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TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

>> RACE 1

1. BELLA ESTRELA

2. DIVINING SMILE

3. MY DEAR ANTONIA

First post time is NOON. There are two "Value Pick 5" wagers, each with a LOW 12% takeout rate. **BELLA ESTRELA** didn't have the cleanest trip in her final start of 2025. Stalked three wide and in between behind a solid pace, raced over in behind rivals at the three-sixteenths, gradually eased nearer to the inside, and finished with some interest through minor traffic. A winner over this course two back, she seems adaptable to any race flow. **DIVINING SMILE**, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 11/15, finished ahead of the top pick in that 10/19 heat. Saved ground in midpack, was bottled up on the second turn, altered course to split rivals, then missed to a wide-rallying winner that avoided traffic. Beaten as the favorite again in her subsequent start, she placed ahead of Heaven's Promise, who then hit the board twice over Gulfstream's Tapeta with a 69 Beyer top. **MY DEAR ANTONIA** hit the board in her last three turf tries. Broke awkwardly on 11/1, raced at the back, made a four-wide bid on the far turn, and changed back to her left lead when chasing an odds-on winner who then captured a quarter "non-three" starter with a 75 Beyer. Kicks late for a barn that went 3 for the last 15 (20%, \$5.03 ROI) with newly-claimed runners. **HOCKEY** has shown speed on both turf and synthetic, and is quick enough to grab the lead. **I'M A SURE THING** ran two competitive races here last year, then was overmatched on synthetic at Turfway against two next-out winners (fourth-finisher grabbed a first-level allowance by 10 3/4 lengths there with an 86 Beyer).

>> RACE 2

1. OUR NOTION

2. FOWL MOUTH

3. MASTER SCHEMER

OUR NOTION broke slow when wired at Penn National, saved ground in midpack, cut the corner into the stretch, and failed to threaten while racing on his left lead. The runner-up then finished third in a first-level Parx allowance with a 76 Beyer. Figures to show tactical speed stretching out in distance and adding blinkers. **FOWL MOUTH**, the lone three-time winner in the field, pressed the 7-1 runner-up from the outside, went on a hard chase on the second turn, altered course inside the leader in the upper stretch, and drew off despite hopping back to his left lead. Figures close to the pace for a barn that sent out three winners on 3/22. **MASTER SCHEMER** raced at the back in recent one-turn mile heat, split rivals into the stretch, and finished gamely despite being late to change leads. Expect a late kick for a jockey-trainer combination that sent out a 2-1 winner on 3/22. **STICKTOTHESYSTEM** set a legitimate pace (23.51 second quarter) when wiring \$16,000 claimers. Guessing he'll be the pacesetter. After winning his maiden, **NO MORE CALLS** was overmatched in the Miracle Wood, then might not have cared for muddy going.

>> RACE 3

1. MORE VINO

2. KERNESS K

3. IT'S SIZZLING TIME

MORE VINO's last victory came in route to sprint fashion, and he'll repeat the pattern this afternoon. Set a three-ply pace from in between last time out, tired in the stretch, but stayed on pretty well while racing in a bit tight. He's won from off the pace in the past, and might revert to those tactics this afternoon. **KERNESS K** pushed a moderate pace over a speed-friendly track, then drew off to prevail as much the best. There's a chance he'll face faster fractions in this spot for a barn that went 6 for the last 15 (40%, \$2.73 ROI) in the second after the claim. **IT'S SIZZLING TIME** would benefit greatly if this pace is quick. He's a versatile runner that was compromised by a wide trip last time, and is capable at any distance.

>> RACE 4

1. MOSLER TIME

2. HOLY SYNCHRONICITY

3. FROSTY THE GIANT

MOSLER TIME tracked from the pocket, was hard-riden to go after the runaway pacesetter winner, eased out into the stretch, and never factored. Usually like to give this barn's layoff runners a race or two, but this gelding has some back ability and the tactical speed to stay within striking range. **HOLY SYNCHRONICITY** tracked a quick pace (23.57; 22.89), then forged past the early leader to score over a one-turn mile. He's capable of a similar stalking trip this afternoon while outside and clear of traffic. **FROSTY THE GIANT** carved out those quick splits before succumbing to Holy Synchronicity. Might not have to work nearly as hard to make the lead this afternoon. NOTED drops in class after being wired in New York. The fourth-finisher from that heat then won a \$25,000 conditioned starter allowance with an 85 Beyer.

>> RACE 5

1. EMMA MERMAID

2. GRIPEN

3. I'M A LIL WICKED

EMMA MERMAID was wired by a 2-1 New York shipper. Broke a beat slow, tracked from slightly off the rail, was outpaced on the turn, eased out into the stretch, and made up some late ground. Late-runner is looking for pace help for a trainer-jock combination that sent out three winners between 3/28 and 4/4. **GRIPEN** finished behind the top pick, but has more positional speed than Emma Mermaid, and will likely get the jump on that foe for a barn that went 10 for the last 40 (25%, \$4.76 ROI) with third-out maidens. Hazlewood lands here instead of Galibean. **I'M A LIL WICKED** dumped the rider behind the gate, then didn't have the cleanest trip when a rallying third. Finished ahead of a couple of these, but needs a Beyer boost for a barn that sent out a 2-1 winner last Friday. EASTCOASTGIRLSRHIP, listed as a Laurel vet scratch on 3/28, broke slow and was pinched back after the start, rushed up to prompt a quick three-ply pace from a tight spot on the rail, was shuffled back into the pocket, split rivals under urging, and ran on well behind the two favorites. The runner-up then won a \$16,000 maiden claimer by ten lengths with a 33 Beyer. THE RIZZLER'S GIRL, listed as a Delaware vet scratch on 8/14, was wired in her lone dirt start. The third-finisher then won a restricted \$40,000 maiden claimer at Colonial with a 47 Beyer. Adds Lasix and might show fresh early zip.

>> RACE 6

1. LA DEVITA

2. CLEOPATRA SELENE

3. ERICE

LA DEVITA is kin to two turf winners out of a dam that was a Grade 3-placed turf router. Quick gate work on 3/24 matches up with the barn's 3-year-old filly Ixchel, who placed in a first-level allowance on dirt on 4/3 with a 56 Beyer. Perhaps they breezed in company for a barn that went 5 for the last 23 (22%, \$3.69 ROI) with debut runners sprinting on turf. **CLEOPATRA SELENE** has some angles as she adds blinkers for her second start following a 142-day layoff. Looked good routing on turf at Colonial last year, and finished ahead of two next-out winners when fourth on synthetic last time out (the ninth-finisher then graduated in a maiden special weight at Turfway with a 69 Beyer). Kicks in the long stretch for a barn that went 6 for 18 (33%, \$3.05 ROI) between 3/8 and 4/4. **ERICE** (\$52,000 yearling) is a half-sister to a turf winner out of an unraced full sister to Grade 1-winning dirt routers Carina Mia and Miss Match. VINALIA should show speed after hooking up early with the favored fourth-finisher in a synthetic race won by a deep closer. The third-finisher then ran third in a Turfway special weight with a 59 Beyer.

>> RACE 7

1. MEG

2. MS NOTION

3. DESTINATION

Generally like horses cutting back to seven furlongs, and taking a guess with **MEG**, who was wired by odds-on Spencer Tiara going two turns last month. Tracked from the pocket, then finished evenly on the fence with a solid gallop-out. Demand value as she faces a very tough assignment in this spot. **MS NOTION** is the most likely winner on paper after earning a big Beyer Speed Figure in her second start back from a long vacation. Pressed the 6-1 runner-up, attacked outside on the turn, then drew off despite being late to change leads. Might simply be too fast for this group. **DESTINATION** tracked three wide, raced four wide on the turn under urging, then couldn't threaten Ms Notion. She's better when she's more aggressively handled from the gate. **BOURBON N LACE** earned a career-best Beyer when finishing ahead of the top pick last time out. Give her some pace, and she can kick at this elongated sprint.

>> RACE 8

1. SELF TAUGHT

2. WHITE SERIES

3. YOUR ANALYSIS

SELF TAUGHT stalked a hot pace (24.08; 23.76) from a loose pocket, was urged along to make an early three-wide bid to blow past the leaders turning for home, then just failed to stay in the final strides. Wonder if he'll take back and make one run this time around. **WHITE SERIES** prompted the 8-5 winner from the outside over a tiring Penn National track, then faltered to place behind the two favorites. He's tactical enough to find a nice position just off the early leader. **YOUR ANALYSIS**, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (unsound) on 9/13, returns from 244-day layoff after finishing behind two next-out winners (the fourth-finisher then won a quarter "beaten" claimer at Delaware with a 79 Beyer). Nice to see the recent one-mile workouts for a barn that went 3 for the last 15 (20%, \$4.97 ROI) with horses returning from 180 to 365 day layoffs. **FORREST CITY** likely gained fitness when wired by an odds-on winner in a slow-paced sprint. Drops in class and stretches out to a comfortable distance. **GOOD SKATE** seems well-entered after facing Military Road, who then won a \$12,500 "non-three" claimer at Aqueduct with an 86 Beyer.

KALI'S KEY – by Kali Francois

Race 3: #6 Quincannon - 15/1

While I do think Kerness K is the rightful 4/5 favorite, at 12/1 I think Quincannon is highly underrated. A pattern change in the sense of completely gunning for it last time, the seven furlongs gave him a chance to do something he didn't get the opportunity to do at the three-quarters. He got zero breaks in his run on the backside and honestly I thought he was done around the turn. Barbosa put a heck of a ride on him last out and you'll likely see him scrubbing early - but don't be alarmed. It's just the kind of ride he needs. Quincannon got so much confidence out of that ride last out, it's going to echo over onto this start.

MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

R1: We get straight to it with the first turf race of the season. While there doesn't look to be an abundance of speed, Cha Cha Chukka and Bossy Jeans should be able to set things up for a stalking type, such as I'm a Sure Thing. Watch the tote board on My Dear Antonia, she seems a bit better on the grass and has some recency which could benefit her at 20-1 ML.

R2: Fowl Mouth stands out as the only 3x winner in this group, deserving the short price after stepping up last out. Also from that group is Master Schemer, who adds blinkers and looks to be asking for more ground. If he can maintain position through the first turn, he should continue to improve at a price.

R3: Hard to argue against Kerness K as a likely single in this group. He benefits with a bit of weight off and speed to target on his inside. More Vino wouldn't let him go easily in the 2-back effort, a fast track may improve him here. Amusing Mischief has questionable recent efforts but returning to this level could be key, I can't dismiss him at 12-1 ML.

R4: Holy Synchronicity battled every step of the way with Frosty the Giant last out, what impressed me even more was the gallop out. Adding a bit more ground could suit him very well if he can repeat the last outing. Both Ness runners look competitive in this spot, but will likely be over bet for my liking. Noted looks a bit like a need the lead or turfy type, the forward works are attractive but don't quite seal the deal for me.

R5: No one looks good chasing a gate-to-wire winner, and that's exactly what Gripen has faced in both career starts. Class relief should go a long way, as well as a bit of racing experience under her now. I'm a Lil Wicked doesn't look the most straight forward to ride, but I respect the efforts we have seen once the gates open. The 5.5f distance might be a bit sharp for her, but I like that Vargas sticks with her here.

R6: I truly have missed maidens sprinting on the grass, it sets up for a great value in the LP5. You can count on the Russell barn to have them well prepared on debut, I land with the better priced of her two runners in this group, La Devita. Pedigree works for her, though she may ultimately want a bit more ground. Clearly Sophia impressed in her lone turf try for Gorham, narrowly missing to a late flying Trombetta runner. Sin Boldly looks to be training in company with the stakes placed turf router, Parkes, perhaps worth betting across at 10-1 ML.

R7: Ms Notion is hard to deny after taking a strong command in her 2nd off the bench. A stakes scratch last weekend, she has every reason to hold true to form while stepping back into restricted company. The toughest question may come from a MD who has never run in the state. Looks First is the only 5x winner who looks to be well spotted in her 3rd start off the claim. Regardless, I'd key around Ms Notion in multi-race wagers.

R8: Good Skate has a few questions to answer, but he looks the type who could benefit from the class relief and an opportunity to take charge on the front end. Arriving second off the bench and second after a trainer switch, he might be well placed here. Self Taught ran a huge race last out, very much deserving the 74 Beyer, ultimately missing out right on the wire. If able to repeat, he could reel in a loose leader.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 1

#6 - My Dear Antonia

Trainer: Carlos Mancilla

First After Claim: 3 for 15 (20%, \$5.03 ROI)

RACE 3

#6 - Kerness K

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Second After Claim: 6 for 15 (40%, \$2.73 ROI)

RACE 5

#1 - Gripen

Trainer: Robbie Bailes

Maidens, Third Start: 10 for 40 (25%, \$4.76 ROI)

RACE 6

#6 - Erice/#8 - La Devita

Trainer: Brittany Russell

First Time Starter, Turf Sprint: 5 for 23 (22%, \$3.69 ROI)

RACE 4

#4 - Cleopatra Selene

Trainer: Horacio De Paz

Between 3/8 and 4/4: 6 for 18 (33%, \$3.05 ROI)

RACE 8

#2 - Your Analysis

Trainer: Hugh McMahon

First After 180-365 Days: 3 for 15 (20%, \$4.97 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 16k, 3YO+ (F), 1 1/16 Miles, Turf			
Horse	Race	Trip	Notes
#1 DIVINING SMILE	Starter Allowance, 1 1/8M, LRL, Good Turf, 11/08/25 – 3rd	Saved ground tracking honest pace on rail into far turn; still going well when forced to check off retreating foes heels ~1/4; shuffled back turning for home as leading duo scampered clear; then found opening on rail at top of lane and stayed on well into 3 rd .	Not sure she was ever beating the top two in this race, but she could certainly have finished closer if she hadn't met trouble on the turn and her effort can be slightly UPGRADED. Note: other than the trouble she encountered, the rest of her trip was great. Also note: her gallop out was strong. Returns off layoff today.
#7 BELLA ESTRELLA	Starter Allowance, 1 1/16M, LRL, Firm Turf, 10/19/25 – 7th	Rated off the pace 3-5W; held position while under pressure in amongst a tightly bunched pack far turn; met brief traffic upper stretch, then stayed on evenly under a half-hearted ride.	The traffic she met in upper stretch was only minor, but it came at the most inopportune moment (steadied her momentum when she needed to be quickening) and from there it was difficult for her to land a blow. Combining this with her wide trip and the half-hearted ride in the stretch, it's arguable that she was better than this result/speed fig suggests. Small UPGRADE. Returns off bench today.
Other notes:			

- A horse who has shown speed in the past, **#2 CHA CHA CHUKKA** broke slowly on the mud at Parx last time, then made a relatively early move while wide racing down the back stretch and around the far turn before flattening. It's unlikely that this was a true reflection of her current ability, and we should expect more from her returning to turf today.
- There was a speed bias present at Charles Town when **#4 BOSSY JEANS** wired a group on claimers last out, but it's impossible to think that the track led to a fluke result – she was way the best. Do note, however, that although she coasted through the final 1/16, she didn't exactly look to have an absolute ton left in reserve crossing the wire. Returns to turf and step up in class second off the layoff today.
- **#5 HAZLEMOOR BEACH** was facing an uphill battle off the layoff at Turfway last time, trying to close into a slow pace (26.01, 51.67) that held well over a speed favoring track. It wouldn't be a surprise to see her step forward in a more honestly run race, back on turf and with extra race fitness behind her today.
- In her last turf start (11/01/25), **#6 MY DEAR ANTONIA** made a complete horlicks of the break, racing ~15L off the lead down the back stretch, then lost ground racing wide on the far turn before rallying into the even pace to grab 2nd. If getting back that level of form (or better for a better trip) today, she could factor. Debuts for Mancilla today.
- **#9 BOYS GO TO JUPITER** could not have asked for a better trip or setup when closing from rear to win on the dirt 14-days ago. Returns to turf today.

Race 2: Claiming 40k, 3YO, 1 1/16 Miles, Dirt

Other notes:

- **#1 OUR NOTION** failed to switch leads in the lane last time. That effort alone offered mixed feelings about him stretching out in trip today (he didn't finish with much energy at all or appear to gallop out strongly, but he was also outpaced over 6F and could find life easier going a slower pace around two-turns today). Blinkers on.
- Last out, **#2 MASTER SCHEMER** again ran in a manner to suggest he could be suited by stretching out to two-turns today, especially if the pace is hot. Blinkers on. Whether he can reverse form with **#3 FOWL MOUTH**, who exits the same race (won convincingly in game fashion) and also looks as if two turns will be within his wheelhouse, however, is questionable.
- **#4 STICKTOTHESYSTEM** won by daylight last time, despite having set a fast pace in front for the class level (24.22, 47.73). If rationing out his speed a little more efficiently, there's a chance he could improve on that effort again.
- **#5 NO MORE CALLS** didn't do enough running to earn an upgrade last out, but he did spend the majority of the race on the "dead" rail, which possibly contributed to his defeat. His last start on a fast track was a convincing score over **MASTER SCHEMER**.
- Regarding **#6 PENCIL ME IN**'s last start, you can ignore the trip comment "brief wait upper" - this didn't happen and his trip was fine. Lasix first today.

Race 3: Starter Allowance, 3YO+, 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#5 ICING	Starter Allowance, 6 1/2F, CT, Fast Dirt, 03/25/26 – 4th	Broke sharp; set fast fractions inside while being pressured consistently by the 2/5 fav into the lane; gamely held the advantage to the 1/16 pole, then tired.	He did well to be beaten just 2L in this race having set unsustainably fast fractions in front which led to a pace collapse and resulted in the top two finishers (a odds of 11/1 and 7/1) closing in to score. This effort is deserving of a PACE UPGRADE. He could offer more if rationing out his speed more efficiently back over a flat 6F today.
#7 IT'S SIZZLING TIME	Starter Allowance, 1 1/16M, LRL, Fast Dirt, 03/28/26 – 4th	Broke sharp, then rated back off even pace; traveled well into the far turn, then waited behind horses racing to ~5/16; angled off heels and came 6-7W into the lane, then stayed on evenly despite lugging in.	Although his slight lugging in through the lane was undesirable, this effort is still worthy of a small UPGRADE as he was forced to wait somewhat on the far turn (he was unable to build adequate momentum when he really needed to) and he then lost ground coming wide into the lane. Could benefit from a predicted fast pace cut back in trip second off the bench today.

Other notes:

- **#1 MORE VINO** was in a little tight passing the 1/8 pole last time, but it didn't make any difference to the result. A nice effort nonetheless; cuts back today.
- **#4 WOODLINE** managed to score again in front running fashion last out despite having failed to switch leads in the lane and only been hand ridden to the wire – therefore, there are potential ways for him to offer more again today (if switching leads and coming under a more vigorous ride).
- After catching a slight breather on the far turn, **#6 KERNESS K** powered away in visually impressive fashion last time. Lots to like.

Race 4: Claiming 30k, 3YO+, 1 1/16 Miles, Dirt**Other notes:**

- Although the pace was honest in the second race at Laurel Park on 03/22/26, speed held well, with **#6 HOLY SYNCHRONICITY** (who was a 5/1 shot) and **#4 FROSTY THE GIANT** (8/1) running 1-2 throughout. Therefore, **#1 TOPS THE CHART** (whose two-back effort is worthy of a small upgrade) may be entitled to some extra creditable he rallied from 9L back to finish a closing 3rd, despite failing to switch leads. The extra distance could be his friend today, especially if changing leads in the lane.
- There was no visible reason as to why **#3 NOTED** ran so far below par last time (1M, AQU, 02/15/26 – 6th) – he had a wicked pace to chase on a closer friendly track, yet failed to make any inroads rounding the home turn and finished tailed off; he needs to rebound in a big way today. Makes debut for Ness.
- **#7 STRIKING SPARKS** was forwardly placed in a slowly run race over a heavily speed favoring track at Penn National last time, likely helping him finish closer than would otherwise have been the case – possible DOWNGRADE.

Race 5: Maiden Claiming 12.5k, 3YO (F), 5 ½ Furlongs, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#3 I'M A LIL WICKED	Maiden Claiming 12k, 6F, LRL, Fast Dirt, 03/20/26 – 3 rd	Broke cleanly from rail; chased fast pace inside to turn; in tight entering bench, checked and shuffled back to last, ~5L off pace; switched out, recovered momentum and advanced again despite losing ground 5W into lane; then stayed on willingly for 3 rd , despite failing to switch leads.	She completely lost her position entering the bend and was then forced to lose ground while expending energy in order to regain her momentum and position. She did well to finish 3rd under the circumstances – UPGRADE.
#5 EASTGIRLSRHIP	Maiden Claiming 12k, 6F, LRL, Muddy Dirt, 03/13/26 – 3 rd	In close start, steadied hard; raced 6L off the hot pace through the opening few strides, then rushed up along the inside (into the fast pace); found herself in tight entering the bend and shuffled back a little; passed the 3/8 pole 2-3L back, then came under a ride and chased gamely to the wire for 3 rd .	Her steady at the start resulted in her expending a lot of energy early advancing into the fast pace to recover her position; she then lost a little momentum and position entering the turn, and the track was speed favoring, which made closing in on the gate-to-wire winner even more difficult; she did well to finish as close as she did - UPGRADE. We may be able to expect more today.

Other notes:

- After setting a fast opening ¼ for the class level, **#2 GALIBEAN** showed a very likable attitude in defeat last time, stubbornly missing the show spot by just a 1/4L, beaten 1 1/2L for everything. She may well be suited by the shorter distance today third out the box.
- It's difficult to see properly due to the conditions, but it didn't look like **#4 LILMISSLINGSHOT** steadied into the turn on debut, as stated in the chart comment. Still, she may well improve second out on the class drop today regardless, with natural progression and better track conditions expected – her debut was run in a snowstorm on a track that resembled a bowl of soup.

Race 6: MSW, 3-6YO (F), 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf**Other notes:**

- **#2 VINALIA (GB)** was not persevered with in the lane at Turfway last time, exasperating the margin of defeat; still, she underperformed, period, and will need to offer more returning to turf today. Note: there was a closer bias present at Turfway that last day, but she was done too early for that to be used as an excuse.
- After taking a hefty bump at the start, **#5 PNEUMO WARRIOR** was facing an uphill battle last time, attempting to close into a slow pace over a speed favoring track while a little wide. She failed to switch leads in the lane and didn't quite do enough running to earn an upgrade, but she may be able to offer more under different circumstances. Returns to turf, up in class today.
- **#7 PAYNTED BY NANCY** lacked speed, then was shuffled back a touch on the turn and boxed in on the run to the lane last time, preventing her from building momentum as desired. She didn't do enough running late to earn an upgrade, but she may be able to offer more under different circumstances with Lasix and blinkers added for her return today. Note: she was a wide on debut and didn't face kickback second out. Upside is there.
- **#9 SIN BOLDLY** has run likable races after enduring rough starts in both her career starts to date. Lasix added on her return to turf today.

- **#10 LUV QUEEN E** was sent too hard from the rail (21.85 opening 1/4) when returning from a layoff on the mud at Parx last time and inevitably tired late on. With extra race fitness, lasix added and a more sensible ride, she can likely improve on that effort (provided she takes to the grass).
- **#12 RADIANT TONES (AE)** took a notable bump at the 1/8 pole last out which shifted her to her left lead, and she was then not hard ridden through the final 50Y which possibly cost her 2nd (~1L, not enough to earn a true upgrade, though). Should be suited by return to grass today.

Race 7: Allowance [®], 3YO+ (F), 7 Furlongs, Dirt

Other Notes:

- **#5 DESTINATION** sat a slightly wide trip when finishing behind the impressive **#6 MS NOTION** last time. She was also not sent forward out the gate like usual which may have worked against her considering the 1-2-3 finishers filled those positions throughout.

Race 8: Claiming 7.5k, 3YO+, 1 1/16 Miles, Dirt

Other notes:

- Last out, **#1 COLLECTION DAY** was caught in a frenetic speed duel which ultimately took its toll on him and his sparing partner late and led to a pace collapse in the lane. We shouldn't take this as an accurate reflection of his ability, and he may be able to offer more cut back to 1 1/16M today (provided he isn't engaged in front again).
- There was no visible reason as to why **#2 YOUR ANALYSIS** underperformed when last seen in August, but his effort was way below his par and then followed by a layoff, possibly indicating something was amiss. Returns from bench today.
- Exiting the same race as **#1 COLLECTION DAY**, **#4 SELF TAUGHT** sat a good trip and took advantage of the hot pace as a closer, possibly warranting a small downgrade. On the contrary, however, he was sent after the battling leaders too early which consequently resulted in him getting nailed on the wire after opening up a clear advantage in the lane. (He should have won, but his effort was downgradable).
- **#6 GOOD SKATE** broke a little awkwardly when returning off the bench last time but that doesn't explain in any way why he ran so far below form – he recovered from the break to stalk inside, then stopped on the far turn and was eased home. Needs to bounce back.

Horses to Follow

R3: KERNESS K (4/5 ML)

KERNESS K is hardly a creative pick in the third, and the case for a hat-trick is an obvious one. The reason for highlighting him here, though—given we try to avoid siding with chalk—is the stat he represents for Jamie Ness runners. Over the last five years, Ness is 9-for-18 (50%) with horses second off the claim who won last out, with 16 hitting the board (89%) and a \$2.00 ROI of \$3.29. Positive ROI angles with this barn are hard to come by, but here we have one. Despite other speed in here, his outside draw should give Hazlewood options, and a repeat of either of his last two likely sees him take all the beating.

R6: SIN BOLDLY (10/1 ML)

Suzanne Stettinius is a trainer worth keeping onside on the turf, and her numbers back it up—15% from 209 runners (\$2.16 ROI) over the last five years, improving to 33% (13-for-39; \$4.36 ROI) with turf sprinters who hit the board last out. SIN BOLDLY, therefore, is one to note as she returns from a layoff in today's seventh. While her pedigree leans toward turf routes, she's shown enough speed—likely inherited from HOLY BULL—to be effective at this trip, finishing a game second over course and distance in October despite some trouble, before a solid third in an off-turf event on dirt behind stakes-placed GINGER SNAP. The 54 Beyer from her lone turf start—on debut as a two-year-old—puts her within range of these, and with Lasix added, an improved effort looks likely. From an outside draw, she should get a good stalking trip under Lyapustina, and at a price, she's worth considering.

FUTURE HORSES TO WATCH

BETTER WATCH IT

Trainer: Madison Meyers

Last Race: Nov. 16, 1st 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, 8th race

Finish: 5th 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 *(Breezed 3F - :37.00 at LRL on 4/7)*

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.

BRUNO

Trainer: Daniel Eubanks

Last Race: March 20, Race 3

Finish: 2nd 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.

LYUDMILA *(Breezed 3F - :37.40 at TAM on 3/29)*

Trainer: Justin Nixon

Last Race: Nov. 21, 6th 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, 7th race

Finish: 4th 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.

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.

HOLLYWOOD IMPORT (*Breezed 4F - :48.80 at LRL on 4/7*)

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.

JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 5 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #1 - Gripen; #2 - Galibeau >>> **Hazlewood rides GRIPEN**

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

A recap of SATURDAY, APR. 4 action at Laurel Park. Visit theracingbiz.com for John Piassek's FREE full analysis of today's Laurel card.

Race 1: After wintering at Tampa Bay Downs, **Marcan Love** made his return to the Mid-Atlantic a winning one. He raced off the pace in the center of the track, moved after the leaders on the far turn, and drew away from there. Plenty on Tap ran the best race of the pacesetters. He saved ground while engaging in a three-way duel and held second, 6 ½ lengths clear of third.

Race 2: Pudge Boy Palace, sent off as the biggest price in the field at 9-1, contested for the early pace three-wide with Morning Thoughts and B D Saints. He shook off the challenge of Seven's Eleven and held clear for the surprise victory.

Race 3: Sometimes, there's no need to overthink it. Bob Baffert expat **Falcon Jet**, in his first start for the Brittany Russell barn, took advantage of a perfect trip and won easily at 2-5. Second choice Cool Customer set an ambitious early pace and held the runner-up spot. Upshot, the other runner in the field with experience, checked leaving the gate but managed to rally for third in a sneaky-good effort.

Race 4: Once again, you don't always have to overthink it. The trainer/jockey combo of Gary Capuano and Yedsit Hazelwood was on fire all winter long, and they continued that into the spring meet, teaming up to win with **Work Hard**. You got a much better mutuel on this one, though; he paid \$7.80 to win. Devil's Cay set a contested early pace and salvaged second, 4 ½ lengths clear of his dueling partner.

Race 5: For the second time in the early pick 5 sequence, the longest shot in the field won. This time, it was a true shocker, as first-time starter **Panchita** rallied four-wide at the top of the stretch, took control despite not changing leads, and pulled away to win at 31-1. Winning jockey Paul Luna is 3-for-25 at Laurel this year, but with a \$4.70 ROI.

Race 6: Blo By'em lived up to his name. He rated off the pace on the rail, angled out in the four-path approaching the stretch, and despite being carried out, drew off to an emphatic win.

Race 7: Scratches knocked the Heavenly Cause Stakes field down to a trio. That suited **Boutwell Time** just fine, who took over from early leader Complexity Jane in the stretch and drew off for her second consecutive stakes win.

Race 8: Heading into the Frank Whiteley Stakes, **Quint's Brew** was already a two-time stakes winner this year, but didn't look quite like the dominant force he was last year. He put it all together here, as he drew off to a commanding 5 ¾-length win. It was a performance in stark contrast to his previous two victories, where he had to call on his class and heart. The best may be yet to come for him this season.

Race 9: Wondrous made her stakes debut a winning one in the Primonetta Stakes. Sent off as the 11-10 favorite, she rated off a duel between Twirling Beauty and Dwelling Legacy, then rolled past those rivals in upper stretch and won under a drive. It'll be interesting to see if trainer Brendan Walsh brings her back here for the Skipat Stakes in a few weeks or keeps her in Kentucky.

Race 10: Late Nite Call and Over and Ollie duelled themselves into oblivion in the early stages of the Native Dancer Stakes. With that kind of setup, it was almost impossible for pace-stalking **Wild Vine** to lose. He took full advantage and won easily, with Warp Nine second and 24-1 closer Xcellent Start third.

Race 11: Last Gift continued her torrid sophomore campaign with a gate-to-wire win, holding off the late challenge of Stay in Tune, who closed well in the final eighth. The winner improved to 3-for-5 on the season, with two runner-up finishes for good measure.

PAST TRACK TRENDS

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)

Mar. 27 – Fair

Mar. 28 – Fair

Mar. 29 – SPEED BIAS

Apr. 3 – Fair

Apr. 4 – Fair

