go and drew away emphatically after battling on what appeared a negative inside on June 1. From a family of winners, she seems poised to work through conditions at a route of ground.

CHESAPEAKE DREAM

Trainer: Brittany Russell

Last Race: April 25, 4th

Finish: 3rd by 3

Sent up between horses early through a white-hot first quarter, then continued to duel through a strong half, tiring in the final sixteenth. Tab back in dirt allowance sprint up to 7 furlongs.

DANCING DENAE

Trainer: Jose Corrales

Last Race: June 7, 2nd

Finish: 2nd by 2 1/4

2-year-old gave a great account of himself in maiden claiming debut. Inside speed before rating off winner, shifted out for the drive and finished well while displaying a stride that screamed for more distance.

HOLY BRICK

Trainer: Milan Milosevic

Last Race: June 7, 9th

Finish: 2nd by neck

Yes, he's had his chances, but man does he try. Extremely wide run just came up short when getting back to what he does best - sprinting on the turf. Betty McCue has done a very nice job with this one and graduation day very well could be in the offing.

Last Race: June 6, 8th

Finish: 2nd by neck

"Buckets" Illman touted this 34-1 shot on "Today at the Races" and what a thrill ride this filly took her backers on. Could not find her with a search warrant on dirt, but turf changed all that. Went on the early attack, cleared off and dug in tenaciously only to be edged at the wire.

JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 3 - Yan Rodriguez: #12 - Kunooz; #13 - Return Fire >>> **Rodriguez rides KUNOOZ**

Race 5 - Jorge Ruiz: #3 - Won an Award: #10 - Wow Whata Summer >>> **Ruiz rides WON AN AWARD**

Race 6 - Jaime Rodriguez: #3 - Sinetic: #7 - Hunter Joe >>> **Rodriguez rides SINETIC**

PAST TRACK TRENDS

LAUREL:

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

Apr. 25 - Fair

Apr. 26 – SPEED BIAS

Apr. 27 - Fair

May 2 – Fair

May 3 – CLOSERS BIAS

May 4 – CLOSERS BIAS

PIMLICO:

May 9 – Fair

May 10 – CLOSERS BIAS

May 11 – Fair

May 15 – SPEED BIAS



May 16 – CLOSERS BIAS



May 17– Fair

LAUREL:

May 23 – CLOSERS BIAS

May 24 – CLOSERS BIAS

May 25 – SPEED BIAS

May 26 – Fair

May 31 – Fair

June 1 – Fair

June 6 – CLOSERS BIAS

June 7 –SPEED BIAS

June 8 – Fair

June 13 –Fair

June 14 –Fair

June 15 –CLOSERS BIAS