



## LAUREL PARK HANDICAPPING GUIDE for Sunday, Mar. 29

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## TODAY'S SELECTIONS FROM THE TMJC TEAM



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RACE 1:	5-7-1A-8	1A-5-4-8	5-7-4-2	5-4-7-8	5-1A-4-6	5-2-1
RACE 2:	5-2-1-4	5-4-3-2	1-5-2-4	5-4-1-2	2-5-1-3	1-5-4
RACE 3:	5-4-2-3	2-1-4-5	2-4-3-6	3-2-1-5	3-4-7-2	5-2-3
RACE 4:	2-1A-4-3	1-4-5-1A	1A-2-4-1	4-1-5-2	1-3-2-4	1A-2-4
RACE 5:	5-4-2-6	2-5-3-8	2-4-8-5	4-8-2-1	2-5-9-4	1-5-2
RACE 6:	2-7-1-4	4-7-2-9	7-4-6-2	7-8-4-2	1-9-3-2	4-2-3
RACE 7:	8-7-4-6	8-7-2-4	8-2-5-1	7-4-6-8	2-4-7-8	2-8-1
RACE 8:	3-4-5-2	3-4-5-2	3-5-4-2	4-3-1-2	4-6-3-1	3-5-4

## TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

### >> RACE 1

#### 1. QUINCANNON

#### 2. SAILOR'S RETURN

#### 3. HAPPY JAUNT

First post is NOON, with a LOW 12% takeout on "Value" Pick 5 wagers (first five races; last five races). There are mandatory payouts for any wager with carryover potential. **QUINCANNON** was wired by the odds-on favorite in a slow-paced race. Hung out five wide on the backstretch, he made a three-wide bid under confident handling, and stayed on well in the stretch behind the two pacesetters. Finished ahead of three of these, and has the tactical speed to get close to the pace this afternoon. **SAILOR'S RETURN** pulled hard to track three wide, was urged along on the second turn, and finished evenly between horses. He's won moving from route to sprint in the past, and can kick in the stretch for a barn that sent out 7/2 winner Hockey on 3/6. Hernandez lands here instead of Mister Agent. **HAPPY JAUNT** pulled to track in between, was urged along and floated widest into the stretch, then made up late ground despite hopping back to his left lead right on the wire. The first-place finisher returned to win a \$12,500 "non-three claimer" by 11 3/4 lengths with a 78 Beyer. He's won fresh in the past, and is capable at sprint distances. **SILVERBULLETTWENTY** returns from a lengthy layoff at a winning class level, and wouldn't mind a wet track.

### >> RACE 2

#### 1. HIGHER SENSE

#### 2. PONT AVEN

#### 3. MAJESTIC BLUE

**HIGHER SENSE** had everything his own way when dominating maidens over course and distance two back, as he set an uncontested pace through glacial fractions (25.09 opening quarter) before being ridden out. In tough in the Miracle Wood from a class perspective, he bobbed at the start, and chased the unbeaten winner to no avail. The third-finisher then ran third in a first-level allowance at Colonial with a 77 Beyer. We'll learn more about his overall quality this afternoon, and he should show good speed with Lasix back on for a barn that sent out two winners between 3/18 and 3/25. **PONT AVEN** set a reasonable pace inside the 30/1 runner-up, then drew off despite swapping back to his left lead. Positions were unchanged throughout that race, and he'll likely face a stronger pace. The barn went 12 for the last 30 (40%, \$2.28 ROI) with last-out maiden winners. **MAJESTIC BLUE** broke sharp, pulled to track from in between, was shuffled back and steadied on the second turn, altered outside, and passed tired foes despite being late to change leads. The odds-on winner then placed in two stakes with Beyers of 73 and 67. Should be fresh off the layoff, and can find good position behind the early speeds. **LONG LEGGED LUIS** rallied stoutly to win his debut going seven-eighths, and shouldn't have an issue with the extra distance. The third-finisher from that race then placed in a \$20,000 maiden claimer with a 54 Beyer.

### >> RACE 3

#### 1. CALL ME VICTORIOUS

#### 2. CAPTAIN

#### 3. SIR GEORGE

**CALL ME VICTORIOUS** broke well, tracked two wide/three path, prompted three wide at the three-eighths, attacked the odds-on winner while well off the rail, and tried hard all the way to the wire. There's some stamina in his female family, and he can work out a nice tracking trip after breaking from a solid

inside post. **CAPITAINE** chased a quick pace in his seasonal debut, and finished ahead of Make It Quick, who then graduated in a restricted maiden special weight at Colonial with a 63 Beyer. Another stretching out in distance, but the barn went 5 for the last 16 (31%, \$2.84 ROI) with horses exiting a top-three finish and routing for the first time. The second dam was Grade 3-placed at nine furlongs. **SIR GEORGE** had the misfortune to chase favored runaway Ezum, who earned an 87 Beyer when winning by almost 20 lengths at Colonial. Pushed that one's moderate pace before blowing a photo for the place spot. He might be quick enough to control the fractions for a barn that won the Beyond the Wire Stakes last week with 3/1 Miss Fulton Gal. **PRIME RANGER** (\$150,000 yearling, \$55,000 May juvenile), listed as a Laurel vet scratch (injured) on 2/27, breezed two furlongs in 22.2 prior to the last auction, and is out of stakes-placed turf router Party Starter (87 turf Beyer). The second dam was a Group 1-winning dirt miler in Argentina.

## >> RACE 4

### 1. DERBYNESS

### 2. RADAUTI

### 3. JOE THE JET

**DERBYNESS** pressed outside the 16-1 last-finisher, attacked from in between on the turn, and tired in a race where the two pacesetters wound up last and next-to-last. The fifth-finisher then ran third in a first-level allowance at Aqueduct with an 83 Beyer. Likely gained fitness from that race, his first after a 309-day layoff, and is comfortable at this extra distance. **RADAUTI** was purchased for \$90,000 in January and immediately paid dividends with a late-running maiden victory at Colonial. He acts as if he'll stay all day long, and retains upside. **JOE THE JET** broke nicely, pressed the 7/5 winner through a quick opening quarter, conceded the lead to chase from the outside under urging, then couldn't reel that one in. Figures close to the pace for a barn that went 5 for 12 (50%, 11 ITM, \$3.67 ROI) between 3/15 and 3/22. **TONY ECLIPSE** pressed a hot pace from in between, then tired slightly along the inside. Expect good early zip, and think he's racing himself back into shape for this, his third start following a 308-day break. **WYOMING CLASS** overcame a slow pace to beat Robert's Moon, who returned to place in a \$20,000 starter-optional with a 65 Beyer. Steps up in class, but has an underrated late kick.

## >> RACE 5

### 1. KERNESS K

### 2. FORREST CITY

### 3. SPOTTED BULL

**KERNESS K** found himself in a great spot last time. He dropped down in class, dueled outside the 10/1 runner-up through slow fractions over a speed-friendly track, and sprinted home while racing off the rail. Reclaimed out of that race by Ness, who went 7 for the last 21 (33%, \$2.18 ROI) with newly-claimed runners exiting three ascending Beyer efforts. Figures close to the pace. Hazlewood lands here instead of Murray. **FORREST CITY** prompted from in between horses, grabbed the pocket late on the backstretch, angled three wide, and couldn't get by the winner. Must overcome a 323-day layoff, but this barn went 19 for 91 (21%, \$2.03 ROI) between 6/15 and 3/20. Boyce lands here instead of Heldish. **SPOTTED BULL** pushed a reasonable pace, then was too good for conditioned claiming foes. He's won from off the pace, and might revert to those tactics. **PAY ZONE** set legitimate fractions when scoring around two turns at Charles Town. He might be the speed of the speed. **JUST FOR THE MONEY** appears well-entered after besting allowance foes at Mahoning Valley. He's tactical enough to set up shop in the second flight behind the leaders. **MURRAY** was wired by a sharp Churchill invader. He drops in class, and might receive a very favorable pace flow.

## >> RACE 6

### 1. MAIDSTONE

### 2. OVER MY CENTS

### 3. JULIE BELLE

**MAIDSTONE** was hustled from the gate and was bumped by an outer foe while tracking a quick opening quarter from the pocket. She eased out into the stretch, rallied nicely for second inside the favored winner, and displayed a promising gallop-out. She finished ahead of four of these, has excellent tactical speed, and should be in the thick of things when the field turns for home. **OVER MY CENTS** broke sharply last month, tracked from the pocket, went on a hard chase after the 4/1 winner, and stayed on as second best. Finished ahead of four of these, and was flattered when the winner returned to place in a \$12,500 "non-three" claimer with a 60 Beyer. She might try to grab the early lead for a barn that went 3 for 12 (25%, \$2.05 ROI) between 3/8 and 3/22. **JULIE BELLE** set legitimate fractions when wiring a weaker field at Charles Town in a race where they ran 1-2 around the track. Might have to adopt tracking tactics here.

## >> RACE 7

### 1. OUR GOLDEN GATOR

### 2. SWEET SHENANIGANS

### 3. JUNIPER'S JUBILEE

**OUR GOLDEN GATOR** was bumped at the start of her debut, stalked two-three wide at the back behind a hot pace, made a three-wide bid to go on a hard chase after a loose pacesetter, then rallied past that tired foe. Tried stakes competition in her last two, including the Main Line, a race where she finished ahead of next-out winner Ranting and Raving (52 Beyer in \$40,000 maiden claimer at Parx). Like him cutting back in distance for a barn that went 5 for the last 15 (33%, \$2.09 ROI) with horses adding Lasix. **SWEET SHENANIGANS** has excellent tactical speed, and she chased quick fractions when in tough in the Xtra Heat. Capuano barn went 8 for the last 24 (33%, \$2.37 ROI) with experienced horses adding Lasix for the first time. **JUNIPER'S JUBILEE** pushed legitimate fractions (23.16; 23.31) over a speed-favoring track, and scooted home over muddy going. She's been in excellent form, and she can seemingly adapt to any pace scenario. HONOR ROLL simply went too quick on the lead in the synthetic experiment at Turfway, a race that went to late-runners. That heat produced two next-out winners, including Lorelei Lee, who wired the Bourbonette Oaks with an 80 Beyer. Proven on dirt, she might be the speed of the speed.

## >> RACE 8

### 1. CLAVIN

### 2. FLATTER MY DAD

### 3. REBEL PRINCE

**CLAVIN** (\$775,000 yearling), is a half-brother to Grade 1-winning dirt sprinter Bell's the One (won first four starts), Grade 3-winning turf router King Cause, and stakes-placed dirt sprinter Running Mate (won first two starts; 93 dirt Beyer). The dam is a half-sister to Grade 2-winning dirt router Tap Day. It's a potential red flag that he makes his debut for \$25,000 after being transferred from Todd Pletcher's Florida string to Brittany Russell, but the new barn went 61 for the last 221 (28%, \$2.02 ROI) with first-time starters. **FLATTER MY DAD** was wired going two turns at Charles Town last month. Must prove his mettle over this circuit, but he's picked up his game since Lasix was added to the equation. **REBEL PRINCE** was wired by the favorite when returning from a short layoff at Colonial. It was good to see the improved tactical speed for a barn that went 9 for the last 31 (29%, \$3.43 ROI) with horses exiting a top-three finish on dirt. Expecting early speed from EL PAPACITO, as he returns on short notice.

## TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

### RACE 2

#### #5 - Pont Aven

Trainer: Mike Trombetta  
Last-Out Maiden Winners: 12 for 30 (40%, \$2.28 ROI)

### RACE 3

#### #4 - Capitaine

Trainer: Cal Lynch  
First Route, Exiting Top-3 Finish: 5 for 16 (31%, \$2.84 ROI)

### RACE 4

#### #4 - Joe the Jet

Trainer: Hugh McMahon  
Between 3/15 and 3/22: 5 for 12 (50%, \$3.67 ROI, 11 ITM)

### RACE 5

#### #2 - Kerness K

Trainer: Jamie Ness  
First After Claim, Exiting 3 Ascending Beyer's: 7 for 21 (33%, \$2.18 ROI)

### RACE 6

#### #4 - Over My Cents

Trainer: Rudy Sanchez-Salomon  
Between 3/8 and 3/22: 3 for 12 (25%, \$2.05 ROI)

### RACE 7

#### #8 - Forrest City

Trainer: Lacey Gaudet  
Between 6/15 and 3/20: 19 for 91 (21%, \$2.03 ROI)

### RACE 8

#### #2 - Sweet Shenanigans

Trainer: Gary Capuano  
Experienced Horses, First Lasix: 8 for 24 (33%, \$2.37 ROI)

### RACE 9

#### #8- Our Golden Gator

Trainer: Mike Moore  
Lasix On: 5 for 15 (33%, \$2.09 ROI)

### RACE 10

#### #3 - Clavin

Trainer: Brittany Russell  
First-Time Starters: 61 for 221 (28%, \$2.02 ROI)

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

**Trip Notes - Recent performances that deserve an asterisk. All others: trust the past-performances.**

### Race 1: Claiming 7.5k, 4YO+, 7 Furlongs, Dirt

HORSE	RACE	TRIP	NOTE
#5 QUINCANNON	Claiming 7.5k, LRL, 6F, Muddy Dirt, 03/13/26 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chased modest pace 7-deep into turn, steadily advanced 4-5W on the Ruben to the ¼; came ~5-6W into the lane, then stayed on well for 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	<b>He was consistently trying to advance into a modest pace (set by the 2/5 fav and 10/1 runner-up) over a speed favoring track while notably wide; although never <i>that</i> far off the pace, it's easy to argue he was at least 2<sup>nd</sup> best in this race and he's deserving of a small upgrade. 7F should suit well.</b>
#1 MAGIC SPIN	Claiming 7.5k, LRL, 6F, Muddy Dirt, 03/13/26 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bumped start and away slowly; chased modest pace from rear into lane, then failed to improve.	<b>Although one would have still liked to have seen a little more from him in this race, we can be somewhat forgiving of his sub-par effort as he was racing against the speed bias and did not have much pace to run at from rear after being bumped hard at the start. It wouldn't surprise if he were to get back on track today.</b>

<b>#7 SAILOR'S RETURN</b>	Claiming 7.5k, LRL, 1 1/16M, Muddy Dirt, 03/13/26 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Off a beat slow; 4-5W first turn; pulled while out of cover and advanced back stretch; passed ½ just 1 1/2L back in 3 <sup>rd</sup> ; chased leaders while ~4W far turn, then stuck to his task willingly through the lane but could not go on.	<b>This wasn't a bad effort at all at 81/1, especially as he was wide on both turns and made a (potentially unintentional) mid-race when pulling his way forward without cover down the back stretch, likely hindering his finishing effort (upgrade). A clear step back in the right direction; he should be suited by 7F today.</b>
<b>#8 MISTER AGENT</b>	Claiming 7.5k, LRL, 6F, Muddy Dirt, 03/13/26 – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Chased modest pace 6W between foes early; light bump 5/8; dropped back and came under pressure entering turn; 5-6W chase on bend; responded to pressure and stayed on towards center in lane but then flopped leads ~1/16 and bumped again which cost him 4 <sup>th</sup> .	<b>He sat a very wide trip while trying to close into a slow pace on a speed favoring track and took 2x light bumps – UPGRADE. Note: he was only 3/4L off 4<sup>th</sup> at the wire.</b>

**Other notes:**

- **#4 HAPPY JAUNT** did fairly well to finish 2nd (later promoted to 1<sup>st</sup>) last time (1M, LRL, 01/17/26 – 2<sup>nd</sup>) having been a little too keen and unsettled when caught between horses racing down the back stretch and then having lost a little ground racing into the lane (not enough to warrant a proper upgrade, but enough to earn him a little extra credit). Suspect today's cut back to 7F will see him to good effect.
- When last seen on the turf (5 1/2F, LRL, Good Turf, 04/26/25 – 8<sup>th</sup>), **#6 SILVERBULLETTWENTY** sat a wide enough trip (~5W turn) when closing from rear to entitle him to an UPGRADE. Returns from layoff back on dirt today. Note: in his last completed dirt start (5 1/2F, LRL, 02/23/25 – 1<sup>st</sup>), he sat a good trip.
- **#1A CANDYCRUMBS** didn't have much pace to close into last time (5 1/2F, LRL, 03/06/26 – 6<sup>th</sup>) and was a little wide on the turn, but neither factor fully explain why he was quite so far below his best and he'll need more today, period. Maybe he just didn't appreciate the muddy going last out?
- **#2 CATAHOULA MOON** (stalked modest pace 3W to mid turn, then gradually weakened; might benefit from a stronger pace today); and **#3 LIKEBELIVINGNMAGIC** (lunged, away slowly, rushed up into modest pace 4W and raced prominently towards center into the turn, then stopped), both sat perfectly fine trips in their respective last starts and were ridden through the line – their results/speed figs seem fair.

**Race 2: OC62k/N1X Allowance, 3YO, 1 Mile, Dirt**

HORSE	RACE	TRIP	NOTE
<b>#2 MAJESTIC BLUE</b>	Rocky Run Stakes, 1M, DEL, Fast Dirt, 10/11/26 – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Broke sharp, then settled into a tracking position tight between foes in the 2P, ~1L off the modest pace; dropped to rail approaching turn, then had to check entering the bend, losing a little ground and momentum; was then shuffled further back behind a retreating foe on the run to the top of the lane; finally found room top of lane and stayed on for 4 <sup>th</sup> but was never doing better than that.	<b>A very troubled trip and an upgradable 4<sup>th</sup> place finish, he can improve on this effort with first time Lasix today, provided he's ready off the bench.</b>
<b>#4 LONG LEGGED LUIS</b>	Maiden Claiming 16k, LRL, 7F, Muddy Dirt, 03/06/26 – 1 <sup>st</sup>	Slowly away; chased even pace towards center; advanced 5W turn, came ~7W+ into lane when circling foes, then stayed on gamely through the lane and won with something in hand.	<b>He was the only horse to improve his position in this race (was against the flow) and he also endured an extremely wide trip – UPGRADE. He looked to win with something in hand and can likely off more second out the box today.</b>

**Other notes:**

- **#1 HIGHER SENSE** stumbled a little at the start last out (1M, LRL, 02/21/26 – 5<sup>th</sup>), but it made no difference to his trip or result – he recovered quickly, stalked the even pace and was done on the far turn. Lasix back on today.
- **#3 PAYNTED LION** (off just 7-days rest; tracked even pace 3W into lane, then weakened) sat a fine trip last out – result/fig fair.
- **#5 POINT AVEN** might have been best last out regardless (1M, LRL, 03/08/26 – 1<sup>st</sup>); however, he was able to sustainable fractions while saving ground on the rail throughout, and speed held very well in the contest - the running order never once changing throughout, with 30/1 runner-up positioned in 2<sup>nd</sup> for the entirety of the contest and the 1/9 fav unable to land a blow racing in 3<sup>rd</sup> all the way around. While PA is deserving of respect today, you do have to question the validity of that form somewhat.

**Race 3: MSW, 3YO, 1 1/16 Miles, Dirt**

HORSE	RACE	TRIP	NOTE
<b>Other notes:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>#1 TWIN LAKES</b> (close up inside early, weakened from turn) and <b>#7 MARGIE'S LAST</b> (at 30/1; pressed modest pace set by winner 2W into turn, lost contact with that foe ~5/16 but stayed on gamely to hold place) both exit the same race in which the early pace was slow and the running order never changed throughout. While both runners visually appeared to display true efforts, you have to wonder how much we should trust that form.</li> <li>- <b>#2 CALL ME VICTORIOUS</b> sat a slightly wide trip (small UPGRADE) when running another very likable race in defeat last time (7F, LRL, 03/15/26 – 2<sup>nd</sup>). He again ran in a manner to suggest he could be suited by today's trip as he makes debut for Capuano with blinkers on.</li> <li>- Following a promising debut, <b>#4 CAPITAINE</b> sat a wide trip (small UPGRADE) when again running well in defeat last time (5 1/2F, LRL, 02/27/26 – 3<sup>rd</sup>). His effort left mixed feelings about his ability to handle today's distance.</li> <li>- <b>#3 SIR GEORGE</b> (stalked pace setting winner into turn, under pressure to hold place into lane, lost contact with romping winner top of stretch but continued fighting hard to the wire, only to be nailed for 2<sup>nd</sup> on the line); and <b>#6 GO GREY</b> (slow start, outrun and never a factor), both sat perfectly fine trips in their respective last starts and were ridden through the line – their results/speed figs seem fair.</li> </ul>			

**Race 4: N1X Allowance, 4YO+, 1 1/16 Miles, Dirt**

HORSE	RACE	TRIP	NOTE
<b>#1 TONY ECLIPSE</b>	Allowance, LRL, 1 1/16M, Fast Dirt, 02/15/26 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dueled through fast fractions 2W first turn; took additional pressure from outside foe when continuing to spar through fast fractions between horses into the far turn; saw off initial pace rival entering far turn, dropped to rail and continued to battle for lead into lane, then stuck to his task gamely but could not go with the top two.	<b>A tricky trip in which he was sandwiched between foes after dueling around the first turn; this meant that he was unable to relax or take back off the heated tempo (23.87, 47.67), ultimately setting thing up well for the off-the-pace winner. He did well to hold on for 3<sup>rd</sup> under the circumstances, is deserving of an UPGRADE, and could well improve on this effort (especially if the pace is softer) today as he makes his third start off the bench.</b>
<b>Other notes:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Making his debut for Epley in fairly treacherous conditions, <b>#2 RADAUTI</b> overcame a 4-5W wide trip (small UPGRADE) to break his maiden in smart fashion last out (1M, CNL, 03/12/26 – 1<sup>st</sup>). He was strong through the wire and left the impression that there may be more to come from him.</li> <li>- He was the 1/5 fav and only facing two rivals, so maybe this is a moot point, but <b>#5 WYOMING CLASS</b> did close into a slow pace when winning last time (1M, LRL, 12/27/26 – 1<sup>st</sup>); if ready off the bench and the pace is hot today, he should be capable of improving on that effort (speed fig).</li> <li>- <b>#3 AMAZING BERNIE</b> (saved ground tracking honest pace set by runner-up, stayed on evenly); <b>#4 JOE THE JET</b> (sent from inside, dueled with winner through fast fractions into back stretch, ceded lead 5/8 and switched out, then made a brief rebid entering and around the far turn before gamely chasing winner to wire; 2<sup>nd</sup> best); <b>#1A DERBYNESS</b> (off layoff in the fog; pressed even pace 2W into lane, then weakened; could strip fitter today); and <b>#6 JAMES P SULLIVAN</b> (broke inwards and bumped hard, then was outrun), all sat perfectly fine trips in their respective last starts and were ridden through the line – their results/speed figs seem fair.</li> </ul>			

**Race 5: OC12k/SAL8k, 4YO+, 6 Furlongs, Dirt**

HORSE	RACE	TRIP	NOTE
<b>#5 EL DIVINO NINO</b>	Starter Allowance, LRL, 7F, Fast Dirt, 02/27/26 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Drafted off pace opening 1/16, then rushed up towards center and contested the honest pace 4 deep into turn; dueled 3-4W into lane, then stayed on very gamely but could not fend off late closing winner.	<b>He used a little energy rushing up from off the pace early, then fared best of the speed (which was honest and set up fairly well for the winner), despite having also been widest of the forwardly placed runners on the turn -a very likable effort in defeat that's worthy of a small upgrade. Makes debut for Magee today.</b>
<b>Other notes:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As much as <b>#2 KERNESS K</b> was much the best at odds of 2/5 last out (6F, LRL, 03/13/26 – 1<sup>st</sup>), it should be noted that he was able to set fairly controlled fractions in front (speed held well) and the track was speed favoring. Everything was in his favor and therefore, although he could reproduce that level of form making his debut for Ness today, he's not guaranteed to.</li> </ul>			

- **#8 SPOTTED BULL** (tracked slow pace on rail to turn, then advanced on fence to take the lead while still at a comfortable tempo racing to the top of the lane before drifting off inside and drawing off late) could not have asked for a better trip or setup when beating inferior rivals last out (5 1/2F, LRL, 03/06/26 – 1<sup>st</sup>); the water will be much deeper for him this afternoon.
- **#1 JUST FOR THE MONEY** (pressed honest pace 2W, took over ¼, edged away, fully extended); **#3 PAY ZONE** (at 1/5; broke sharp, set even fractions on uncontested lead, fully extended to wire); **#4 FORREST CITY** (tracked even pace inside, angled out gently ¼, then stayed on willingly at an even pace; cuts back (not certain to suit) off layoff today); **#6 HELDISH** (took strong hold in behind horses racing into the turn, then weakened); **#7 LET'S HAVE A PARTY** (outrun inside); and **#9 MURRAY** (four runner race; came out start; chased hot pace from a detached last into turn, angled out bend and stayed on evenly past tiring foes into a non-threatening 2<sup>nd</sup>), all sat perfectly fine trips in their respective last starts and were ridden through the line – their results/speed figs seem fair.

**Race 6: Claiming 12.5k, 4YO+ (F), 6 Furlongs, Dirt**

HORSE	RACE	TRIP	NOTE
<b>#7 MAIDSTONE</b>	Claiming 12k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Muddy Dirt, 03/08/26 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Forced down toward rail while vying for command through the first 1/8; eventually settled just in behind leader tracking fast fractions on the rail entering the bend; kept revs up without advancing as winner progressed to her outside far turn; hard chase while angling out from ~3/8, then rallied very willingly through the lane but missed.	<b>A really nice effort off the claim with blinkers removed; the winner managed to get the jump on her ~7/16 pole while she was racing on the leader's heels; that was where the race was won and lost; if you switch her trip with the winner's, the result could well have been different. Not sure we can upgrade her speed figure that much as overall this trip was okay, but it's easy to argue she should be entering this race off a win and another 1/16 today should be to her benefit. Player.</b>
<b>#8 PAPERBACK EDITION</b>	Claiming 12k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Muddy Dirt, 03/08/26 – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Unhurried; chased honest pace from rear while 4-5W; came 8W into the lane and finished evenly without ever threatening.	<b>Making her first start for 218-days and ridden with more restraint than usual (handled the change of tactics well, opening up versatility options), she sat a wide enough trip to warrant a small upgrade. Adding an extra 1/16 today with race fitness on her side and a more ground saving trip could see her step forward at a price today.</b>
<b>#9 AMADEA</b>	Claiming 12k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Muddy Dirt, 03/08/26 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chased honest pace from rear; 4W turn; carried ~6W into lane; along for show.	<b>Exiting the same race as the two runners listed above, she also lost ground with a wider than ideal trip (small upgrade) and could improve for an extra 1/16 today.</b>

**Other notes:**

- **#1 AERONYX** was bumped at the start last out (1M, LRL, 03/06/26 – 5<sup>th</sup>) and then steadied shortly after, but neither incident were really that significant, and both happened early enough in the race that they didn't make any difference to her trip or the result – she recovered quickly and her trip thereafter was fine but she just failed to fire and will need more today. Saying that, however, she was stuck on the "dead" inside rail throughout, which didn't help her cause. Cuts back in distance today, which could suit.
- Not helped by the fact that she was stuck on the "dead" inside rail throughout, **#2 SWEET HONEY BEE** looked unsuited by the mile distance last time (1M, LRL, 03/06/26 – 5th) and could easily step back in the right direction back down at 6F today.
- Regarding **#3 READY FOR MAGIC's** last start (5 1/2F, LRL, 03/08/26 – 8<sup>th</sup>), you can ignore the chart comment "taken up early" – what really happened was that, after breaking sharp from the rail, she failed to hold her position and was outrun after the first 1/16; she hardly had to check at all and the running line, result and speed fig are accurate reflections of her effort.
- **#4 OVER MY CENTS** (brushed gate but away well, tracked even pace inside to 3/8, then eased out 2-3W and chased winner gamely to wire); **#5 A P M NOTION** (outrun inside; no visible reason for poor effort); **#6 JULIE BELLE** (sent from outside post, set honest pace on uncontested lead into lane, then held firm under a strong ride; solid); and **#10 CHRISTY MY LOVE** (saved ground chasing even pace from mid-pack, weakened far turn), all sat perfectly fine trips in their respective last starts and were ridden through the line – their results/speed figs seem fair.

**Race 7: OC62k/N1X Allowance, 3YO (F), 6 Furlongs, Dirt**

HORSE	RACE	TRIP	NOTE
<b>Other Notes:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not sure it's majorly significant in this case because they were a clear first and second best on paper leading into the race, and in the race itself, but it might just be worth noting that there was a significant speed bias present when <b>#5 JUNIPER'S JUBILEE</b> (pressed early, moved and dueled 2W to 3/8, then took command and drew off) and <b>#1 RERUN TABLE</b> (clear early, pressed into turn, dueled to 3/8, headed, chased, 2<sup>nd</sup> best) last ran (6F, LRL, 03/07/26) against each other. Hard to say whether the track impacted their results or speed figures, but it's something to keep in mind.</li> <li>- With lasix on first time, <b>#4 TACTIC VALUE</b> ran well to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> behind two stakes winners last out (1 1/16M, LRL, 02/14/26 – 3<sup>rd</sup>), especially as she pulled hard without cover and was between foes for the majority of the back stretch. A borderline upgradable effort, she could be suited by today's cut back in distance. Note: it's impossible to tell for certain, but the saddle might have slipped a little on her last time too.</li> <li>- It wasn't surprising to see <b>#6 HONOR ROLL</b> fade out of contention in the lane last time (6F, TP Synth, 02/21/26 – 5<sup>th</sup>) considering she'd set unsustainably fast fractions on a pressured lead and was facing a decent group or fillies. If rationing out her speed a little more efficiently, she can likely bounce back from that effort returning to dirt.</li> <li>- <b>#8 OUR GOLDEN GATOR</b> didn't look ideally suited by two-turns last out (1 1/16M, PRX, 03/03/26) as she pulled hard early and then tired late (for all that she gamely stuck to her task); it would be a surprise if she were to bounce back into form with lasix on and a cut back to 6F today.</li> <li>- <b>#2 SWEET SHENANIGANS</b> (light bump start, tracked hot pace 2<sup>nd</sup> flight inside to ~5/16, then steadily faded; adds lasix first on class drop today); <b>#3 KUAGA</b> (set pressured pace while hugging rail to top of lane, then gamely pulled away, fully extended); <b>#7 SLEWPERSTITUS</b> (three-runner race; hopped start, pressed hot pace 3-deep to 5/16, then weakened grudgingly; returns off layoff today), all sat perfectly fine trips in their respective last starts and were ridden through the line – their results/speed figs seem fair.</li> </ul>			

**Race 8: Maiden Claiming 25k, 3YO, 5 ½ Furlongs, Dirt**

HORSE	RACE	TRIP	NOTE
<b>#6 GALLO</b>	Maiden Claiming 12k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Muddy Dirt, 03/08/26 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stumbled start and away slowly; took a strong hold and pulled hard (over-raced) while wide racing to the far turn; lost ground racing 4-6W on the bend, then stopped and was not hard ridden in the lane.	<b>He gave himself no chance of staying the mile distance in first time blinkers after a stumbling start as he over-raced early and then lost a lot of ground on the turn; it's highly likely that this was not a true reflection of his ability, and we can surely expect more from him back sprinting today.</b>
<b>Other notes:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>#1 QUAIN</b> (fractious gate, hopped start, outrun; returns following gelding op with lasix and blinkers added); <b>#2 EL PAPACITO</b> (tracked modest pace 2-3W to ~3/8, then weakened despite continuing to try; ran below expectations with no visible reason as to why; reruns off short rest today); <b>#4 REBEL PRINCE</b> (four-runner race; pressed winner through even fractions in the 2P into the lane, then continued to chase that foe willingly to the wire; a likable effort in defeat); and <b>#5 FLATTER MY DAD</b> (chased winner through honest fractions into the far turn, then stayed on willingly for a clear 2<sup>nd</sup>), all sat perfectly fine trips in their respective last starts and were ridden through the line – their results/speed figs seem fair.</li> </ul>			

**Horses to Follow****R1: QUINCANNON (7/2 ML)**

It may have been a while between drinks for the veteran QUINCANNON, but he looks to have finally found a realistic opportunity to notch a fifth career win. He's been consistently outrunning his odds of late and again ran very well last time, chasing home the top two while posted wide on a speed-favoring track, in the process getting the better of three re-opposing rivals. Now aged seven, he gets another crack at seven furlongs—a trip that could now hit him square between the eyes—and with enough tactical speed to secure a prominent position in a race potentially lacking early pace, he should have every chance to capitalize.

### **R3: CALL ME VICTORIOUS (5/1 ML)**

CALL ME VICTORIOUS has shaped with plenty of encouragement in two recent sprint outings, staying on well on both occasions and looking every bit like a horse crying out for more distance. He gets that opportunity this afternoon as he stretches out to 1 1/16 miles for the first time, and the move comes as he makes his first start off the claim for Phil Capuano—suggesting his new connections believe there's more to come at this trip. The decision to step him up from maiden claiming company into maiden special weight company, where he's protected from being claimed, only reinforces that confidence, and the addition of blinkers alongside the booking of meet-leading rider Yedsit Hazlewood adds further intrigue. With a more suitable trip and positive intent from the barn, he looks capable of taking a significant step forward.

## **FUTURE HORSES TO WATCH**

### **BETTER WATCH IT**

**Trainer:** Madison Meyers

**Last Race:** Nov. 16, 1<sup>st</sup> race

**Finish:** 5th by 9

Sent off the favorite in a "non-two" starter allowance, he was bumped at the start and steadied in behind horses heading into the first turn. That left him saving ground in midpack behind a glacial opening quarter in 25.15. By the time he got a seam in the upper stretch, the runaway winner was long gone.

### **POWER GRID**

**Trainer:** Jerry Robb

**Last Race:** Dec. 27, 8<sup>th</sup> race

**Finish:** 5<sup>th</sup> by 9 1/2

Appeared on the upswing, but threw in a puzzler in the Heft Stakes, where the pace situation was not to his liking. Forced to chase the gate to wire winner while 3 wide early, raced 4-5 wide leaving the 3/8 pole, then flat when asked.

### **LADY ZETA**

**Trainer:** Lacey Gaudet

**Last Race:** Feb. 4, 1st race

**Finish:** 5th by 5 1/2

Expected to be one of the speeds, she instead broke poorly and was last on the rail entering the turn. Swung widest into the stretch, and was no match for the pacesetter winner, but did show some interest on the gallop-out. Thirteen-time winner deserves another shot in a \$7,500 conditioned seller.

### **LYUDMILA (Breezed 3F - :36.40 at TAM on 3/21)**

**Trainer:** Justin Nixon

**Last Race:** Nov. 21, 6<sup>th</sup> race

**Finish:** 1st by 6

Gun Runner filly sold for a million dollars as a yearling, and was a professional debut winner. Pinched a bit at the start, recovered to track the pace outside, then ran by the odds-on favorite in the stretch. Expect her to winter at Tampa.

### **SUJO (Breezed 4F - :48.20 at TAM on 2/22)**

**Trainer:** Greg Sacco

**Last Race:** Jan. 16, 7<sup>th</sup> race

**Finish:** 4<sup>th</sup> by 4 3/4 lengths

First-time starter was pinballed from in between horses at the start, and dropped all the way back to last. Started to kick in at the eighth pole, angled to the fence, and just missed getting third on the wire with a nice gallop-out.

### **IN AWE OF JUJU (Breezed 4F - :50.20 at DEL on 3/12)**

**Trainer:** Jamie Ness

**Last Race:** February 21, 6th race

**Finish:** 5th by 6 1/2 lengths

Pressed an impressive winner from the inside, couldn't go with that foe on the turn, then just blew third in the final hundred yards. She's been ridden very aggressively in her last couple of starts, and might benefit from rating tactics against "non-three" claimers.

## BRUNO

**Trainer:** Daniel Eubanks

**Last Race:** March 20, Race 3

**Finish:** 2<sup>nd</sup> by 1 1/4

Independence Hall colt showed promising workouts prior to his debut, then hooked up in an early speed duel before succumbing to a late runner that benefited from the quick pace. Earned a respectable 69 Beyer Speed Figure, and will be tough right back against maiden special weight company.

## HOLLYWOOD IMPORT

**Trainer:** Gary Capuano

**Last Race:** March 21, Race 8

**Finish:** 4th by 4

Talented 3-year-old might have found two turns a trip too far when fourth in the Private Terms. Broke outward a bit, but was quick enough to recover and make the lead. Cleared off briefly on the second turn, but tired in between foes in the stretch. Think he's at his best between seven furlongs and a one-turn mile.

## KISS THE RING

**Trainer:** Jesus Cruz

**Last Race:** March 20, Race 3

**Finish:** 4th by 6 1/2

Caught a pretty strong field for his second lifetime start, and was bumped shortly after the start after breaking slowly. Tracked outside, tried to advance in between rivals, but flattened out in the stretch. Might need a class dip into state-sired company, and has enough pedigree to appreciate more distance.

## JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 1 - Jorge Hernandez: #7 - Sailor's Return; #8 - Mister Agent >>> **Hernandez rides SAILOR'S RETURN**

Race 5 - Forest Boyce: #4 - Forrest City; #6 - Heldish >>> **Boyce rides FORREST CITY**

Race 5 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #2 - Kerness K; #9 - Murray >>> **Hazlewood rides KERNESS K**

## THE ROUND-UP - by John Piassek, *The Racing Biz*

**A recap of SATURDAY, MAR. 28 action at Laurel Park.** Visit [theracingbiz.com](http://theracingbiz.com) for John Piassek's FREE full analysis of today's Laurel card.

**Race 1:** Having early speed is a great system for winning. **Sticktothesystem** showed plenty of it, moving up the inside in the early stages to take the lead before the first quarter-mile mark. He never looked back to break his maiden at 9-1.

**Race 2:** **Lannister** went off as the 1-5 favorite, and that price might have been generous. He battled for the pace in the three-path and drew away to win easily. Regency Tale, in his first start off an eight-month layoff, also raced on the early pace and held second.

**Race 3: Stylish Gem** rated off of early duelers Modernis Silver and Let Her Pass By, then passed by both of them at the top of the stretch for an easy win. Let Her Pass By lost the war but won the battle, holding second by a neck.

**Race 4:** It's rare to see such a clear-cut winner of a speed duel, but that was the case here. **Late Nite Call** battled with Girvinized throughout the first half of the race. Late Nite Call drew off to win clear, while Girvinized finished 22 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lengths back.

**Race 5:** Making just her second start since last May, the class of **Bells Beach** shone through. She rallied from off the pace in a race where the pace fell apart to win with what the chart-calling team described as "energetic urging" from Sheldon Russell.

**Race 6: Masakado** sat close to the pace on the inside, but Jose Vargas resisted the temptation to move him to the front too soon. He stayed close to the rail, moved through at the top of the lane, and held off some late-rallying rivals to win.

**Race 7:** The favorites, **Celtic Contender** and Petingas Twin, battled each other for the early lead. The former, in his first start since July, drew off in the stretch for his sixth win in 18 starts. The 2024 Maryland Million Sprint winner will be a threat to win that race again this year as long as he stays healthy.

**Race 8: Skip Thru Da Fire** skipped her way to her first victory of the season, wearing down Royal Seamstress.

## PAST TRACK TRENDS

Dec. 5 – Fair

Dec. 6 – Fair

Dec. 7 – Fair

Dec. 12 – Fair

Dec. 13 – Fair

Dec. 14 – Fair

Dec. 19 - Fair (stiff tailwind  
backstretch; headwind stretch)

Dec. 20 - CLOSERS BIAS

Dec. 21 - Fair

Dec. 26 – Fair

Dec. 27 – Fair

Dec. 28 – Fair

Jan. 9 – Fair

Jan. 10 – Fair

Jan. 16 – Fair

Jan. 17 – Fair

Jan. 23 – Fair

Jan. 30 - (only 1 race)

Feb. 4 – Fair

Feb. 5 – Fair (speed lean)

Feb. 6 – Fair

Feb. 12 – CLOSERS BIAS

Feb. 13 – Fair (slight speed lean)

Feb. 14 – Fair

Feb. 15 – Fair

Feb. 20 – Fair

Feb. 21 – Fair

Feb. 22 – Fair

Feb. 27– Fair

Feb. 28 – Fair

Mar. 1 – Fair

Mar. 6 – Fair (slight outside lean)

Mar. 7 – SPEED BIAS

Mar. 8 – Fair

Mar. 13 – SPEED BIAS (strong  
crosswind)

Mar. 15 – Fair

Mar. 20 – Fair

Mar. 21– Fair (perhaps outside lean)

Mar. 22 – Fair (perhaps outside lean)