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TODAY'S SELECTIONS FROM THE LAUREL PARK TEAM



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TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

>> RACE 1

1. WISE AND ELEGANT

2. BEYOND QUESTION

3. SWEETERTHANWHISKEY

First post is NOON ET, and there is a low 12% takeout in both "Value Pick 5" wagers (first five races; last five races). **WISE AND ELEGANT** didn't run badly when stretched out around two turns in her first turf start for McMahon, and now returns from a winter layoff at her preferred distance. Set the pace along the fence in that 1 1/8 heat, tried to put them away through a swift third quarter, eased outside the rallying winner once passed, and held firm for second. Expect her to revert to the stalking tactics that worked for her in 2024. **BEYOND QUESTION** took advantage of a fast pace to kick down "non-two" starter-optionals in her 2025 finale (top-two finishers were ninth and tenth after the opening quarter). Expect another late bid for a barn that went 6 for the last 23 (26%, \$2.29 ROI) with last-out winners returning from layoffs of more than 120 days. **SWEETERTHANWHISKEY** finished ahead of three of these when wired by the favorite. The runner-up then won a \$15,000 "non-three" claimer at Turfway with a 71 Beyer. She ran pretty well two back when in behind rivals in the stretch, and appears adaptable to any race flow. **PERUGIA** showed some promise on turf in New York earlier in her career, and returns to the surface with the speed to get close to the pace. **BUCKIN' RIGHT** has the recency edge over several of these, and has been in good form on dirt for a barn that has heated up lately.

>> RACE 2

1. PARTY WITH SMARTY

2. LANNISTER

3. RHYTHM 'N BLUES

Tread lightly with **PARTY WITH SMARTY**, as his 1 for 29 lifetime record isn't appealing, but he's hit the board in his last four starts, and just missed last month. Prompted a glacial 3-ply pace from the rail, wound up in the pocket on the turn, cut the corner into the stretch, and just missed. Might sit back and make one run here for a barn that went 10 for the last 22 (45%, \$2.07 ROI) with horses showing three ascending Beyers. **LANNISTER** had no problems dusting off maiden claimers two starts back, and he didn't have the most comfortable trip when trying turf 13 days ago. Has a big turf pedigree, so it's interesting that he's back on the main track for a barn that went 10 for the last 46 (22%, \$4.25 ROI) when moving turf to dirt. **RHYTHM 'N BLUES** takes a big drop in class after facing Maclean's Rook, who then hit the board in his next three starts with a 97 Beyer top. Drew the advantageous inside post, and can find good early position for a barn that went 4 for the last 16 (25%, \$2.10 ROI) with horses returning from 120-180 day layoffs. **CLAVIN** should show early speed as he stretches out in distance following a debut win.

>> RACE 3

1. LET HER PASS BY

2. FORTY SEVEN SMOKER

3. RED DRAPES

LET HER PASS BY prompted a quick opening quarter from in between horses, grabbed the lead in the upper stretch, then tired on the fence in her most recent turf outing. Received a solid dirt prep following a short layoff against a runaway winner, and seems primed for her return to turf. **FORTY SEVEN SMOKER** didn't have the cleanest trip when facing males in her turf debut. Broke well, saved ground behind the leaders, split rivals in upper stretch, but wound up behind horses, and hopped back to her left lead when easing outside again to split foes. The winner of that heat next ran third in a first-level allowance with a 59 Beyer. Expecting good early zip as she drops back in with fillies. Stablemate **RED DRAPES** is still unexposed on turf, as she was wired in her lone prior grass appearance, a race where she raced without Lasix and blinkers. Legged up for this with two dirt sprints to kick off her 3-year-old

campaign. HOLY FIT just missed in her last two turf races, albeit going longer. Finished behind Dirty Gold in the most recent turf heat, and that foe then graduated for \$20,000 at Delaware with a 59 Beyer. SALTY ONE was in too tough in prior turf outing against odds-on winner Byway.

>> RACE 4

1. ITALIAN WINE

2. MANSEEYASWAY

3. RIGHT OF RUSH

No real excuses for **ITALIAN WINE** in her dirt debut, as she set a reasonable pace along the inside before succumbing to a 2-1 shot in the stretch.

Finished ahead of two of these in that heat, and his tactical speed should have him in the thick of things when the field swings for home.

MANSEEYASWAY prompted the top pick in his first start against winners, then couldn't go with Italian Wine in the stretch. He draws inside that foe this afternoon, and might try for the early lead. **RIGHT OF RUSH** chased a solid pace going a one-turn mile, and was no match for the runaway winner.

Expecting a late kick for a barn that sent out a 5-1 winner, and an 8-1 winner on 4/19.

>> RACE 5

1. SHE'S NO UNCLE

2. GIFT OF GAB

3. WONDER GIRL

SHE'S NO UNCLE wasn't offered for the claim in four starts at Charles Town, perhaps signaling that the connections wanted to protect her and wait for turf season. Her best races have come on grass, including a gate-to-wire win over course and distance on 11/7. Set a legitimate quarter while racing on the fence, came off the rail, and had enough to fend off a fence-skimming runner-up. It will be interesting to see how her speed plays here. This barn sent out a 24-1 winner at Charles Town on 4/17. **GIFT OF GAB** broke outward in her final start last year, stalked three wide, then drove home comfortably to beat four of these despite hopping back to her left lead. The third-finisher then placed in a \$12,000 starter-optional with a 75 Beyer Dependable veteran should be heard from in the lane, and has run pretty well fresh. **WONDER GIRL** battled from in between through a quick opening quarter, made the lead, and held second despite swapping leads several times. Placed ahead of three of these, and might be handled a bit more patiently here. Note she's won her seasonal debut off similar layoffs the past two years. The barn went 4 for the last 18 (22%, \$3.24 ROI) in the first after 120-180 day layoffs.

>> RACE 6

1. ROSIE'S FORTUNE

2. SAVANASRIOGUERRERA

3. HYSTERICIS

Taking a guess with **ROSIE'S FORTUNE**, who switches surfaces as a half-sister to a turf winner from the female family of Grade 2-winning turf router She's Not Here. Her third dam is stakes-winning turf router Where's Bailey (87 turf Beyer). The April 19 workout matches up with the barn's 4-year-old Italiano Kid (62 turf Beyer). Perhaps they breezed in company, and today's extra distance shouldn't pose an issue. **SAVANASRIOGUERRERA** switches surfaces as a half to two turf winners, and she already has a valuable route race under her belt. The April 11 work matches the barn's 5-year-old Overspent (62 turf Beyer). Perhaps they went in company for a trainer that went 3-for-11 (27%, \$2.24 ROI) when blinkers were removed. **HYSTERICIS** was held up behind a slow opening quarter in 24.95 seconds, then still came with a nice late run to just miss on turf two back. She might receive a quicker pace to attack in her seasonal debut. Hazlewood departs this one and Dona Luna for Ithadtobebly. Expect good speed from MEREDITHSLIGHTNING, who set the pace in her lone turf start, a race where the top-three finishers were ninth, fourth, and tenth after the first half-mile. ZEN DREAMS was wired by a sharp debut winner in a slow-paced heat. Expect a late kick as she drops back into a claimer.

>> RACE 7

1. LAST GIFT

2. STAY IN TUNE

3. PROBABLE ANGLE

With five victories, **LAST GIFT** is the most prolific winner in the field, and she seeks her third straight score this afternoon. Set a pressured pace outside 3-1 Hotmessness (finished fourth), soon assumed a clear lead and inside position, then held sway under the wire. Claimed out of that race, her early speed should play very well from the outside post. **STAY IN TUNE** was making up late ground on the top pick earlier in the month, and might be set for another improved effort for a barn that went 4 for the last 11 (36%, \$2.04 ROI) going third after a 61-120 day layoff. Figures in closest attendance to Last Gift when they turn for home. Both of **PROBABLE ANGLE**'s wins came over wet going, but she seems well-entered for her circuit debut after chasing an odds-on winner in New York. This barn went 7 for the last 32 (21%, \$2.03 ROI) at Laurel. Four-time winner PICHU kicks in the stretch, especially if the pace is faster than anticipated.

>> RACE 8

1. LENDALFOOT

2. QUIET SERENITY

3. LUCKY LIS

LENDALFOOT was bumped at the start in her final run last year, raced three wide and in between from midpack, cut the corner into the stretch, and made up late ground. She legged up for this by making a midrace bid in a 1 1/2-mile point-to-point race at Greenspring on 3/29 (think she wore blinkers) and can display a late kick against this group. Chuan lands here instead of Blues Music. **QUIET SERENITY** received a stamina-building one-mile drill four days ago, and her dam was a two-time route winner, albeit on dirt. The second dam earned blacktype as a stakes-placed dirt sprinter (73 turf Beyer top). The 4/10 gate work matches the barn's 3-year-old Heat Check (60 dirt Beyer). Perhaps they went in company. **LUCKY LIS** displayed a new dimension when rallying from just off the pace in her seasonal debut. Good to see her back on short notice for a barn that went 3 for the last 12 (25%, \$5.30 ROI) with horses returning from 6-7 day layoffs. Briceno lands here instead of Whimmoffortune. **MAGIC BEAM** is a half-sister to multiple stakes-winning dirt performer Studlydoright (won debut; 86 dirt Beyer) out of stakes-winning turf router Peach of a Gal (88 turf Beyer). **TOO LOOSE LA TREK** finished behind More Applause last time, and that one then graduated for a quarter on turf at Gulfstream with a 59 Beyer.

>> RACE 9

1. MOMAXIE

2. SLEWPERSITUS

3. OUR GOLDEN GATOR

MOMAXIE broke awkwardly in the Wide Country, then rushed up to press a four-ply pace from the rail. Wound up in the pocket at the three-eighths pole, made an early lead change, and couldn't go with odds-on Peach Tie, who then placed in the Beyond the Wire Stakes with a 61 Beyer. Lasix on might be the key for a barn that went 6 for the last 25 (24%, \$5.38 ROI) with dirt horses returning from 61-120 day layoffs. Hazlewood departs for Sweet Shenanigans. **SLEWPERSITUS**, listed as a Laurel vet scratch on 3/29, had a very successful juvenile campaign, hitting the board in all six starts and capturing the Maryland Million Lassie. Pushed a fast pace while three wide in the Gin Talking, and steadily tired behind Peach Tie. This barn went 5-for-15 (33%, \$2.69 ROI) with dirt horses returning from 61-120-day layoffs. **OUR GOLDEN GATOR** bobbed at the start, tracked four wide, made an outside bid on the turn, then got up for second despite hopping back to her left lead. She would appreciate a quick pace to attack. **SOARING ANGEL** switches surfaces as a half-sister to multiple stakes-winning dirt router Sea Dancer (90 wet-dirt Beyer) out of stakes-placed dirt sprinter Cuyathy (89 dirt Beyer). Promising workout on 4/19.

>> RACE 10

1. BARNSTORMING

2. SELL SOMETHING

3. READ ON

BARNSTORMING returns to his preferred surface after a couple of dirt dud at Aqueduct. Took advantage of a hot pace on Saratoga sod three back, but did have to squeeze his way through in between horses to post the game victory over two next-out winners. He has enough speed to get close to the pace without losing too much ground entering the first turn for a barn that went 5 for the last 16 (31%, \$13.48 ROI) when moving from dirt to turf. **SELL SOMETHING** settled at the back behind a swift pace, made a six-wide bid into the stretch, then rallied stoutly despite failing to change leads. He's a one-run closer usually at the mercy of pace and trip luck. **READ ON** wasn't quick enough to make the lead last time at Turfway, but think he can get there switching back to turf. Outpaced on the second turn last time out, he was late to change leads and tired. This barn went 6 for the last 22 (27%, \$3 ROI) in the first after the claim. FAN CLUB might be better on dirt and synthetic, but can't ignore his solid recent form. Burnham lands here instead of Prince Khozan.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 1

#5 - Beyond Question

Trainer: Michael Trombetta

Last-Out Winners: First After 120+ Days: 6 for 23 (26%, \$2.29 ROI)

RACE 2

#1 - Rhythm 'n Blues

Trainer: Jane Cibelli

First After 120-180 Days: 4 for 16 (25%, \$2.10 ROI)

#2 - Party With Smarty

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Last 3 Ascending Beyers: 10 for 22 (45%), \$2.07 ROI

#5 - Lannister

Trainer: Jonathan Maldonado

Turf to Dirt: 10 for 46 (22%, \$4.25 ROI)

RACE 5

#4 - Wonder Girl

Trainer: Kieron Magee

First After 120-180 Days: 4 for 18 (22%, \$3.24 ROI)

RACE 6

#3 - Savanasrioguerrera

Trainer: Mark Shuman

Blinkers Off: 3 for 11 (27%, \$2.24 ROI)

RACE 7

#1 - Stay in Tune

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Third After 61-120 Days: 4 for 11 (36%, \$2.04 ROI)

#5 - Probable Angle

Trainer: Bruce Brown

Laurel Park: 7 for 32 (21%, \$2.02 ROI)

RACE 8

#7 - Lucky Lis

Trainer: Jose Magana

First After 6-7 Days: 3 for 12 (25%, \$5.30 ROI)

RACE 9

#3 - Slewperstitus

Trainer: Robbie Bailes

First After 61-120 Days, Dirt: 5 for 15 (33%, \$2.69 ROI)

#4 - Momaxie

Trainer: Jose Corrales

First After 61-120 Days, Dirt: 6 for 25 (24%, \$5.38 ROI)

RACE 10

#6 - Read On

Trainer: Lacey Gaudet

First After Claim: 6 for 22 (27%, \$3 ROI)

#11 - Barnstorming

Trainer: Bruce Brown

Dirt to Turf: 5 for 16 (31%, \$13.48 ROI)

MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

- R1: Wise and Elegant comes out for a barn that does exceptionally well in early turf season, with a bit of speed to her inside, she should find a comfortable trip here. The back class stands out and she remains protected in this spot. Payrula lands inside where she may be able to use her tactical speed to secure early positioning in this group. Recency benefits her and she looks to be able to sit close to strong internals.
- R2: In a race that lacks a clear cut pace player, Party With Smarty may end up using his newly found early pace. Hard to count his lengthy maiden career as we have seen huge improvements since switching barns and adding Lasix. Lannister impressed in a solid allowance when trying the turf and a bit more ground certainly fits the pedigree. Try to demand some value while he tries 2-turns for the first time.
- R3: Let Her Pass By ran well in her first off the bench but gets back to what may be a preferred surface on the turf here. The company she faced as a 2 y/o was strong enough for my liking, the class relief should go a long way in her 2nd try with Lasix on. Salty One also adds Lasix for her 3 y/o debut, and tries blinkers on the turf for the first time. Worth noting, the three siblings who tried sprinting on the turf as maidens all notched their maiden wins in turf sprints.
- R4: Italian Wine looks to be the main speed in this group and will have his first ever try over a fast main track. I look to Manseeyasway to flip the results while getting back to a fast track and sitting close. Suspect Tethered Soul will take plenty of play based on recent company, I wait and see after his early trouble in recent starts.
- R5: Wonder Girl hit the ground running last year and finished in the money 7/8 throughout the season. Her consistency deserves a ton of respect, if she can pick up where she left off she makes a lot of sense here. Gift of Gab is the other standout in this group, I ultimately give her a race first off the bench at such a short price.
- R6: Truly an Honor gets back to the turf, which looks to be a preferred surface for her. When transferring to LRL last out she tried the one-turn-mile where she looked to be pretty strong on the backside. Stretching out to 2-turns may give her a better opportunity to settle, especially with other pace opportunities here. Ithadtobebllu ran very well last out, hard to imagine we don't see another improvement while getting back to the turf today.
- R7: Ever since adding Lasix, Last Gift has been in razor sharp form, no surprise that she is now a 5x winner in 12 career starts. While she has early speed, the outer post works to her advantage here. Probable Angle transfers in from NY where she has shown plenty of ability, I find some concern about her shortening up to the 5.5f distance here, but the class relief could go a long way.
- R8: Spinning Class gets back to the turf with blinkers on, suspect the trip from 2-back would transfer well to this group. On paper, she looks the type where Boyce may be able to instill a bit of confidence with a sneaky trip. Lovely Lookin Lili shouldn't be overlooked, especially after a sneaky impressive trip last out. I have appreciated the willingness from this filly in each start, the surface and distance shouldn't be an issue based on pedigree.
- R9: I can't imagine we end up with 10-1 ML on Soaring Angel, a half to Johannes, as well as Sea Dancer. If this filly can transfer over to the dirt, I have a hard time denying her chances to benefit from the setup she finds. Slewperstutus is back and looks well prepared for her return with four 6f works leading into this. Ignore the last outing in a 3-horse field, the rest of her results speak for her.

R10: Barnstorming was very consistent in NY on the turf for the past two seasons, prompting me to ignore his last two dirt efforts. With the outer post he should have no problem setting up a trip here. Fan Club is worth considering in the multi-race wagers for a price, the recent form/company is strong, the distance fits, and he seems a different type since we last saw him try the turf.

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), 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf			
Horse	Race	Trip	Notes
#4 SWEETER THAN WHISKEY	Starter Allowance, LRL, 5 1/2F Firm Turf, 11/07/25 – 4 th	No speed; chased honest pace from ~7L back into the lane, then steadily rallied on her left lead for 4 th .	With the rails set at 70 feet, off-the-pace runners really struggled to get involved in this race (1-2 finishers ran 1-2 throughout; 3rd place finisher stalked the top two in a close 4th). She did best off the closers, and if she'd have changed leads in the lane, may have fared better again. If ready -off the layoff, she may be able to improve on this run.
#10 GASTOWN BABE	Starter Allowance, LRL, 6F Firm Turf, 10/26/25 – 7 th	Settled between horses in mid-pack, ~5L off the pace racing into the bend, then found herself in tight and steadied from between horses, losing a couple of lengths; she then tipped ~4W and raced widest into the lane before staying on evenly in the 5P.	Her two-back effort. She endured a slightly troubled and wider than ideal trip in this race while also trying to close into a pace that held very well (rails set at 70 feet; top four finishers filled those positions throughout at odds of 11/1, 4/1, 6/5 and 19/1). UPGRADE this effort. Note: she then ran back off just 12 days rest following this effort when last seen which may have been the cause for her below par showing. Contender off the bench today.
Other notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - #1 PAYRULA was forwardly poisoned throughout racing over a speed biased which may have helped her outrun her odds on the synthetic track at Turfway last time. Switches back to turf today. - #2 PERUGIA did best of the speed in a fast-paced sprint on the dirt last time. While she may have been 2nd best, period, her effort is deserving of a small PACE UPGRADE. Switches back to turf today and could be suited by the 5 1/2F distance. Note: the fast pace set in that last race was set by #6 INSTAGRAND GIRL; she'll need to ration out her speed more efficiently if she's to last to the second wire making her turf debut today. - Regarding her last try sprinting on turf (10/18/25), the chart comment states that #3 WISE AND ELEGANT encountered "traffic into the turn". While this did happen to a degree, it was simply because she pulled very hard in and amongst horses early, but she never hard to check or lose position, her overall trip was fine, and her effort is not deserving of an upgrade. Still, she looms as a logical contender off the layoff today. - Although wider than ideal off the turn, we should be reluctant to upgrade #5 BEYOND QUESTION's last winning effort too much as she also had a wicked pace to close into (21.67, 45.22). It was a nice effort regardless and she'll demand respect again returning from the layoff today. 			

Race 2: Starter Allowance, 3YO+, 1 1/16 Miles, Dirt
Other notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - #2 PARTY WITH SMARTY's two-back effort needs to be upgraded as he closed into a slow pace over a speed biased track. He then ran well last time but was beaten without an excuse. - #4 TELL 'EM I'M COMIN didn't quite do enough running to warrant an upgrade last out; however, the criminally slow early pace in that race (25.77, 51.63) combined with a 4W trip on the far turn made it near impossible for him to fire his best shot as a closer, and given the right circumstances, he can very likely improve on that run. Note: he was racing against a speed bias and slow pace two back also.

- While making up an impressive amount of ground (aided by a blistering early pace) and running a very likable race on the turf last time, **#5 LANNISTER** was pushed out a few paths in the lane, which may very well have cost him a position or two. Returns to dirt and stretches out to two turns for the first time today. Note: he galloped out relatively well and looked tough to pull up after drubbing a group of maiden claimers on the dirt two back, offering hope he'll stay today's distance.
- Although his early speed and stride pattern (quick turnover) would suggest that **#6 CALVIN**'s best game is sprinting, he did hit the line with good energy when breaking his maiden on debut over the main track last time and he galloped out well, too, offering hope that he'll handle today's stretch out. Makes debut for Magee.

Race 3: Maiden Claiming 16K, 3-6YO (F), 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Other notes:

- Based on her recent tries on dirt, provided she takes to the grass today, **#1 EMMA MERMAID** should be suited by today's long stretch run as, not for the first time, she just ran out of real estate when closing for 2nd racing to the first wire last time.
- **#5 LET HER PASS BY** endured a troubled trip in her second last turf start (10/10/25; squeezed start, checked 5/16, absent of a fully clear path upper stretch), eventually finishing 3rd. If getting back to that level of form – or better with a clean trip and Lasix now added – she could play a major role today switching back to the grass second off the layoff.
- Prior to being outclassed against open MSW company last time, two-back (11/01/25), **#7 TAI TAI RUSH** had to check ~3/8 pole and then found herself pinned down towards the rail through the lane which is an intimidating spot for a maiden to be in. While neither factor cost her the win, she may have been a length or so better than the margin of defeat suggests. Returns off the layoff with Lasix added today.
- **#8 HEY ALEXA** stumbled slightly leaving the gate when trying a mile last time, but it didn't really have an impact on her trip/effort. Cuts back in trip for turf debut today.
- In her last turf start going a mile at Delaware in June '25, **#10 HOLY FIT** was slightly pace compromised as a mid-pack runner behind a 49.98 half. She also had to wait briefly on the far turn before swinging wider than ideal into the lane and overall, was a touch unlucky not to break her maiden. Cuts back in distance and returns to the grass making her debut for Salvaggio today.
- **#14 FORTY SEVEN SMOKER** ran well when last seen trying the turf for the first time in November and will demand a second look based on that effort, now adding lasix. It should be highlighted, however, that other than the winner, nobody closed at all in that race and he was unquestionably aided by his prominent early position.

Race 4: Claiming 12.5K, 3YO+, 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Other notes:

- It was disappointing that **#1 TETHERED SOUL** was unable to hold 3rd last out considering that he'd sat a ground saving trip close to a modest pace while racing over a heavily speed biased track (possible downgrade?). Today's drop should help her stay more competitive, though, as might a return to a fast dirt track.
- Prior to being no factor at a mile last time, **#3 IN HONOR OF JEFF** had to very slightly take up ~1/16 pole when sprinting in the dirt two back. While this maybe cost him 4th, it wasn't significant interference and didn't make a huge amount of difference to his result/speed fig - he had sat a good ground saving trip closing into a fast pace up to that point. Cuts crack and drops again today.
- **#5 MANSEYASWAY** and **#6 ITALIAN WINE** were both forwardly poisoned in a modestly run four runner race going 5 1/2F last out. 'IW' finished ahead of 'MAN' at the wire, but that may change today, as 'IW' was slightly better positioned in that spot (set the slow pace while saving ground where as 'MAN' was ~1-2L off and 3W), and 'MAN' was closing him down steadily late, suggesting that, in an honestly run race going 6F, the tables can be turned. Exiting the same race, **#7 WHO SAYS SO** was never involved and will need more today.

Race 5: Claiming 12.5K, 3YO+ (F), 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#12 FIVECOMMATWO	Starter Allowance, LRL, 5 1/2F Firm Turf, 11/16/25 – 3 rd	Broke cleanly from wide post; tracked honest pace 3W in mid-pack racing into the turn, then found herself in tight on the mid-point on the turn and had to steady; waited for running room racing into the lane, then came under a ride but was unable to get into top gear as she was absent of a clear path and showed a want to lug in a little when trying to switch leads; she then found herself sandwiched	Her last start on turf. The trouble she encountered on the turn and in the lane wasn't race ending (she didn't lose a tonne of momentum on either occasion); however, her trip prevented her from leveling out and reaching top gear until it was all too late and under different circumstances, she might have been able to at least force a photo with #4 WONDER GIRL. If getting back to his level of form – or

		between foes and took a heft bump ~1/8 pole before finally getting clear and running on for 3 rd .	improving on it with a better trip – by returning to the turf today, she will demand respect if drawing in.
Other notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - #3 AFTERMATH was slightly bumped and shuffled back a length or so ~5/8 pole when last seen in November; it was relatively inconsequential interference, though, and her effort is not worthy of an upgrade. 			

Race 6: Maiden Claiming 16K, 3-6YO (F), 1 1/16 Miles, Turf			
Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#9 HYSTERIC	Maiden Claiming 16K, LRL, 1M, Firm Turf, 11/07/25 – 2 nd	Settled in mid-pack ~5-7L off the slow pace while 3-4W racing into the far turn; patiently handled 3W far turn until tipping 4W ~1/4; asked for an effort when turning into the lane still ~6L off the leaders; responded well and rallied strongly but missed.	Her last start on turf. The pace in this race was not fast (24.95, 49.34) and she was the only horses to do any serious running from off the pace – UPGRADE. She was also a little wider than ideal and the jock probably mistimed his run a little (needed to get her out and rolling sooner). She clearly fits at this level and if ready off the bench, she'll demand respect today.
Other notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None. 			

Race 7: Claiming 20K, 3YO (F), 5 1/2 Furlongs, Dirt			
Other Notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - #1 STAY IN TUNE didn't break as sharp as she had done two-back when last seen which afforded #6 LAST GIFT an uncontested lead last out, and she then raced 2-3 paths wider than 'LG' on the turn. Eventually beaten just a 1/2L, it would be a complete surprise if she were to turn the tables on 'LG' this afternoon. - #3 PICHU was all out to hold on after not changing leads in the lane last time. 			

Race 8: Maiden Claiming 35K, 3-6YO (F), 1 Mile, Turf			
Other notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - #5 LENDALFOOT sat a good trip last out and her effort isn't quite deserving of an upgrade; however, she was positioned too far back off the even pace (that held fairly well) which hindered her chances. The top three finishers (at odds of 1/1, 5/1 and 18/1) were all within 2L off the lead at second call and a full 6L clear of LENDALFOOT turning for home; she was never going to catch them from there following a 49.96 1/2 mile time and ran respectably to make up a couple of lengths in the lane. Her effort is borderline pace upgradable; adds blinkers for return off layoff. - The chart comment notes how #6 LOVELY LOOKIN LILLI was "shuffled back 4-1/2 pole" when sprinting on the mud last time. The interference itself was not severe, and she sat a fine trip overall closing into a hot pace, so we shouldn't upgrade her performance. However, it's still worth highlighting this effort because, after falling back behind horses, she resented the kickback and dropped herself further off the lead than necessary rounding the turn which, seeing as she then rallied to be beaten just a neck, likely cost her the race. She likely has more to offer than she showed in this race and with no kickback on the grass, may display more this afternoon. Note: she was facing an uphill battle two-back trying to close into a slow pace on a speed biased track – excuse that defeat. Stretch out today could suit her well. - #9 WHIMOFFORTUNE made a pleasing impression sprinting on the main track on debut last time – she finished willingly with good energy into 2nd and then galloped out strongly in front of the field. She physically looks quite 'turfy' (light frame) and could take a notable step forward going long on the grass second out today. 			

Race 9: OC 62K/N1X Allowance, 3YO (F), 6 Furlongs, Dirt			
Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#1 OUR GOLDEN GATOR	Allowance, LRL, 6F, Fast Dirt, 03/29/26 – 2 nd	Slight bobble break; chased even pace 3-4 deep into turn; hard	Although she was very much second best in this race (winner won convincingly after sitting a similar trip), this effort is still deserving of a small UPGRADE as she was racing against the speed bias while also a fraction wider than ideal on the turn. Eligible to improve.

		chase 4W turn; stayed on well though lane.	
Other notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - #4 MOMAXIE lost her back end when stumbling out of the gate last time, but it's hard to use that as an excuse for her defeat – she recovered very quickly and sat a perfect trip thereafter. Lasix back on today. - Not sure it's majorly significant in this case because she was a clear 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 #5 RERUN TABLE last ran (6F, LRL, 03/07/26 – 2nd). Did the track help her hold 2nd more comfortably than would otherwise have been the case? 			

Race 10: Claiming 20K, 3YO+, 1 1/8 Miles, Turf			
Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#8 SELL SOMETHING	Starter Allowance, LRL, 1M, Firm Turf, 11/09/25 – 2 nd	No speed; chased hot pace from ~12L back to far turn; steadily advanced while circling 6W far turn; turned for home ~7L back, then rallied on left lead for 2 nd .	He had a wicked pace (that fell apart) to close into in this race, so we shouldn't upgrade the effort too much; however, the amount of ground he made up (over 3L more than any other closer from 2nd call) combined with his very wide move on the far turn does entitle him to noteworthy extra credit. He also failed to switch leads in the lane which possibly dented his finishing kick a little. Today's extra 1/8 looks certain to suit as he returns from the bench.
#11 BARNSTORMING	Starter Allowance, SAR, 1M, Firm Turf, 07/17/25 – 1 st	Steadied after start; recovered, moved inside and chased red-hot pace from ~10L back in 4th; asked for run far turn band moved closer on rail as field began to bunch, then met traffic upper stretch and was blocked for ~6-7 strides, briefly checking off heels and shifting lanes; found room 1/8 when ~1L down, then rallied very willingly into a share of the lead, dueled final 1/16 and won bob.	His last start on turf. This was an odd race in which the winner blasted off 9L in front through fractions of 22.45, 44.96 which stretched the field out by many. It's odd to say considering he was 11.5L off the lead at 2nd call, but he may actually be entitled to a PACE UPGRADE as he was 4L+ closer than any other top four finisher in this race. And, he also encountered notable traffic in upper stretch which in itself entitles him to an UPGRADE. If getting back to this level of form switched back to the grass today, he should be very live.
Other notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - #2 PRINCE KHOZAN was severely pace compromised as a closer in her last turf start (06/27/25), with fractions of 24.91, 50.28 resulting in the top three finishers running 1-2-3 throughout. His prior turf tries (which make him live today) are a better reflection of his ability on the grass. - #4 MOSLER TIME lost a length or so when shuffled back ~9/16 pole going two turns off the layoff last time. Given the fast pace he had to close into, the distance between him and 3rd at the wire, and his trip in general, it's tough to say that it cost him a placing and upgrade his effort as a result of the interference, but improvement second off the layoff switched back to turf today does still seem possible. Respected. 			

Horses to Follow

R3: LET HER PASS BY (6/1 ML)

A daughter of turf sire GALAWI (IRE), LET HER PASS BY showed promise on the grass as a two-year-old last year, hitting the board in three straight starts, including a troubled-trip third against open MSW company in October. Now three, she turns to turf sprinting with Lasix added for the first time following a satisfactory, rust-shaking return on dirt last month. With the tactical speed to secure a favorable trip from gate five and just 112lbs on her back thanks to Vargas' allowance, she looks well placed to handle this group.

R7: STAY IN TUNE (5/2 ML)

With Lasix added for the first time, STAY IN TUNE stepped forward with a determined effort behind the more experienced and loose-on-the-lead LAST GIFT, who re-opposes here. She was gaining late on that rival, and with another 1/16 to work with today, may be able to turn the tables in her third start of the form cycle and give the Ness/Hazlewood team another winner.

FUTURE HORSES TO WATCH

BETTER WATCH IT (*Breezed 4F - :51.00 at LRL on 4/22*)

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 4F - :54.00 at LRL on 4/19*)

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 (*Breezed 4F - :49.40 at LRL on 4/11*)

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.

CLEARLY SOPHIA

Trainer: Michael Gorham

Last Race: April 10, Race 6

Finish: 3rd by 1 1/2

Away from the gate with speed, then drafted back off the speed of eventual winner Erice. Chased willingly on the turn, and kept trying with a slight shift in mid-stretch. Should move forward in her second start of the year.

LYUDMILA (*Breezed 4F - :50.20 at TAM on 4/15*)

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.

KISS THE RING (*Breezed 4F - :50.00 at KEE on 4/19*)

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.

MAXPOWER (*Breezed 4F - 51.29 at BEL on 4/18*)

Trainer: Panagiotis A. Synnefiyas

Last Race: Nov. 29, Race 6

Finish: 7th by 14 1/2

Outrun in the early stages of a \$16,000 maiden claimer, this 2-year-old was three wide and in between horses on the turn, then finished deceptively well while being over in behind horses in the stretch. This is a sprint family, but he might move up with more distance.

LANNISTER (*Entered TODAY 4/25 – Laurel, Race 2*)

Trainer: Jonathan Maldonado

Last Race: April 12, Race 5

Finish: 4th by 1 1/4

Lacked speed on turf for the first time, saved some ground early, then angled widest of all for the final furlong. Good late interest, beaten a little more than one length for all the money. Would like to see him try another grass sprint.

J C'S BOYS (*Breezed 4F - :50.20 at LRL on 4/24*)

Trainer: Robbie Bailes

Last Race: April 12, Race 6

Finish: 3rd by 5 3/4

Strong effort for the Maryland-bred first-timer. Breaking a bit outward from post 12 of 12, settled early well off the rail, gained mid-turn while four wide, angled six wide into the stretch, and stayed on for an even finish to the ground-saving winner, R J's Ice.

ROCKER ROLLER

Trainer: Brittany Russell

Last Race: April 17, Race 3

Finish: 3rd by 9 1/2

City of Light filly wasn't away the best from the rail draw in her career debut, saved ground in midpack, then never threatened along the inside. Think she gained a good amount of experience from this effort, and she acts like she'll appreciate longer distances.

BALTIC

Trainer: Cal Lynch

Last Race: April 17, Race 1

Finish: 2nd by 3/4

Kantharos gelding ran well in turf debut when dropped into a \$35,000 maiden claimer. Showed good early speed, opened a clear lead in the upper stretch, and was kicked down in the final furlong. He looks like he's found his niche sprinting on grass.

LOVELIEST

Trainer: Eddie Kenneally

Last Race: April 17, Race 7

Finish: 8th by 6 3/4

Class drop might be in order after filly tired badly in a first-level allowance sprinting on the grass. She was bumped during the opening furlong while pressing the winner from the rail before giving way. She is quick from the gate, and that speed would play well at a lower class level.

JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 4: Yedsit Hazlewood - #1 - Tethered Soul; #7 - Who Says So >>> **Hazlewood rides TETHERED SOUL**

Race 5: Yedsit Hazlewood - #1 - Instparty; #7 - Lady Charlotte >>> **Hazlewood rides INSTPARTY**

Race 6 - Yedsit Hazlewood - #2 - Ithadtobebllu; #9 - Hysterics; #12 - Dona Luna >>> **Hazlewood rides ITHADTOBEBLU**

Race 7 - Yedsit Hazlewood - #1 - Stay in Tune; #6 - Last Gift >>> **Hazlewood rides STAY IN TUNE**

Race 8 - Martin Chuan - #5 - Lendalfoot; #12 - Blues Music >>> **Chuan rides LENDALFOOT**

Race 8 - Jean Briceno - #7 - Lucky Lis; #9 - Whimmoffortune >>> **Briceno rides LUCKY LIS**

Race 9 - Yedsit Hazlewood - #2 - Sweet Shenanigans; #4 - Momaxie >>> **Hazlewood rides SWEET SHENANIGANS**

Race 10 - Matilda Burnham - #1 - Fan Club; #2 - Prince Khozan >>> **Burnham rides FAN CLUB**

Race 10 - Yedsit Hazlewood - #4 - Mosler Time; #9 - Formal Affair; #10 - Laddie Dance >>> **Hazlewood rides MOSLER TIME**

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

A recap of FRIDAY, APR. 24 action at Laurel Park. Visit theracingbiz.com for John Piassek's FREE full analysis of today's Laurel card.

Race 1: Refund alert: Paul's Guitar was scratched with a few minutes to post. **Twirling Express** had some of the best speed and pace figures in the field, but his 1-for-25 career record was a turn-off to bettors, who sent him off at 6-1. Those who believed were rewarded, as he worked out a stalking trip on the outside and kicked away for the victory. Favored Frye Island closed well for second, while 80-1 Box of Rockets set the early pace and hung in gamely for third.

Race 2: Gonzalo crossed the wire first in a maiden claiming race in January, but was disqualified after the fact, keeping him eligible for this class. After a traffic-filled try at Charles Town last out, he found smoother sailing here and completed a last-to-first rally. 1-2 favorite Flying to Work has officially assumed "professional maiden" status; he's finished second or third five times in a row.

Race 3: Ballinclash was rushed up the front after an awkward break and was pressed on the pace by Margie's Last. Both of those runners tired badly, setting it up for **Sir George**, who took command at the top of the stretch and won going away. President Camacho ran the best of the two Horacio De Paz-trained first-time starters, rallying from last to get second.

Race 4: Masakado rated in the two-path off a brutally slow early pace. When More Vino, who set that early pace, tired, Masakado hit the front and encountered a fresh challenge on his inside from Striking Sparks. Masakado ultimately kept that rival at bay for the win.

Race 5: Brighty looked to have this race in his pocket. He took advantage when loose early leader Dynaflame stopped badly on the final turn and opened up a 3½-length lead in the stretch. However, his lead soon evaporated as well, as **Longhi** closed with a furious drive to get up in the last few strides.

Race 6: Bushido took all the late money, and it proved to be smart money, as he made the lead from the inside and never looked back. Noah Chance closed well on the outside and rounded out the exacta.

Race 7: A five-time winner last year, **Genieinabridle** picked up her first win of this season in this spot. She rated off the pace in the two-path early on, was taken off the pace and moved towards the rail on the far turn, and outkicked Watch Your Tone to win it.

Race 8: Bay Street took the lead in the early stages and never gave it up, holding off a bevy of frantic stretch challenges in the process.

Race 9: Too Many Kisses earned her first win since November 2024 thanks to a perfect pocket trip. Forest Boyce angled her off the rail at the top of the stretch and worked her past longtime leader Old Bay, who held second after setting slow early fractions.

Race 10: Another refund alert in the finale: Galatown Guy was scratched with a few minutes to post. Once they got going, **Oracle of Beaufort** made his grass debut a winning one. He tracked the pace on the rail under Yedsit Hazlewood, then made the winning move off the inside at the eighth pole.

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
Apr. 10 – Fair
Apr. 11 – Fair
Apr. 12 – Fair
Apr. 17 – Fair
Apr. 18 – SPEED BIAS
Apr. 19 – Fair