

# LAUREL PARK HANDICAPPING GUIDE for Friday, Sept. 19

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# TODAY'S SELECTIONS FROM THE TMJC TEAM













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# **TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman**

)> RACE 1

# 1. KATIE'S NOTION

# 2. EMBOLDEN

## 3. BOAT'S A ROCKIN

First post is 12:10 pm ET with a 12% takeout on "Value Pick 5" wagers. There is a carryover of \$30,635.73 into the Early (Races 1-5) "Value Pick 5" bet. Taking a guess with **KATIE'S NOTION** as he must prove himself at this tougher class level, but he looked pretty good downing open \$16,000 sellers at Colonial three weeks ago. Stalked outside, swung four wide, then grinded them down to beat Happy Cap, who next took a dime claimer there with a 78 Beyer. Late-runner desperately needs some pace to attack. Ruiz departs for **EMBOLDEN**, who also should be used in multiple wagers dropping in class after being wired by multiple stakes-winner Whenigettoheaven. Settled into the pocket, angled three wide to split rivals, then finished evenly while slightly over in behind rivals. His tactical speed plays well for barn that went 11 for 34 (32%, \$2.25 ROI) on turf between 9/1 and 9/14. **BOAT'S A ROCKIN** also drops in class, and he has the speed to get close to the pace. Seemed a bit fractious in the gate at Penn National, then was outsprinted to track a quick pace from the outside. Made a three-wide bid into the stretch, then only finished evenly while characteristically failing to change leads. VAMOS VIEJO chased razor-sharp Gold Trust at Monmouth, and that one then grabbed the statebred Joey P. Handicap there with an 86 Beyer. Kicks on in stretch.

⟩⟩ RACE 2

# 1. BACKINTHEWOODS

## 2. BYK

# 3. BROTHER CONWAY

Perhaps stakes-placed **BACKNTHEWOODS** has seen better days, but he has some back races over this strip that would make him competitive against this group. Disappointed as the favorite at Timonium as he pressed the 6-1 winner's solid pace before folding. The runner-up then race second in a \$15,000 optional claimer at Charles Town with a 73 Beyer. Wired two and three back at Delaware by Borracho, who boasts 20 wins on his record. Would prefer to see him tracking from just off the pace for barn that went 4 for the last 18 (22%, \$2.81 ROI) on dirt between 8/30 and 9/14. Also want to use both **BYK** and **BROTHER CONWAY** in multiple-race wagers. The former, listed as a Penn National vet scratch on 8/22, was wired by an odds-on winner in a slow-paced Delaware affair last month. The runner-up next took a second-level allowance at Timonium with a 79 Beyer. Game winner two back after bobbling at the start and being herded down toward the fence late. Brother Conway was bumped at the start here three back, rushed up to press the pace from in between, then fended off a strong challenge to beat the 43-1 runner-up. Don't think speed held up at Delaware two back when a tired fourth of five, and should appreciate cutting back to one-turn after dueling with 7-2 third-finisher Uncle Cat at Timonium. Figures close to the pace along with PAY ZONE, who seeks third straight score after controlling moderate fractions at Timonium.

⟩⟩ RACE 3

## 1. SOLVING PROGRESS

## 2. CLEOPATRA'S NILE

# 3. PATTY CAKES

**SOLVING PROGRESS** showed a new dimension by rating from just off the pace at Colonial. Broke sharp as usual, then was rated and taken off the rail to track slow fractions from the outside. Found good position behind dueling leaders on the second turn behind a quick third quarter in 23.48, then went on a hard chase to nab the late leader. Steps up in class with the speed to get close to the pace for barn that went 13 for the last 32 (41%, \$2.37 ROI) with last-out winners. Can certainly use both **CLEOPATRA'S NILE** and **PATTY CAKES** in multiple-race wagers. The former was red-hot at Tampa over the

winter, and gave a good try when returning from 99-day layoff at Monmouth. Saved ground in midpack, snuck into the pocket at the half-mile pole, split rivals on the second turn, altered course back to the fence, and got second behind the 2-1 winner. New barn sent out a couple of turf winners at Monmouth in late August. Patty Cakes has hit the board in all seven for Ness, including solid turf try two back. Saved ground in midpack, raced in between entering the second turn, angled four wide, and just missed. That race produced four next-out winners with Cairo Street taking two in a row with a 79 Beyer top. Barn went 7 for the last 22 (32%, \$2.93 ROI) moving dirt to turf. DON'T TELL KELLY, listed as a Colonial vet scratch on 8/28, was wired in a race where they ran 1-2 around the track. The fifth-finisher then won two in a row with Beyers of 74 and 76. Might get more pace to attack here. MAJESTIC CREED is still unexposed on turf as both prior surface tries came against tougher open stakes foes.

)> RACE 4

# 1. MISTER AGENT 2. B WEST 3. LITTLE LANCE

Been chasing **MISTER AGENT** for some time, and he has angles going second off the layoff while turning back to his best distance. Battled with odds-on next-out winner Beach Cowboy going seven-eighths two back, and was flattered when that foe hit the board in his next three with a 66 Beyer top. Took advantage of a hot pace to grab second going two turns at Timonium last time, but might attempt to sneak clear up front his afternoon for barn that sent out a couple of winners out of town last week. **B WEST** looks like the one to beat dropping in class and distance for his second start following a 138-day break. Finished ahead of two next-out winners two back when chasing Five Dreams, who then placed in a \$20,000 starter with a 74 Beyer. Faced a good group at Timonium with the runner-up then taking a \$15,000 optional claimer at Charles Town with a 75 Beyer. Figures to work out a fine tracking trip while outside and in the clear for barn that's going well. **LITTLE LANCE** takes huge class drop after being wired by Borracho, who returned to earn his 20th lifetime victory in a \$20,000 claimer at Delaware with a 74 Beyer. Good fit at this reduced level. This turf-to-dirt move should work well for LADDIE DANCE, who earned some big numbers over this track last fall and winter. Wired at Charles Town two back when ahead of Nocashrefunds, who next won a \$15,000 conditioned claimer there with a 66 Beyer. SIN PERMISO might be more effective going longer, but kicks late if the pace is hot.

)> RACE 5

# 1. BRIDOZA 2. SALMING 3. GOLDEN DESCENT

BRIDOZA ran a winning race going two turns at Monmouth. Engaged in a race-long duel with the 5-1 third-finisher, eventually got the better of that foe inside the sixteenth pole, then succumbed to a good-setup 5-2 debut winner. The horse he dueled with returned to place in a maiden special at Monmouth with a 73 Beyer. He's been given plenty of time to recover for barn that went 8 for the last 31 (26%, \$3.02 ROI) returning from 61-120 day layoffs. SALMING needed 617 days away before resurfacing in the Russell barn. Ran twice on turf with mixed results, but his most recent dirt race was pretty good. Tracked from the pocket, was in tight entering the turn, split rivals turning for home, then was over in behind horses for most of the stretch. That race produced two next-out winners and the race winner next placed in a \$50,000 starter at Aqueduct with a 74 Beyer. Barn went 9 for the past 24 (38%, \$2.57 ROI) moving route to sprint and turf to dirt. Like that GOLDEN DESCENT showed improved speed in second lifetime start when placing behind the three favorites at Delaware. It appears this colt is improving with each start, and it's nice to see him back on short notice. CALL BOB was wired off the layoff in a race where they ran 1-2 around the track, and is eligible to show good speed shipping in from Saratoga for second start after 359-day layoff. RENFRO'S RECEPTION (\$335,000 yearling) is out of synthetic stakes-winning router Artilena (75 synthetic Beyer). Briceno lands here instead of Brother Bobo.

# 1. PIE PHI 2. SCREEN TEST 3. TAI TAI RUSH

PIE PHI didn't finish ahead of a horse in either start at Saratoga, but she was likely in too tough. Broke slow in turf debut, was outpaced to last on the rail, and failed to threaten two next-out winners with Snow Face Princess repeating in Saratoga's Bolton Landing with an 83 Beyer before placing in the Untapable at Kentucky Downs with a 71. Perhaps she needs this extra distance as her dam won around two turns on grass, and that dam is a half-sister to juvenile Grade 3-winning synthetic router Poker Player, multiple stakes-winning dirt router Bye Bye Bobby, stakes-placed turf miler Coleman Rocky, and multiple stakes-placed turf router War Treaty. Barn went 4 for the last 8 (50%, 3.10 ROI) with juvenile third-out maidens in first route start. SCREEN TEST broke a hair slow at Colonial, stalked three wide, made a four-wide bid, shifted in greenly and finished up on her left lead. The sixth-finisher then graduated in a Delaware special weight with a 51 Beyer. Seemed more focused when breezing a solo half on 9/11, and the half to Grade 1-winning turf router Test Score should improve for barn that went 7 for the last 27 (28%, \$3.16 ROI) with juvenile second-out maidens in first turf route. TAI TAI RUSH received a nice education. Broke poorly in a slow-paced race where the favorites ran 1-2 around the track, stalked in between, then tried hard for fourth. FROSTY MOJITO might show speed after being in over her head against winners at Kentucky Downs. The third-finisher then then ran third in a first-level allowance there with a 68 Beyer. ESSENTIALLY GOLD has route experience, and she was in against a decent group at Ellis with the runner-up next placing in a special weight there with a 64 Beyer. Kicks on late. COACH MAZZULA (\$180,000 RNA weanling; \$125,000 yearling) is out of stakes-winning turf router Crown and Sugar (92 turf Beyer).

⟩⟩ RACE 7

# 1. DIVINE WORKS

# 2. GRAYSON'S GIRL

## 3. GREAT ANDREI

DIVINE WORKS returns to preferred surface after failing as the favorite on Colonial turf. Thought speed played very well on the main track two back, and she tracked three wide before racing four wide and in between on the turn. Split rivals turning into the straight, then finished well for second with a solid gallop-out. GRAYSON'S GIRL has a tendency to break slow, and that could potentially work against her in a race without a ton of pace. That being said, she's been knocking on the door with on-the-board finishes in her last four, including Colonial's restricted Miss Disco two back. Off a half-length slow, she advanced to track outside, made a three-wide bid under confident handling to grab the lead, then was kicked down by the favorite. Think that seven-eighths was a bit far, and she was flattered when the fourth-finisher then grabbed a second-level allowance there with an 82 Beyer. Beaten favorite last month, but wonder if that two-turn configuration worked against her. Expect a solid late bid. GREAT ANDREI ran very well when second at Delaware three back, as she dueled inside the favored third-finisher and finally got the better of that foe, only to be kicked down by the 17-10 good-setup closer. Not interested in the turf try two back, and she finished ahead of the top pick at Timonium last time despite failing to make the lead. Her early zip plays well here.

⟩⟩ RACE 8

## 1. TOUISSET

# 2. MOPO

## 3. PREPAREFORTAKEOFF

**TOUISSET** saved ground in midpack at Delaware, was last on the rail turning for home, cut the corner, then finished evenly. It appears she's racing herself back into shape for this, her fourth start of the year. Although **MOPO** turns back sharply in distance, she still has enough early speed to get close to the pace from her inside draw. Consistent filly has hit the board in all four starts on grass. **PREPAREFORTAKEOFF** repeats the dirt to turf move that resulted in

her 55-1 upset victory at Pimlico. Likely used that two-turn sprint at Timonium three weeks ago as a nice prep for this, and she has the tactical speed to set up shop in a good position while outside and clear of traffic issues.

)> RACE 9

# 1. LOVING CUP 2. DUBSTEP 3. RIBBONSINHERHAIR

LOVING CUP set a pressured pace inside the 14-1 sixth-finisher while racing slightly off the rail, then kept on trucking to score in first off short layoff. Showed some versatility when tracking and pouncing to beat two next-out winners (fifth-finisher won nickel claiming-allowance with a 65 Beyer) over this distance at Timonium last time Up in class this afternoon, but her speed should have her up and on the pace for barn that went 9 for 18 (50%, \$6.21) between 8/30 and 9/14. Lots of runner-up efforts on DUBSTEP's page, and she is winless on dirt while seeking her first victory in over a year. That being said, she has good tactical speed, and shouldn't be too far away when the real racing begins. Faced Lady Dominance last time, and that one next took an \$8,000 starter at Delaware with a 58 Beyer. Barn hit the board with three of four starters between 8/23 and 9/12. Cheekpieces back on after a one-race absence. RIBBONSINHERHAIR stretches back out to the distance of her most recent victory after almost getting there against favorite Miss Easy in Parx sprint. This seems like a tougher spot. BABY SOX seems dirtied-up on the way in. Scored over course and distance three back, didn't care for the mud on 2/9, then tried a three-turn route in first back after substantial layoff.

# KALI'S KEY - by Kali Francois

#### Race 1: #5 Boss Is a Pal

Has anybody noticed how Suzanne Stettinius has been doing lately? Ever since we returned to Laurel, she's 5/7, and hit the board in 10/12 starts. When it comes to Boss Is a Pal, the 5/1 is understandable considering that his last win was at Laurel last year, and he did well earlier in June. Compare the win to the last two trips he's had in his recent form - those don't match. Might as well ride the wave with a jock who can clock that second wire well in Boyce.

# **MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer**

R1: First time back on the turf for this season proved Embolden picked up better than he left off. After so much time away, I may need to demand a bit of value. I find that value in Tall Order, who has kept the right company and continues to find unlucky trips this season.

R2: Pay Zone looks to make it 3 wins in a row here, 3rd time out after switching barns. While he reads a need the lead type, his last 2 outings have shown his ability to take the pressure. With honest pace in the group, I look for the late running Don't Wait Up to improve in his 3rd start off the bench.

R3: 2nd off the bench and 1st after being claimed, I look to Cleopatra's Nile to sit a close stalking trip and return to the form which scored her 4 in a row this winter/spring. Keep an eye on Mainstream Sellout, who finds a reasonable level for her 3rd off the bench.

R4: Class relief should prompt a return to form for Laddie Dance against this group. The biggest threat comes from B West, an 8x winner who looks to benefit 2nd off the bench while shortening up to a preferred distance.

R5: Returning to the dirt, I look for Salming to graduate after while returning to the dirt. Bridoza may fit this distance perfectly but doesn't seem quite reliable enough. I find Completeffort intriguing, he has every reason to improve 2nd after a break and stretching back out.

R6: Half to G1 winner, Test Score, likely needs the ground and should appreciate that here. Coach Mazzula is the first foal of a multiple stakes winning mare, who was a specialist in the turf mile. Looks to be a competitive group overall, perhaps turns into a key race.

R7: I take a shot with the very in form, Gilda's Girl who has won her last 2 outings. Great Andrei and Grayson's Girl look to rematch here, where I suspect Grayson's Girl may win the battle if she can work a cleaner trip.

R8: Impressive inside speed and cutting back, Mopo looks dangerous against this group. I look for Chickahominy to utilize her tactical ability and make a late run. Touisset could be overlooked but seems ready to return to her best efforts after a slow start to her campaign.

R9: Ribbonsinherhair looks to have plenty to gain while returning to the mile after a valiant 3/4 mi effort last out. Loving Cup has proven to be very in form at the moment, but may not have her way alone on the front end today.

# **TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS**

#### RACE 1

#### #2 - Embolden

Trainer: Mike Trombetta

Between 9/1 and 9/14 on Turf: 11 for 34

(32%, \$2.25 ROI)

#### RACE 2

#### #6 - Backnthewoods

Trainer: Jose Corrales

Between 8/30 and 9/14 on Dirt: 4 for 18

(22%, \$2.81 ROI)

### RACE 3

## **#7 - Solving Progress**

Trainer: Mike Trombetta

Last-Out Winners: 13 for the last 32

(41%, \$2.37 ROI)

#### RACE 3

## #4 - Patty Cakes

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Dirt to Turf: 7 for last 22 (32%, \$2.93 ROI)

## RACE 5

## #6 - Bridoza

Trainer: Terri Pompay

First After 61-120 Days: 8 for the last 31

(26%, \$3.02 ROI)

## RACE 5

## #3 - Salming

Trainer: Brittany Russell

Route to Sprint, Turf to Dirt: 9 for the last

24 (38%, \$2.57 ROI)

## RACE 6

#### #5 - Screen Test

Trainer: Graham Motion

Juvenile Second-Out Maidens, First Turf Route: 7 for the last 27 (28%, \$3.16 ROI)

### RACE 7

#### #7 - Divine Works

Trainer: Mike Trombetta

Experienced Runners, First-Time

Blinkers: 10 for last 50 (20%, \$2.02 ROI)

## RACE 9

## #4 - Loving Cup

Trainer: Hugh McMahon

Between 8/30 and 9/14: 9 for 18 (50%,

\$6.21 ROI)

# TRIPS AND TIPS - by Will Humphrey, In The Money Media

For Will Humphrey's Post-Race Trip Notes, please visit <a href="https://inthemoneypodcast.com/maryland-jockey-club-trip-notes/">https://inthemoneypodcast.com/maryland-jockey-club-trip-notes/</a>.

## Race 7: MD-Bred Allowance, 3YO+F, 6F, Dirt

| HORSE              | RACE  | TRIP NOTE   |
|--------------------|---|---|
| WEEKEND<br>WIFE    | ALW, LRL, 1M, Fast<br>D, 04/27/25 – 5th           | 'WW' broke sharply & showed good natural speed under minimal urging to adopt a favorable stalking position along rail early, 1-2L off the slow pace. She traveled sweetly in this position to the 3/8 pole, then lost a little ground while being nudged along on the rail as the pace increased rounding into the lane. Despite trying hard under pressure, she failed to quicken & turned for home 3–4L of the lead in the 2–3P. From there, she gradually faded to the wire. Clean trip. I'm willing to keep forgiving of this effort from 'WW' as she was making her first start against winners, her first start beyond 5 1/2F, and also the effort was followed by a layoff, indicating something possibly went amiss. She traveled well in a good position to the top of the stretch, but then simply look to tire, so today's cut back to 6F makes sense. Having showed decent ability on debut sprinting in April, I feel she warrants respect today as she makes her first start with Lasix, provided she's ready off the bench, despite this poor performance with no visible excuse. Like her attitude.   |
| GRAYSON'S<br>GIRL  | MD ALW, TIM, 6<br>1/2F, Fast D,<br>08/29/25 – 3rd | 'GG' broke a step slowly & got away in last, then raced keenly chasing the leaders into the turn was spun out 4–5W entering the first turn to avoid heels. Having then settled down to stalk the pace in the 2–3P from 1.5L back entering the back stretch, the leader stepped on the gas & she received a nudge to keep that rival in her sights. She responded to pressure & managed to just about stick within striking range of that rival heading into the turn, then came under a stronger ride rounding the bend in the 2P & responded. She turned for home 1.5L off the lead but then had nothing left & weakened towards the wire. There was a large speed bias present at Timonium this day, which did not make 'GG's' life easy as she broke slowly & then went chasing the pace. She was also lost ground while wide entering the first turn. I like how she responded to pressure throughout & didn't think she ran poorly. I also believe the cut back to a flat 6F should suit today & she warrants respect. However, I'd have liked to have seen her come home slightly stronger & there isn't a lot of pace in this race which could make her life tricky as she's made a habit breaking slowly. She also has to reverse form with 'GA', who had a worse trip in this race. Contender but no lock.   |
| I CAN DO IT        | SA, LRL, 7F, Fast D,<br>06/22/25 – 2nd            | 'ICDI' broke alertly, then worked forward along the rail to contest the pace racing through the first 1/4 mile. She then eased back into a stalking position in the pocket heading into the turn. She traveled well in this position to the 7/16 pole, then came under a ride to stick with the quickening leader who stepped on the gas & began to open up. She responded to pressure & held her position nicely racing along the rail to the top of the lane but could not keep tabs on the loose leader. She then hit the top of the lane 3L back in second & stayed on evenly to the wire, gamely holding place honors. This was a good effort at 14/1 from 'ICDI'. She showed good speed & determination late. However, she also had a perfect trip & it's hard to see how she improves today, which she's going to have to if she's to win. Underneath player at best.  |
| GREAT ANDREI       | MD ALW, TIM, 6<br>1/2F, Fast D,<br>08/29/25 – 2nd | 'GA' was hustled in stride following a clean break, then settled along the rail in third while 2W around the first turn. As a rival then crossed in front of her ~3/4 pole, she visibly resisted the kickback, climbing with her head in the air & she dropped herself 4L back off the lead. Her rider then quickly switched her out into the clear 3–4W ~1/2M pole & began nudging her along to go after the leader who had stepped on the gas & opened up. She responded well & gradually closed the gap while 3–4W racing into & around the turn. Having come under a strong ride at the 3/16 pole, she hit the top of the 1L off the pace & fought on gamely to the wire but couldn't get by. This was an upgradable effort from 'GA' who disliked the kickback ~3/4 pole & sucked herself 4L off the pace; seeing as there was a clear speed bias present this day, it was therefore very difficult for her to reel in the eventual gate-to-wire winner, especially as she was 4W around the turn. All things considered, she did well to finish within a length of the winner & I liked her attitude. She also had a minor bobble inside the final 1/16, but I don't feel it made the difference between winning & losing. If able to get away cleanly, keep her head clean today (which she should be able to do seeing as there is little pace in this race) & sit a clean trip throughout, she can improve on this effort & go very close. Leading player. |
| CHRISTY MY<br>LOVE | ALW, LRL, 6F, Fast<br>D, 11/16/25 – 7th           | 'CML' broke cleanly but lacked speed & having dropped to the 2-3P, she chased the pace from ~10L back to the turn while being nudged along. She then attempted to make a run while 3-5W on the bend & managed to get to within 7L of the lead at the top of the stretch, 5-6W. However, having then come under a strong R hand ride, she found no more & flattened out in the lane. 'CML' sat a wide trip, but it made no   |

|              |   | difference. This was a poor performance without a visible excuse. She was outpaced throughout & never factored. The effort was followed by a lengthy layoff so maybe something went amiss & she'll be seen to better effect with lasix on today? Still, it's hard to take much confidence from this effort & she's probably best watched off the bench.  |
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| GILDA'S GIRL | ALW, PEN, 6F, Fast<br>D, 08/15/25 – 1st           | 'GG' was not rushed from gate five & dropped back to chase the pace from 5L behind while riding the rail into the turn. She was then nudged along to go after the leaders at the 3/8 pole & responded nicely, gradually building momentum while 3W between horses to the top of the lane. She turned for home just 1.5L behind, then stayed on best towards the wire, gamely getting up by a head, despite remaining on her left lead. Seems like the track was favoring speed this day at Penn National & 'GG', so I feel this effort can be slightly upgraded as she closed into just an even pace while also slightly wide on the bend. I liked her attitude too. However, she visually looked just OK & I'm not sure that her scope for improvement is large enough to challenge today's two favorites. She's arriving here in good form & likely to run her race again, but this is tougher and she's probably more of an underneath type.  |
| DIVINE WORKS | VA ALW, CNL, 5<br>1/2F, Firm T,<br>08/22/25 – 4th | 'DW' showed good natural speed from gate eight & quickly established a favorable stalking position in the 4P, 1–2L off the lead. She traveled OK in this position to the turn, then rounded the bend in the 3P while being nudged along to hold her position, still 1L of the lead. As the leader (eventual winner), then kicked impressively at the top of the stretch, 'DW' came under a strong ride in second. She gamely held second to the 1/16 pole but then began treading water late & lost two positions close home. This was an okay effort from 'DW' in which she posted a career best 68 Beyer. She was never beating the winner but showed determination trying to hold second and more gate speed than she had in the past. However, she did have a perfect trip & was still well beaten as the 5/2 favorite without an excuse. Maybe she was ridden too aggressively & is better coming with a mid-pack run? Still, it's hard to see how she improves massively upon this effort & she's probably more of an underneath type today. |
| DIAMOND SUE  | ALW, PEN, 1M, Fast<br>D, 03/07/25 – 5th           | 'DS' was not rushed from gate six, then caught 5–6W entering the first turn when racing towards rear, 7–8L off the even pace. She then worked down to the 2–3P & was nudged along to keep up down the back stretch. She hit the far turn still 6–7L off the lead, then came on a stronger ride in the 4P on but failed to get into contention. She hit the top of the lane still 8L of the lead in the 5P, then passed beaten rivals, despite weakening further. 'DS' was caught wide on both turns in this race, but it didn't make much difference. She was outpaced throughout & never factored. She didn't look fast enough for today's 6F distance either & is probably best left alone as she returns from a 196-day layoff.   |

# Race 8: MD-Bred Allowance, 3YO+F, 5 1/2F, Turf HORSE RACE TRIP NOTE

| HORSE            | RACE  | TRIP NOTE  |
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| МОРО             | ALW, CNL, 1 1/16M,<br>Good T, 08/06/25 –<br>2nd | MOPO broke well & sped her way forward to contest the early pace on the run into the first turn, but her rider seemingly did not want to eyeball her rival & took her way out into the 4-5P around the first turn while heavily restraining her. She was strong though & continued to raced keenly, 1/2L of the very hot early tempo (closer than her rider wanted her to be) in the 3P to the far turn. She was then slipped some rein & gradually advanced forward to draw level with the leader at the top of the stretch. From there, she came under a strong L hand ride & responded well, finishing gamely past the longtime leader in second to the wire, but she had no chance with the winner who closed from far behind & won easily. While this was a good effort from MOPO, I feel the race setup didn't see her best effect. Her rider was clearly trying to avoid engaging in a speed duel early, but MOPO was keen & continued racing close to very hot fractions while wide. She did well to hold on for 2 <sup>nd</sup> & I feel her effort can be upgraded. She seemingly has the speed to be effective sprinting & doesn't look a 'need-the-lead' type. If transferring this level of rout form to sprinting, she'll hold leading claims. |
| TOUISSET         | ALW, DEL, 5F, Firm<br>T, 08/30/25 – 3rd         | TOUISSET broke cleanly from gate six, then dropped back from between rivals to chase the even pace along the rail in mid division, 4–5L of the lead. She then received a nudge from her rider entering the bend & responded nicely but was stuck for room & briefly forced to wait ~1/4 pole when just 2-3L off the lead. As the field then spread out at the top of the lane, she found clear sailing in the 2-3P, came under a strong ride & stayed on nicely to the wire for 3 <sup>rd</sup> , but lacked the pace to ever mount a serious challenge. This was a respectful effort from TOISSET at 26/1. She largely had a clean trip, though did have to wait briefly on the turn which arguably cost her a half length or so. She stayed on well enough to the wire to suggest that she could be seen better affect back at 5 1/2 F today & a repeat or possible slight improvement on this effort should see her go fairly close. Not ruled out.   |
| CHICKAHOMIN<br>Y | HCP, CNL, 5 1/2F,<br>Firm T, 08/30/25 –<br>2nd  | CHICKAHOMINY got away cleanly from gate seven, then settled towards rear, 5–6L off the even pace while racing in the clear 4–5W. She then dropped to the 3–4P entering the turn & was gently nudged along while closely tracking the body of the field. She passed the 1/4 pole 4L of the lead in sixth, then eased back out into the 5P at the top of the stretch & came under a strong ride. From there, she rallied powerfully past rivals  |

|                       |   | in the center but just came up short against the rail skimming winner. CHICKAHOMINY was arguably best in here having lost by just a head to a rail-skimming winner after herself racing 4–5W throughout. She finished powerfully in the lane, despite only an even pace, & produced a career best 83 Beyer, a repeat of which will make her tough beat today. If able to save more ground, she could even potentially improve on this run & she demands plenty of respect.  |
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| SPEIGHTFUL<br>SIS     | ALW, TAM, 5F, Fast<br>D, 04/12/25 – 7th                   | (Off turf event). 'SS' broke inwards & bobbled a touch leaving the gate but showed good athleticism to recover quickly & then flashed good early speed to press the pace from between horses in the 4P racing to the turn. She then came under a hand ride to hold this position while still 4W around the turn & did so the ~1/4 pole. However, she then began dropping back slightly, hit the top of the lane 2–3L off the lead & came under a strong ride but found little more for pressure & weakened to the wire. Willing to give 'SS' something of a mulligan for this effort as she was racing on her lesser preferred surface & her action clearly suggests that she will be much more effective back on the turf today. She was also wide throughout. However, speed held well in this race & so it was disappointing that she couldn't stay on a little better in the lane. That's now two starts in a row where she has been weak in the finish & I feel she's probably best watched off a 160-day layoff.  |
| KRONE                 | All Brandy S., CNL,<br>1 1/16M, Firm T,<br>08/16/25 – 6th | KRONE took a light bump at the break but it didn't make much difference, she still managed to work forward into a favorable stalking position, 3L off the slow pace while 2W around the first turn. She traveled comfortably in this position to the 7/16 pole, then she was nudged along entering the far turn & advanced to be just 1L off the pace at the 5/16 pole, in with a shot. However, she was then outkicked & lost ground turning into the stretch; she hit the top of the lane 4L behind & then faded to the 1/8th pole. From there, her rider gave up & allowed her to coast home in her own time. The margin of defeat here was exasperated as the jockey accepted defeat just inside the 1/8 pole & essentially eased her home. She could have finished closer; however, this was still a slightly underwhelming performance as she was sitting in a nice spot throughout but just lacked a solid finishing effort. Facing slightly easier company today will help but the main concern is that she does not look fast enough - based off this effort - to sprint, & it's hard to see her taking the required step forward for the cut back in distance. Probably best watched for now.   |
| RAPIDO ROSA           | SA, LRL, 1M, Good<br>T, 09/12/25 – 5th                    | 'RR' showed great natural speed, sped to the lead early, then crossed to the rail entering the first turn & set the pace into the back stretch. She was then pressed for the lead racing down the far side but continued to travel comfortably & got away with even fractions. She hit the far turn with a head advantage, then received a nudge to hold this advantage rounding turn as the eventual winner put more pressure on her & began the race for home. She looked to be trying under pressure & stayed upsides for the lead to ~1/4 pole; however, she was also lugging out & then dropped back as they reached the top of the stretch. She turned for home on the fence 1L behind, then came under a strong ride but found nothing for pressure & faded quickly to the wire. Clean trip. This was a disappointing effort from 'RR', but I think we can say that she just did not stay one mile. She traveled well to the far turn but just had nothing left in straight as the other pace presence kicked away to score. The cut back to 5 1/2 F today should see her to better affect. However, how much this taxing race took out of her has to be a concern as she wheels back on just seven days rest. Also, I didn't like how she was lugging out on the turn. Capable of more, but whether we see it today is up for discussion & she's probably more of an underneath type. |
| PEACE OUT             | CLM5K, TIM, 6 1/2F,<br>Fast D, 08/30/25 –<br>3rd          | 'PO' was hustled away from gate two but lacked speed & was outpaced chasing the swift fractions from 5-6L back into the first turn. She continued racing in this fashion to the 1/2M pole, then shifted out into the clear 3W & managed to creep a little closer while being scrubbed on. She hit the far turned ~2.5L off the lead, then came under a stronger ride but struggled to progress further. She hit the top of the lane still 2-3L behind, then continued trying willingly to the wire but had little left & lost ground on the front two. However, she did stay on well enough to inherit third close home. Clean trip. I loved 'PO's' attitude here & thought she ran one of her better races. However, she was outpaced throughout in this 6 1/2F sprint & had a clean trip, making it hard to see how she takes a sizable step forward cutting back to 5 1/2F on the turf today. She's going to need much more to score.  |
| PREPAREFORT<br>AKEOFF | MD ALW, TIM, 6<br>1/2F, Fast D,<br>08/29/25 – 4th         | PREPAREFORTAKEOFF broke fastest & raced with a 1L advantage through the first 1/16M but was then challenged for the lead entering the turn, overtaken & dropped back quickly along the rail. She entered the back stretch 2–3L off the lead, then came under a ride but failed to respond & continued to drop back. She hit the far turn 5 1/2L of the lead, fully extended, but then shifted out into the center of the track & began to reengage before rallying nicely in the stretch. She just had far too much to do. Clean trip. Having watched this run, it becomes clear why PREPAREFORTAKEOFF's best runs have been when she's been on the lead or vying for the lead in the clear. She really sucked herself back when headed entering first turn (I doubt she was tiring at this stage) & looked to have no chance racing down the back stretch but then rallied as if she had plenty left in the tank through the lane. She seemingly needs things her own way, but I suspect she's capable of showing more today with a wide outside post that should allow her rider to hustle her forward as much as he pleases in the clear. Her most recent turf try fits with this group & I wouldn't be surprised if she put up a big effort today.  |

Race 9: Claiming 7.5k, 3YO+F, 1M, Dirt

| HORSE                | RACE  | TRIP NOTE  |
|----------------------|---|--|
| LOOKING FOR<br>WATER | CLM5K, TIM, 1M,<br>Fast D, 08/22/25 –<br>4th        | 'LFW' broke cleanly from gate four but lacked speed & dropped back to chase the pace from 4–5L off the lead while racing in the 3P around the first turn & through the lane for the first time. She was then hustled along entering the clubhouse turn to stick with the body of the field. She managed to just about hold her position while racing 4–5W into the back stretch but failed to make up any ground on the quickening leaders. She then hit the far turn 7–8L off the pace, fully extended & finished evenly in the 3-4P past beaten horses for an uninspiring fourth. 'LFW' was caught wide on both turns in this race & may be able to offer more with a more ground saving trip. However, having run well at Timonium before, eliminating the track as an excuse, this was a fairly uninspiring effort without any major excuses. She was outpaced throughout, never factored & will need much more to score today.  |
| DIVINE EXCHANGE      | CLM5K, DEL, 1M<br>70Y, Fast D,<br>09/04/25 – 3rd    | 'DE' broke a step slowly but was then hustled hard between horses & sent forward to take the lead entering the first turn. Having then crossed to the rail, she set an even pace with a narrow advantage into the back stretch before a rival joined her. She traveled well vying for the lead with this foe into the far turn but then came under a ride & began struggling to go with her sparing partner. She dropped back from the 5/16 pole, hit the top of the stretch fully extended 4–5 L off the lead, then finished evenly for an uninspiring third. This was an underwhelming performance without an excuse at odds of 4/5 from 'DE'. Although she vied for the lead down the back stretch, she wasn't going overly fast, made evident by the fact her 7/1 sparring partner drew off to win comfortably. She was under heavy pressure on the turn but failed to respond & finished well beaten. Today's rivals don't look much easier & she'll need to find much more off 15 days rest to score.  |
| WATCH YOUR TONE      | CLM5K, TIM, 6<br>1/2F, Fast D,<br>08/30/25 – 4th    | 'WYT' broke cleanly, then chased the pace from 3–4L back in an isolated third racing into the first turn. She then dropped to the rail & was nudged along to get closer along the inside rounding into & through the back stretch. Despite appearing to be trying, she failed to offer much of a response to pressure & hit the far turn still 3–4L off the pace where she then had to very slightly steady. From there, she came under strong ride along the rail but failed to find anything & faded to the wire. 'WYT' had to steady very slightly entering the far turn, but it didn't make much difference. This was a poor performance at 1-1 odds. She was outpaced throughout & failed to find much of the bridle. Stretching out to 1M today may help her travel more comfortably in the early stages of the race, though she doesn't look the strongest stayer & really needs more.  |
| LOVING CUP           | CLM5K, TIM, 1M,<br>Fast D, 08/24/25 –<br>1st        | 'LC' broke out slightly from the outside gate but still managed to work forward into a favorable stalking position, 1L off the even pace while 2W rounding the first turn. Despite Racing on her incorrect lead through the lane for the first time, she continued traveling well in this position to the 7/16 pole, then she received a squeeze from her rider & instantly responded by forging into a 1L lead. She held this advantage to the far turn, then came under a strong ride & began extending away from her rivals on the rail. She hit the top of the lane 2.5 L in front, then widened her advantage to the wire and won eased down. Other than racing through the lane first time on her incorrect lead, it's hard to knock this effort from 'LC'. She traveled well in a favorable position early, responded to her rider's cues & essentially dominated this field at 9/5. Although she was eased down late, I'm not sure whether she has much more improvement to come. However, a simple repeat of this performance may be good enough for her to score today as she makes her third start off the bench. |
| RIBBONSINHERHAIR     | CLM7.5K, PRX, 6F,<br>Fast D, 09/01/25 –<br>3rd      | RIBBONSINHERHAIR broke cleanly, then chased the pace from 3–4L back while under mild hand urging in the 3P early. She then began building momentum as the field entered the far turn & eased out into the 4-5P to ensure this progress wasn't halted. Having then come under a strong ride rounding the bend, she held her position despite giving away many lengths racing widest & hit the top of the lane just 2L off the lead, 6W. From there, she continued finishing very willingly down the center but came up a head short of two rivals who had skimmed the rail throughout. 'RIBBONS' was arguably best in this race as she was beaten by head yet gave away many lengths by racing wide on the turn. A more ground saving trip can see her improve today, as could the stretch back out to 1M as she certainly wasn't stopping at the line. Love her attitude. Leading player.  |
| DUBSTEP              | CLM6.5K, DEL, 1M<br>770Y, Fast D,<br>08/20/25 – 4th | DUBSTEP was caught 4–5 wide in mid pack, ~3L off the even pace racing around the first turn having been unhurried from the outside gate. She then crept a little closer while under a hold racing down the back stretch & passed the 1/2M pole just 1L off the pace in the clear 5W. She was then squeezed along by her rider & responded with a wide move on the bend to be within a 1/2L of the lead ~1/4 pole. However, she then began dropping back entering the lane & having come under a strong ride, weakened to the wire. <b>DUBSTEP was very wide on both turns in this race &amp; can improve for a more ground saving trip today, potentially running close to her two back Beyer</b>  |

|                      |  | of 55, which will give her every chance. The main concern, however, is that once again - wide trip aside - she was weak in the finish, & whether she'll be seen to best affect at a one turn mile running to the second wire today is questionable.  |
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| BABY SOX             | SA, TIM, 1M, Fast<br>D, 08/30/25 – 4th       | 'BS' broke cleanly but was not rushed & dropped back to track the even pace in rear from 3–4L back rounding the first turn. She then dropped a little bit further off the lead racing under the wire for the first time & was squeezed along rounding the clubhouse turn. She failed to offer much of a response to pressure though & dropped further off the pace racing down the back stretch. She hit the far turn 8–9L of the lead, then came under a stronger ride but could only finish evenly for a non-threatening fourth. Don't want to knock 'BS' too much for this effort as this was a tougher race than she will be running in today and also her first start for 202 days, so there's a reason to believe that she can be seen better affect today. She also finished evenly enough in the lane to suggest that today's long stretch will see her to better affect & she has pieces of form that make her live in here. However, in an ideal world, I'd still have liked to have seen more as she was always towards rear & never really involved.   |
| MAJESTY'S<br>FREEDOM | CLM5K, TIM, 1M,<br>Fast D, 08/22/25 –<br>3rd | 'MF' broke cleanly & raced close to the pace early, then clipped heels <b>entering</b> the bend & lost a length but recovered quickly & reestablished her position rounding into the stretch first time. She then dropped back into a tracking position on the rail & was 2–3L off the lead entering the clubhouse turn. She was then switched out into 2–3P on the turn & gradually began losing ground as the leader quickened away. She fell ~9L off the pace racing down the back stretch but still managed to pass tiring rivals & advance into third/fourth. Having then come under a strong ride entering the far turn, she willingly stayed on evenly to the wire & only just failed to catch the runner-up, but she never managed to land a threatening blow. <b>Seeing as 'MF' clipped heels early, then got caught slightly wide on the second turn before staying on with credit towards the wire, there's a reason to believe that she can improve today with a long stretch run &amp; slightly cleaner trip/better ride. However, whether she has enough room for improvement to contend for win honors today seems unlikely. Underneath player at best.</b> |

#### **Horses to Follow**

#### R7: GREAT ANDREI (8/5 ML)

Although you may want to try searching for a bigger price in the opening leg of today's late pick-3—a 6F MD-bred allowance—GREAT ANDREI could just be too good for this group. The thrice stakes-placed, John 'Jerry' Robb-trained daughter of SKY MESA boasts a tremendously consistent record of 3-6-1 from 12 starts, only twice finishing out of the money. Admittedly, she's been beaten at skinny odds on more than one occasion, including her last start at Timonium as the 8/5 second choice, but that run in particular came with a legitimate excuse. As highlighted in the trip notes, a rival crossed in front of her entering the first turn, and she absolutely hated the kickback. While tossing her head in the air and slamming on the brakes, she dropped herself four to five lengths off the pace as the field straightened down the backstretch—not ideal for a filly who thrives on the front end, especially on a track that was presenting a strong speed bias. However, having then maneuvered into the clear at the 3/8 pole, she re-rallied against the bias, racing four wide on the turn, and got up for second, beaten just a half length. Things clearly didn't go to plan for her in that race, yet she still nearly won and recorded a 79 Beyer (her second consecutive 79 Beyer on dirt), which is the fastest on offer in today's contest. Now taking on a slightly weaker group of rivals, it seems certain that she's capable of more, and as there doesn't appear to be any other true speed horses in the lineup, she should be able to make a comfortable early lead and, importantly, keep herself out of kickback. Assuming that allows her to show her true colors and improve upon her 79 Beyer, the others could be running for second.

#### R8: PREPAREFORTAKEOFF (12/1 ML)

It's easy to understand why MOPO and CHICKAHOMMINY are clear morning line favorites for today's eighth - a 5 1/2F MD-bred allowance on the turf - and both warrant plenty of respect. But PREPAREFORTAKEOFF holds her own claims in this race too, and with morning-line odds of 12/1, you want to strongly consider using her on any tickets you play. Trained by Hassan Elamri, PREPAREFORTAKEOFF blew up the early pick-5 at Pimlico on Preakness Day in May when paying \$113.20 as the winner of race five, an N2X allowance over 5F on the turf, beating future stake winner NOQUESTIONABOUTIT. She earned a career best 74 Beyer that day - a huge step up from her 47 Beyer in her start prior - and at the time, it looked something of a fluke. However, following her last run at Timonium when she finished fourth with a 73 Beyer, you have to question whether she's just getting good right now. And the thing is, as highlighted in the trip notes, she wasn't even at her best when posting that 73 fig last time: having broken from the rail, she was headed entering the first turn and, as a response, dropped well back through the field. She was over five lengths off the lead entering the far turn, fully extended and seemingly without any chance. But she then shifted out into the center of the track to find clear sailing and re-rallied through the

lane for fourth, seemingly full of run. It became clear when watching that replay that for her to run her best race, as her PPs suggest, she needs to things to go her own way and be on or pressing the pace early, not stuck in behind horses. And so, as she now returns to the turf for the first time since that famous day at Pimlico, with a wide draw that should allow her rider to be aggressive as he likes from the gate and get her into her preferred position with daylight in front of her, there's a chance that she can improve upon her most recent 73 Beyer and run a new top. That could be good enough to threaten the market leaders and at 12/1, with a return to 5 1/2F on the grass set to suit her perfectly, she's at least worth a second look.

#### **R9: BIG SOX (4/1 ML)**

While there's plenty to like about both morning-line favorites in today's nightcap—a \$7,500 claiming event run over a mile on the main track—their likely dominance in the wagering could leave BABY SOX floating at a price too good to turn down. A four-time winner trained by Joanne Shankle, BABY SOX returned from a 202-day layoff with a seemingly dull effort at Timonium last time, leaving her with work to do if she's to be competitive today. However, she faced much tougher starter allowance foes that day and had only three workouts since March leading into the contest, suggesting she was short of peak fitness. She didn't entirely disgrace herself—she finished just a quarter-length from third—but now returning to a more conventional track and dropping in class, she has room to improve significantly on that comeback. Her three starts at 1M on Laurel's main track include two wins and a fourth, with Beyers of 52, 51, and 69, all competitive enough to make her a serious contender today. And notably, the first of those wins followed a poor effort at Timonium: twelve months ago, she was beaten as the 5/2 favorite in a \$5k claimer at the Big T, then she returned to Laurel and jumped 10 Beyer points to win at today's distance by a clear 3 lengths. With improved fitness, a track switch, and a class drop, she could take a similar step forward today and if she does, she'll have every chance. At 5/1 or higher, she could be worth a play.

## **FUTURE HORSES TO WATCH**

#### **MIKES MO TOWN**

**Trainer:** Carlos Mancilla **Last Race:** Mar. 21, 5<sup>th</sup> race

Finish: 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### THIS IS GOOD

Trainer: Michael Trombetta Last Race: April 26, 3<sup>rd</sup> race

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.

## **LEVISA**

**Trainer:** Richard Sillaman **Last Race:** April 4, 8<sup>th</sup> race

Finish: 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### CHESAPEAKE DREAM (Breezed 3F -: 38.00 at LRL on 8/24)

**Trainer:** Brittany Russell **Last Race:** April 25, 4<sup>th</sup> race

Finish: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### **RERUN TABLE**

**Trainer:** John Salzman Jr. **Last Race:** Aug. 24, 4<sup>th</sup> race

Finish: 1st by head

Sharp debut speed while on the chase, then accelerated to catch a speed target in upper stretch, corrected her stride after shifting in under a right handed crop strike, then rallied in final yards to a determined victory. Galloped out to open a daylight gap after the finish, indicating this Blofeld filly will handle extended distances.

#### **GO TO THE KINGDOM**

Trainer: Cal Lynch

Last Race: Sept. 5, 1st race

Finish: 4th by 3 1/4

Broke from the far outside post in two-turn turf test and was floated wide going into the first turn. Settled near the back of the pack, angled widest into the stretch, and finished evenly on the far outside. Seems well-entered in the quarter "non-three" condition, and benefits if she gets a quick pace to attack.

#### PERSIAN (Entered at Laurel - Sat. 9/20, Race 6)

**Trainer:** Claudio Gonzalez **Last Race:** Sept. 13, 1<sup>st</sup> race

Finish: 5th by 9

Gray filly had difficult trip in final start last year on dirt, then tried grass in first run off a long layoff. Claimed that day by Gonzalez, she'll return to dirt on Saturday, but might be more effective when

returned against state-sired competition.

#### **MEDAGOOCH**

**Trainer:** Phil Capuano **Last Race:** Aug. 31, 7<sup>th</sup> race

**Finish:** 3rd by 2 3/4

Dueled through an overheated quarter of 22:2, then shook free of rival after a salty half 46:2, cleared away around final turn. However, the relentless pace took its toll. Gave way grudgingly only in the final yards.

Maryland-bred should be tough at 6 furlongs on dirt.

#### **INCISIVE KITTEN**

**Trainer:** Mike Trombetta **Last Race:** Sept. 7, 5<sup>th</sup> race

**Finish:** 7th by 5 1/4

Late-running filly needs pace help, and she didn't get it here as they ran 1-2-3-4-5 around the track after glacial fractions of 25.18, 50.31 and 1:15.47. Wound up last and in between horses on the second turn before finishing evenly on the fence. Hoping to catch a field with lots of speed influences, likely in a \$12,500 "non-two" turf event.

#### **UNIWINNER**

**Trainer:** Lacey Gaudet **Last Race:** Sept 14, 2<sup>nd</sup> race

**Finish:** 2<sup>nd</sup> by 1/2

When the other speed didn't break, razor-sharp favorite Kissling had things his own way up front. Uniwinner tracked that one from a loose pocket, eased out in midstretch, and never stopped trying. He's hit the board in his last three dirt starts, and fits nicely at the \$12,500 "non-three" level.

## **JOCKEY CALLS**

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

Race 1: Jorge Ruiz: #2 - Embolden; #7 - Katie's Notion >>> Ruiz chooses EMBOLDEN

Race 3: Horacio Karamanos: #8 - Spoils of War; #13 - Lakeside Getaway >>> Karamanos chooses LAKESIDE GETAWAY

Race 5: Jean Briceno: #8 - Brother Bobo; #9 - Renfro's Reception >>> Briceno chooses RENFRO'S RECEPTION

Race 7: Jorge Ruiz: #7 - Divine Works; #8 - Diamond Sue >>> **Ruiz chooses DIVINE WORKS**Race 7: Alexander Crispin: 3 - I Can Do It; #6 - Gilda's Girl >>> **Crispin chooses I CAN DO IT** 

# **PAST TRACK TRENDS**

PIMLICO:

May 9 – Fair

May 10 - CLOSERS BIAS

May 11 – Fair

May 15 - SPEED BIAS

May 16 - CLOSERS BIAS

X May 17– Fair

LAUREL:

May 23 – CLOSERS BIAS

May 24 – CLOSERS BIAS

May 25 – SPEED BIAS

May 26 – Fair

May 31 – Fair (Outside Lean)

June 1 – Fair (Outside Lean)

June 6 – CLOSERS BIAS

June 7 - SPEED BIAS

June 8 – Fair

June 13 – Fair

June 14 – Fair

June 15 - CLOSERS BIAS

June 20 – Fair

June 21 – SPEED BIAS

June 22 - Fair

June 27 – Fair

June 28 – Fair

June 29 – Fair

Sep. 5 – SPEED BIAS (Only 2 Dirt Races)

Sep. 6 – Fair

Sep. 7 – Fair

Sep. 12 – SPEED BIAS

Sep. 13 – Fair

Sep. 14 – Fair