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TODAY'S SELECTIONS FROM THE LAUREL PARK TEAM



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First post is Noon ET with 12% takeout on Value Pick 5 wagers (first five races; last five races)

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TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

>> RACE 1

1. DEVASTATING

2. SHINE ON MOON

3. THE MONEY MONKEY

First post time is NOON ET, and there are two "Value Pick 5" wagers (first five races; last five races), each with a LOW 12% takeout rate. **DEVASTATING**, listed as a Charles Town vet scratch on 3/14, ran a sharp race in his most recent turf effort. Found a good pocket position, raced on hold in behind horses on the second turn, squeezed through along the fence, and rallied nicely to just miss. He appears to have better tactical speed on turf. **SHINE ON MOON** set a pressured pace inside the 2-1 fifth-finisher in her most recent turf appearance, set a 3-ply pace along the rail after a half-mile, and understandably tired going nine furlongs. The winner of that heat then ran second in a second-level allowance at Churchill with an 82 Beyer. She should show early speed, and might not have to exert much energy to gain the early advantage. **THE MONEY MONKEY** sold for \$19,000 at public auction one day after winning a "non-two" allowance on dirt at Mahoning Valley. She now switches surfaces out of a dam that was multiple stakes-placed routing on turf (83 turf Beyer). That dam is a half-sister to stakes-winning turf router Diamond Fever (90 turf Beyer). The second dam was a Grade 2-winning turf router. She has enough speed to set up shop from just off the pace. The 4/24 work matches the barn's 3-year-old Sun Above (72 turf Beyer). Perhaps they went in company. **MOMMA'S LINO** returns from a nine-month layoff after facing a good group at Delaware. The runner-up then won a \$16,000 "beaten" claimer there with a 72 Beyer. She might find a nice pace-tracking, ground-saving trip after breaking from the rail.

>> RACE 2

1. CALL ME MICKY J.

2. ISLAND BANDIT

3. PELICAN PIER

Keep tabs on Friday's baby race, as it appears that several of these 2-year-old's presumed workmates ran in that spot. **CALL ME MICKY J.** (\$20,000 yearling) is a half-brother to a turf winner, and the second dam was a juvenile debut winner on grass that went on to be multiple stakes-placed on turf (80 turf Beyer). Tote action might tell the tale on this one. **ISLAND BANDIT** (\$100,000 yearling) is a half-brother to multiple stakes-winning dirt sprinter Anna's Bandit (won debut at two, 89 Beyer top) and stakes-placed dirt sprinter Itsamonstamash (87 dirt Beyer) out of juvenile stakes-winning dirt sprinter Onearmedbandit (won first four starts; 91 dirt Beyer). The April 26 work matches up with Robb's Friday entrant, The Stork Club. Perhaps they breezed together for a barn that went 4 for the last 13 (31%, \$2.08 ROI) with juvenile debut runners. Stablemate **PELICAN PIER** is a half to two debut winners, and the second dam won 11 times (including an 11 1/4-length debut score here in 2008). **MONETA AGENDA** is a half to juvenile stakes-placed dirt sprinters Big Bella Brown (won debut; 85 dirt Beyer) and Beto (75 dirt Beyer) out of multiple stakes-placed sprinter Bella Moneta (97 dirt Beyer).

>> RACE 3

1. YOUR MISSION

2. BLO BY'EM

3. FREEDOM MAKER

YOUR MISSION has some questions to answer this afternoon, as his best races have come on turf and synthetic, and he is often tardy from the starting gate. He's never raced on fast dirt, however, sheds 11 pounds from his last start with an apprentice rider named, and does produce a late kick. Tried to rally into slow fractions on Turfway synthetic two back in a race where the pacesetters ran 1-2 around the track. Demand value as he needs pace and trip luck from the back of the pack. **BLO BY'EM** lived up to his name last month, as he dominated a field of "non-two" claimers. Wasn't away the best, but recovered to find a nice pace-tracking spot behind quick fractions. Split rivals and stayed well off the rail turning for home, then poured it on despite being

late to change leads. Perhaps he's found his niche going a route of ground, and he has way more tactical speed than the top pick. **FREEDOM MAKER**, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 4/11, tracked three wide, was urged along on the second turn, was floated out and forced to alter course to the rail, and was second best at Penn National. There isn't much early speed in this race, and he would benefit from aggressive early handling.

>> RACE 4

1. KRISSI N

2. VANILLA

3. SHE'S NOT A LAD

KRISSI N stalked three wide at the back, split rivals turning into the stretch, then finished evenly without threatening a tough field of first-level allowance runners. The winner of that race returned to grab a state-sired allowance with a 77 Beyer. Hard-trying filly is comfortable with this extra distance, and repeats the "allowance-to-claiming" move that resulted in her win over this trip last year. **VANILLA**, listed as an Aqueduct vet scratch on 3/6, broke well in her lone start this year, prompted the pace from the outside, was in a bit tight in upper stretch, and forced to alter course to the outside, then made up some late ground between foes. The fifth-finisher then hit the board twice in New York with a 73 Beyer top. Expect a late bid for a barn that went 32 for 92 (35%, \$2.07 ROI) between 2/5 and 4/25. **SHE'S NOT A LAD** wired the field in her last two starts, and she appears quick enough to grab the early advantage once again. Flattered when the third-finisher from the last race next won a \$15,000 "non-two" claimer by 13 3/4 lengths with a 69 Beyer. The barn went 3 for 12 (25%, \$4.07 ROI) between 4/12 and 4/26.

>> RACE 5

1. COLLECTION DAY

2. SELF TAUGHT

3. YOUR ANALYSIS

COLLECTION DAY finished ahead of three of these when wired last month. Tracked from the pocket, found a good position tracking the leaders after a half-mile, was placed on a hard chase on the fence under urging, then gamely stayed on for second between rivals. His tactical speed allows him to keep pace. Mena lands here instead of City Panda. **SELF TAUGHT** wasn't away the best, settled at the back while saving ground, eased out on the second turn under urging, then made up several lengths with a three-wide bid. Late-runner is looking for pace help for a barn that had three winners between 4/17 and 4/26. **YOUR ANALYSIS** deserves consideration after a less-than-ideal trip in his first following a lengthy layoff. Placed in a tight spot inside on the first turn, he got a bit rank in behind rivals. Soon settled down to save ground in midpack, made a three-wide bid, and tried his best. This barn went 7 for the last 32 (22%, \$2.90 ROI) with horses in the second after layoffs of 180-365 days. Hazlewood departs this one, Be Better, and Twice Gold for **WALK AWAY JOE**. Keep an eye on **MORNING THOUGHTS**, as his early speed plays very well. Beat What Does It Take last time, and that foe then won a conditioned \$7,500 claimer at Penn National by 14 1/2 lengths with a 71 Beyer. **MYSTIC NIGHT** seems well-entered after chasing Brew Pub, who then won a dime claimer at Aqueduct with a 75 Beyer.

>> RACE 6

1. SUMMER VIBES

2. MISSION ARTEMIS

3. LATIN REBEL

SUMMER VIBES saved ground in midpack on the first turn, advanced to track the pace from the outside, made a three-wide bid on the final bend, then ran second while inside the odds-on winner. Should get some pace to attack for a barn that went 6 for 26 (23%, \$2.06 ROI) between 4/13 and 4/28. Toledo lands here instead of Zapata. **MISSION ARTEMIS**, listed as a Delaware vet scratch (sick) on 6/14, returns from a 342-day layoff as a new gelding. Sat a nice pocket trip in his most recent start, eased out into the stretch, and finished evenly against Mission North, who hit the board in his next two starts with

an 88 Beyer top. This class drop helps a barn that went 3 for the last 13 (23%, \$5.92 ROI) with horses returning from 180-365-day layoffs. **LATIN REBEL** might have needed his last race, his first run in 146 days. Jumped out to the early lead as expected, but tired badly in the stretch. However, there are other speeds for him to contend with this afternoon. Hazlewood departs for FRIDAYSWITHMURRAY, who returns from a 276-day layoff after producing a big late kick to dead-heat with Dominguez (hit the board in his next two starts with a 76 Beyer top). RISK FACTOR adds to the pace picture as he stretches out in distance.

>> RACE 7

1. NATIONAL LAW

2. IRISH CORK

3. WORCESTER

NATIONAL LAW was pinched back badly at the start of his seasonal debut, sat the pocket trip, cut the corner turning for home, and was second best inside the favored, pacesetting winner. Certified Loverboy then ran third in a second-level allowance with an 87 Beyer. Returns as a new gelding, and can save valuable ground after breaking from this advantageous inside post position. Russell departs for Catalytic. **IRISH CORK** earned a stakes-placing at Parx three back, and he now gets Lasix once again as he drops in class for his first start of the year. Tough post position, but he earned a 93 Beyer in his last start with Lasix. **WORCESTER**'s best recent races have come around one turn, but he did win around two bends at Del Mar a few years ago, and has an excuse for the Frank Whiteley, a slow-paced race controlled by the odds-on winner. Big drop in class helps CATALYTIC, who adds Lasix after competing in three consecutive graded stakes races.

>> RACE 8

1. MOPO

2. YO ADRIAN

3. LADY ENSIGN

MOPO, listed as a Laurel Park vet scratch (sick) on 4/10, makes seasonal debut after getting hooked up in a pace dispute going nine furlongs. Bumped lightly during the opening eighth, she pulled forward to press outside the 37-1 fourth-finisher, raced in between after a half-mile, then faltered in between. The winner of that race then placed in a second-level allowance at Churchill with an 82 Beyer. She made up five lengths in the stretch against a pacesetting winner in her lone turf start, and might revert to those rating tactics. This barn sent out a 7-1 turf-sprint winner on 4/19. **YO ADRIAN** returns to preferred surface after failed dirt experiment. Tracked a quick pace from in between two back, was hemmed in during the upper stretch, eased out for the final eighth, and uncorked a nice late rally despite swapping leads on the wire. She can be counted on to provide a strong kick. **LADY ENSIGN** rushed up to set a fast pace with Preparefortakeoff, dispatched that one, then popped back to her left lead when tiring. Don't think she has to work as hard to get forward today. BIG EARN wore goggles in her last two dirt starts after never wearing them on turf, and should appreciate getting back to facing state-sired company on grass. Finished ahead of Waittilmidnitehour three back, and that foe then hit the board in her next three starts with a 72 synthetic Beyer top).

>> RACE 9

1. LOOKS FIRST

2. ON A PROUD NOTE

3. PANCHITA

LOOKS FIRST wheels back on short notice after failing to make an impression on turf, but she seems like a much better horse on the main track. Tracked a moderate pace from the pocket two back, eased three wide into the stretch, and tried hard for second behind a 1-20 winner. Expecting an outside tracking trip while clear of traffic issues. **ON A PROUD NOTE** wired a couple of these at odds-on last time out, and it appears she is the controlling speed

once again. She'll be very tough to reel in if able to get a breather entering the turn. **PANCHITA** stayed within range of a solid pace, then kicked down the leaders to pull off a big upset in her career debut. This barn sent out a 6-1 winner here on 4/24.

>> RACE 10

1. LIFTING

2. EDELWEISS

3. CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

LIFTING was off slowly after breaking inward, then rushed up to set a pressured pace outside the 9-2 third-finisher. He raced in between horses on the turn, then tired behind the odds-on winner. That third-finisher then ran third in a \$30,000 starter-optional with a 60 Beyer. He's quick enough to make the lead, but this outside post gives the jockey options, and he might attempt to track from the outside and save something for the long stretch. Expecting her to be tighter for this, her second start after a nine-month layoff, as she drops in class. **EDELWEISS** took advantage of a slow early pace to earn a career-best Beyer when walloping maiden claimers two back, then had to go faster in the early stages in her first against winners. Broke a beat slow from the rail, went up to duel with two outer rivals, cleared to set a clear lead entering the turn, then stayed on for second behind the runaway winner. She is very comfortable at this distance and figures right there when they turn for home. **CHRISTMAS SPIRIT** dueled from in between horses, couldn't keep up with Edelweiss entering the turn, then flopped back to his left lead in the stretch. He has races that make him competitive, and he should show early zip once again.

MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

R1: Minari may have a similar setup as her win 2-back when she found a close stalking trip, the inside speed should help with this. The Money Monkey makes her first start on the turf and debut for the Meyers barn, the top and bottom pedigree suggests the change in surface should benefit her here. Out of a mare who was a stakes placed turf router, and the second dam was a graded stakes winning turf router.

R2: Island Bandit, a half to Anna's Bandit, makes his debut for a barn who does exceptionally well with their early 2 y/o runners. Between the pedigree and connections, it's hard to imagine we get 7-2 by the time the gates open. Pelican Pier comes out of the same barn and also has win early pedigree, 2/3 half siblings won on debut, the other won on second asking.

R3: Freedom Maker gets back to a fast track after a very strong performance first time against winners, where Brighty came back with a strong performance and 60 Beyer. Dats My Pharaoh should continue to hold form while sticking to this level, hard to deny him after the willingness he showed against the class dropping Bjorn.

R4: She's Not a Lad will likely drift up from the 9-2 ML, but she comes out of sneaky races. Her last three outings are a bit better than it reads on paper. With questionable speed in here, she may cruise right along. Vanilla is the biggest threat, a deserving even money as she transfers in from out of town. The 7f distance looks to fit her perfectly for her debut in the Russell barn.

R5: Your Analysis made a strong effort trying to run things down in his first off the bench, sticking around this level is encouraging, and the second wire finish should benefit him. Morning Thoughts is the only 11x winner in this group and may have the opportunity to repeat the trip from his last out. He is tactical enough to sit close, but generally finds the winners circle when he doesn't have to do the heavy lifting out front.

R6: Summer Vibes has proven highly versatile and I can't help but think the mile configuration may lean to his favor after stretching out in recent starts. The last out winner was a class drop in very strong form, supporting the 71 Beyer earned by Summer Vibes. Last out for Mission Artemis was against two contenders for MD turf horse of the year, he finds a very different group today.

R7: J D Factor looks to be the true speed of this group, and may have a chance to take early command and set the terms on his own here. National Law arrives a first time gelding and has always shown plenty of talent. Recent adjustments may help this 4 y/o gelding build off of his career best last out. Don't overlook Irish Cork, his recent company has been remarkably strong.

R8: McMahon often hits the ground running in early turf season and Lady Ensign should be no exception. Notching the open allowance win 2-back gives her an edge while sticking to restricted company here. Mopo shows plenty of speed and stamina when stretching out, but her slew of bullet works and closing kick when going short warrant true consideration here. Biscuitwiththeboss may be too short a price with her poor record from the inside, demand value.

R9: On a Proud Note is the only 6x winner in this group and looks to be holding career best form since being claimed. She can be placed just about anywhere in the field and still provide a strong finish. Looks First was a smart claim to return to MD and try this spot. Her 2-back against Miss Notion was promising. Some concern for the quick turnaround, but she didn't look to ever get involved in her turf try, perhaps saving enough for today.

R10: Edelweiss put up plenty of fight on the front end last out, only to tire and let a closer get the better of him. Third off of a freshening here may bridge the gap between the 2-back and last out. Lifting stretches back out and takes a bit more class relief in his 2nd off the bench, some question whether the wet track moved him up last out.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 2

#3 - Island Bandit/#6 - Pelican Pier

Trainer: John Robb

2-Year-Olds, First Start: 4 for 13 (31%, \$2.08

ROI)

RACE 4

#2 - Vanilla

Trainer: Brittany Russell

Between 2/5 and 4/25: 32 for 92 (35%, \$2.07

ROI)

RACE 4

#6 - She's Not a Lad

Trainer: John Salzman Jr.

Between 4/12 and 4/26: 3 for 12 (25%, \$4.07

ROI)

RACE 5

#5 - Your Analysis

Trainer: Hugh McMahon

Second After 180-365 Days: 7 for 32 (22%,

\$2.90 ROI)

RACE 6

#4 - Summer Vibes

Trainer: Anthony Farrior

Between 4/13 and 4/28: 6 for 26 (23%, \$2.06

ROI)

RACE 6

#6 - Mission Artemis

Trainer: Kevin Boniface

First After 180-365 Days: 3 for 13 (23%, \$5.92

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 30k, 3YO+ (F), 1 Mile, Turf			
Horse	Race	Trip	Notes
#3 DEVASTATING	Claiming 40k, LRL, 6F, Muddy Dirt, 02/21/26 – 3rd	Slowly into stride; chased slow pace from ~9L last into the turn; angled out and steadily advanced 4-5W into the lane before finishing well down the center.	This effort sprinting on the dirt is deserving of an upgrade as she rallied past live horses for 3rd, despite having no pace to aim at (23.47, 47.99). It seems she's in better form that the PPs suggest and if able to now carry that back to what appears to be her preferred conditions (going long on turf), we could see a big effort from her today.
Other notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - #7 THE MONEY MONKEY's recent last-to-first success at Mahoning Valley in March should be downgraded slightly as he had a very favorable pace setup and the track was presenting a strong closer bias. Makes turf debut this afternoon. 			

Race 2: MSW, 2YO, 4 ½ Furlongs, Dirt			
Other notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All debutants. 			

Race 3: Claiming 12.5k, 3YO+, 1 1/16 Miles, Dirt			
Other notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - #3 BLO BY'EM sat a good trip and had a good setup on his way to victory last time, but that's not to say his win was a fluke; he was fully in control from the top of the lane and clearly relished the stretch out in trip. Player right back. - #4 FREEDOM MAKER was promoted to first at Penn National last time after the first past the post floated him ~5W off the home turn, forcing him to cut back inside entering the lane before launching a rally. Whether the DQ of the winner was just or not (these eyes suggest it was harsh), the interference FM suffered was not significant enough to warrant a speed figure upgrade, and his 62 Beyer seems a fair reflection of his effort. His overall trip was fine. - Both #6 SPEEDY ALEX and #8 DAT'S MY PHAROAH finished their last races (ran 3rd and 2nd, respectively, in the same race on 04/11/26) on their left leads. 			

Race 4: Claiming 30k, 3YO+ (F), 7 Furlongs, Dirt			
Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#2 VANILLA	Starter Allowance, 6F, AQU, Fast Dirt, 01/22/26 – 3rd	Broke out a step from outside post; chased even pace into the turn, then continued her pursuit of the leader from ~1L back while tight between horses racing to the top of the lane; she then found herself in a little tight between foes ~1/4 which caused her to lose a little momentum and ~1L as her rider had to pause and then switch her out from behind horses; she then ran on again through the stretch despite being tight between horses again and slightly intimidated by a foe drifting across her nearing the wire.	Don't think she was ever winning this race, but it is still deserving of a small upgrade/some extra credit due to the momentum she lost in upper stretch (subtle but significant) and the awkward and intimidating position she found herself in, sandwiched tightly between foes from the 5/16 pole home. She finished in a manner to suggest today's extra distance could be to her friend too, as she returns from a layoff.
Other notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - #4 TIZ PURPLE unfavorably switched to her outside lead on the turn and then lugged out racing into the lane before fading quickly when last seen at Parx. She'll need to bounce back if she's to score today. 			

Race 5: Claiming 7.5k, 3YO+, 1 Mile, Dirt

Other notes:

- **#1 SELF TAUGHT** didn't have any major excuses as the 2/1 fav last out, but he does still deserve a little extra credit for closing almost 10L into a pace that did not collapse (winner wired the field at 6/1, runner up prominent throughout). What's more, he may have also 'bounced' very slightly off his big effort (74 Beyer) just 19 days prior.
- Although a touch wider than ideal on the turn, **#2 BE BETTER** had no real excuse as the 9/5 fav last time, failing to capitalize on a perfect pace setup (hot pace collapsed). He'll need pace to aim at again cut back to a flat mile today.
- **#5 YOUR ANALYSIS** looked a little awkward on the first turn last time and shuffled his rider back into the saddle when running up on heels slightly. He then appeared to lug out a little on the far turn too, but neither incident affected his trip/performance that much. Still, overall, it was a very solid return effort off the layoff and if stripping fitter today, he should hold a strong chance.

Race 6: Claiming 16k, 3YO+, 1 Mile, Turf

Other notes:

- Although he eventually checked in 6th, **#5 LATIN REBEL** actually ran with credit for a long way returning from a layoff last time, only losing 3rd in the final few yards. Cutting back to a flat mile with a run now under his belt, he's entitled to offer more today.

Race 7: Allowance, 3YO+, 1 1/16 Miles, Dirt

Other Notes:

- There was plenty to like about **#2 J D FACTOR**'s last start... his effort isn't quite deserving of an upgrade; however, after dropping back a touch racing into the lane, the winner and runner up then drifted down to the rail and (as well as plastering him with kickback) blocked his run... as he then had to alter outside (lost a touch momentum and ground) before re-rallying to finish just a 1/2L 2nd, this may have cost him the race, even though he never had to steady or check. He then galloped out strongly in front of the field, suggesting a return to two-turns today could be to his benefit.
- Not for the first time, **#5 CATALYTIC** raced awkwardly in behind horses last time, carrying his head sideways and not grabbing hold of the bridle. It seems he might be a horse who needs daylight in front of him and if that is the case, could be booked for a wide trip/aggressive ride? Lasix go back on as he makes his debut for Russell.
- As a closer, **#6 WORCESTER** simply did not have enough pace to close into in the 7F Frank Y. Whitely S. last out... a 24.05 opening ½ and 46.96 ½ resulted in the field almost retaining the same running order throughout and five of the six running coming home in under 12s for the final 1/8 – not the set up that he wanted. We can excuse that defeat and potentially expect more from him with Lasix on back at two-turns today.
- **#8 IRISH CORK** returns from a layoff today and so it may be worth highlighting that the last time he ran off the bench (in a 1M restricted stake at Parx), he ran even better than his 2nd place finish and 89 Beyer suggest, as he closed against a speed bias and into a pace that held very well. If returning to that level of form running fresh again today, he could play a major role with lasix back on. Note: he was racing against an even stronger speed bias two-back.

Race 8: Allowance, 3YO+ (F)®, 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#2 LADY ENSIGN	Allowance, LRL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 11/14/25 – 4 th	Fraction slow break; rushed up from outside post 3W to take control entering the turn; traveled well setting fast fractions into the lane, then met a bid from the winner ~1/8 pole and lost lead before flopping leads close home and grudgingly dropping back to 4 th .	A race that came at the end of a busy season and in which she uncharacteristically flopped leads close home (possibly wasn't at her complete best), she still ran with tremendous credit and is deserving of a small PACE UPGRADE after using up plenty of energy early advancing into the rapid opening ¼ to take the lead entering the turn. She then continued to set closer-friendly fractions in front (21.93, 45.00) and did well to hold 4th. If bouncing back in somewhat similar form today, she should play a major role.

Other notes:

- **#5 PREPAREFORTAKEOFF** made her last turf start in the same race that #2 LADY ENSIGN was last seen in. As highlighted in the chart comment, PREPAREFORTAKEOFF had to check when in tight ~1/4 pole that day and did not have a fully clean trip; however, it's hard to upgrade her effort in anyway as she'd already lost the lead to LADY ENSIGN, was heading backwards and the time, and failed to pick back up after the incident occurred. Returns off layoff today.

- **#7 BIG EARN**'s last turf start (11/23/25) is borderline upgradable... a big, long striding horse who takes a few strides to find top gear, she was unable to build momentum on the turn when boxed in racing to upper stretch, and then she didn't quite have sufficient room to fully let herself down in the lane (rider never had a chance to use the crop). A wide post and clear path throughout could help her as she returns from the bench today.

Race 9: Allowance, 3YO+ (F)®, 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Other notes:

- **#2 I CAN DO IT** closed with credit into just an even pace for 3rd last out after steady slightly at the break. She may be capable of stepping forward from that effort (and reversing form with **#4 ANITA BEER**) given a cleaner start and faster pace to aim at today.

Race 10: Claiming 12.5k, 3YO+, 1 Mile, Dirt

Other notes:

- **#3 CHRISTMAS SPIRIT** had to be used early when rushed up to contest an honest pace between horses when last seen... those early exertions may have contributed to his defeat as the co 8/5 fav; however, he was struggling far too early for us to solely use that as an excuse, and he'll need to find more today if he's to reverse form with **#5 EDELWEISS**, who was also part of the pace and stayed on willingly for 2nd.
- Prior to a 2nd place finish last time, **#5 EDELWEISS** has dusted three rivals by 15 1/2L, producing a 71 Beyer without really being asked for any effort from Hazlewood – it seemed going into his last start that he might be capable of running faster again if asked for an effort... with Hazlewood getting back aboard today, might we see that this afternoon?

Horses to Follow

R7: WORCESTER (7/2 ML)

Having won four of his last five starts against allowance foes, the high-class WORCESTER stretches back out to two turns today following an excusable fourth in the Frank Y. Whiteley Stakes last month, where a slow early pace worked against him. Exiting back-to-back sprints, he should be sharp enough to keep the potentially loose-on-the-lead J D FACTOR honest, and if maintaining his current form, can run that rival down in the lane.

R9: ON A PROUD NOTE (1/1 ML)

A troubled trip two back snapped ON A PROUD NOTE's winning streak, but she quickly returned to form last time, blitzing her seven rivals to continue an exceptional run that dates back to May last year. Facing a very similar group to those she's been handling with ease, it's hard to look past her again, especially with little rival speed signed on.

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.

LYUDMILA *(Breezed 4F - :50.80 at TAM on 4/26)*

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.

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 - :49.80 at LRL on 4/25)*

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.

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. Synnefias

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

Trainer: Jonathan Maldonado

Last Race: April 25, 2nd race

Finish: 8th by 26

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. Tried dirt last time out, and didn't run well at all. 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.

FLYING TO WORK (*Entered at Laurel – SUN 5/3, Race 8*)

Trainer: Rodolfo Sanchez-Salomon

Last Race: April 24, 2nd race

Finish: 2nd by 1/2

Tracked the pace from in between horses, made a solid bid to the lead on the turn, and was kicked down in the final furlong. Seems comfortable at the bottom maiden claiming level between six furlongs and one mile.

ROSIE'S FORTUNE

Trainer: Irvin Flores

Last Race: April 25, 6th race

Finish: 10th by 11 1/4

The running line doesn't look pretty, but this one was pressured on the lead through solid fractions when making her turf and route debut. Didn't have anything in the tank when it mattered, but think she deserves another opportunity sprinting on the lawn against bottom maiden claimers.

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.

DISCO RULES

Trainer: Flint Stites

Last Race: April 24, 9th race

Finish: 3rd by 7 1/2

Raced in between horses for most of the way, was lightly bumped from his inside entering the turn and briefly raced on hold behind foes, angled three wide into the stretch, and churned on for a minor placing. Not sure he cared for the deep, sealed track that afternoon, and deserves another chance around two turns against allowance competition.

JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 5 - Raul Mena: #6 - Collection Day; #7 - City Panda >>> **Mena rides COLLECTION DAY**

Race 5 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #2 - Be Better; #5 - Your Analysis; #9 - Twice Gold; #10 - Walk Away Joe >>> **Hazlewood rides WALK AWAY JOE**

Race 6 - Jevian Toledo: #4 - Summer Vibes; #8 - Zapata >>> **Toledo rides SUMMER VIBES**

Race 6 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #1 - Fridayswithmurray; #5 - Latin Rebel >>> **Hazlewood rides FRIDAYSWITHMURRAY**

Race 7 - Sheldon Russell: #1 - National Law; #5 - Catalytic >>> **Russell rides CATALYTIC**

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

Apr. 24 – Fair

Apr. 25 – SPEED BIAS

Apr. 26 – Fair