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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. BLACKFOOT DAISY

2. GRANUAILE

3. FAHNEE

The first post is NOON, and there are two "Value Pick 5" wagers (first five races; last five races), each with a low 12% takeout rate. **BLACKFOOT DAISY** did not have a clean trip in her first start following a 265-day layoff. Brushed the side of the gate and was bumped lightly, then checked hard from in between horses to race near the back. Cut the corner into the stretch and failed to menace. She was wired that day, and the fourth-finisher then placed in a quarter "non-two" claimer on Tampa Bay turf with a 72 Beyer. Figures close to the pace switching back to sod for a barn that went 6 for the last 17 (35%, \$3.47 ROI) with horses in the second after 180-365 day layoffs. **GRANUAILE**'s lone win came sprinting, and she turns back in distance after a useful try at one mile. Tracked two-to-three wide, seemed outpaced a bit on the second turn, then made up some minor late ground. There's a chance this pace gets hot, and she should kick in the stretch. **FAHNEE** was wired last month. Taken in hand and shuffled back to save ground in midpack, she split rivals on the turn, altered back to the rail, and rallied for third despite changing to her left lead. Finished ahead of three of these, and is another that should get close to the pace.

>> RACE 2

1. ALWAYS FORWARD

2. LADY CHARLOTTE

3. INFASTUATION

Merely taking a guess with **ALWAYS FORWARD**, as her best races have come around two turns, and she hasn't reached the winner's circle since the fall of 2024. Wheels back on short notice after failing to threaten going a one-turn mile. Tracked three wide and in between, was urged along, gradually eased outside very late, and finished evenly. She doesn't have much speed and could very well be outrun early, but her recent speed figures are competitive with this group. Also want to use **LADY CHARLOTTE** in multiple-race wagers, as she returns to her preferred turf surface with the early speed to make the lead from the rail. Shook loose on dirt two back, set a solid pace while slightly off the rail, took pressure on the turn from the 3-1 runner-up, and tired. The winner of that heat then ran third in a \$7,5000 starter with a 55 Beyer. This barn won three races (9-1 odds; 5-1 odds; 10-1 odds) between 5/1 and 5/3. **INFASTUATION** pushed the 7-5 runner-up from the rail, found the pocket at the three-eighths, was urged along, moved through along the inside, and didn't factor. The third-finisher then took a nickel "beaten" claimer at Penn National with a 54 Beyer. Wonder if she returned too quickly after a good effort over muddy going two back, and has been given more time to prepare for this race.

>> RACE 3

1. DEPUTY A.P.

2. FLAMENCO STAR

3. HAULIN OATS

DEPUTY A.P. adds blinkers for his return to flat action after losing his rider in a two-mile hurdle event last month. He also lost his rider in a hurdle race at the Warrenton Point-to-Point on 3/14. There's a chance he wants to travel a longer distance than this 1 1/16 miles, but he didn't have the easiest trip in her final start last fall. Settled near the back while off the rail, raced three wide at the back while the leaders sped through a quick second quarter in 23.94, made a five-wide bid, swung six deep, and passed some tired foes. Finished ahead of two next-out dirt winners that afternoon, and should stay on in the stretch. **FLAMENCO STAR** might be the one to catch and beat despite returning from a 289-day layoff. Set a pressured pace inside the favored fourth-finisher, then gamely held the place in his final start last year. Ruiz lands here instead of David's Kitten and Paintmymasterpeace. **HAULIN OATS**

switches surfaces as a half-brother to stakes-placed turf miler Circling the Drain (87 turf Beyer). Their dam was a Grade 3-placed turf router, and she is a half to stakes-winning turf router Giant Run (96 turf Beyer). The second dam was a Grade 2-winning turf router. This barn went 6 for the last 22 (27%, \$2.75 ROI) with second-out maidens moving from dirt to turf. BROCKTON deserves consideration if able to escape the Also Eligible list. WEST MOUNTAIN took some money for his debut, then tried to rally in a race where they ran 1-2 around the track. Drops in class and adds Lasix. Gomez departs for OXFORD UNION.

>> RACE 4

1. GRIPEN

2. EACHPEACHPEARPLUM

3. BALLYCURRIN

GRIPEN ran well when wired in her turf debut. She was bumped at the start, tracked a solid pace from in between horses, altered course to the outside in the upper stretch, and rallied nicely with a solid gallop-out. She's lightly-raced with upside potential and good tactical speed for a barn that sent out a 10-1 turf winner here on 4/26. **EACHPEACHPEARPLUM** graduated on dirt last year, but think she's just as effective on the turf, and she should get close to the pace once again this afternoon. **BALLYCURRIN** acted up before the start of his circuit return, then chased the pace to no avail. She is quick, however, and might be the speed of the speed.

>> RACE 5

1. ALYVIA MAVIS

2. TAMMY'S CRUISER

3. READY FOR MAGIC

ALYVIA MAVIS was wired in a slow-paced Parx race by a runaway Gulfstream invader. Stalked from in between, was outpaced on the turn, eased out into the stretch, and got third. Seems well-entered for her circuit debut, and believe she can race closer to the pace this time. Coupled stablemate **TAMMY'S CRUISER** chased a runaway winner's fast pace in her first for Ness, was placed on a hard chase on the turn under urging, then finished evenly in between. Think she's the one to dictate pace terms in new blinkers. **READY FOR MAGIC**, listed as a Laurel vet scratch on 4/19, ran pretty well four back in a race where they ran 1-2 around, might not have cared for mud three back, then caught speed-friendly surfaces in her last two. Bumped at the break last time at Charles Town, she raced three wide at the back, then finished evenly along the fence in a race where they ran 1-2-3 around. Looking for fair conditions from a bias and pace perspective. **FIRE AT MIDNIGHT** has angles moving turf to dirt and route to sprint in the third of the form cycle. Late-runner finished behind Luminous Secret in most recent dirt start, and that one then grabbed a \$12,500 "beaten" claimer at Parx with a 59 Beyer. Rosario departs for TURKISH BREEZE.

>> RACE 6

1. RIVAGE

2. IT'S ELECTRIC

3. VIGNON MANOR

Not really interested in **RIVAGE**'s two uninspiring jump races, but thought he had a minor excuse three back at Fair Grounds. He was wired in a slow-paced race (25.03 second quarter) while saving ground in midpack, and understandably couldn't sprint home with the pacesetters. That race produced two next-out dirt winners. **IT'S ELECTRIC** returns from a 290-day layoff as a new gelding. Hopped at the start last time, stalked outside, made a three-wide bid on the final turn, then swapped leads a couple of times. The winner of that race then hit the board in three of his next four with a 79 Beyer top. Expect a strong late kick for a barn that went 7 for the last 21 (33%, \$2.50 ROI) with second-time Lasix users. **VIGNON MANOR** broke a beat slow, stalked a quick pace while hung four wide on the first turn, tracked three deep after a half-mile, split foes under urging on the second bend, and tired late. Likely

gained a good amount of fitness from that race for a barn that went 4 for the last 17 (24%, \$3.15 ROI) with turf horses going second after layoffs between 120 and 180 days. TREASURTHEMOMEORIES (\$9,500 short yearling; \$3,000 December juvenile) deserves consideration if able to escape the Also Eligible list. FREEDOM GLIDER placed ahead of three of these last time, and should show keen speed in her second start of the year.

>> RACE 7

1. CARNABY

2. ISLAND D'LITE

3. SUMMER BEE

CARNABY tried pretty hard in his turf debut when wired by odds-on Bushido. Wasn't away the best, stalked outside, split rivals into the long stretch, altered outside, and made up 4 1/2 lengths while in between. He can sit off the pace and make one run from midpack. **ISLAND D'LITE** has solid turf form. Raced three wide in midpack in his most recent grass effort, altered to the fence, and made up late ground despite hopping to his left lead through the second-wire finish. He was wired that day in a race that produced Tidal Forces (next-out winner of \$20,000 starter-optional with an 86 Beyer). **SUMMER BEE**, listed as a Tampa vet scratch on 4/17, is unbeaten on dirt, but his fastest races have come on turf. Likely needed his last race on synthetic, his first start following a 343-day break, and he was wired by a horse that returned to finish third in a \$35,000 starter on turf at Gulfstream with a 73 Beyer. **MASEN** deserves respect if able to escape the Also Eligible list. **NIGHT PREACHER** was cooked in a very hot pace battle in his most recent turf start, a race where the top-three finishers were sixth, eighth, and fifth at the second call. Might not have to work as hard to grab the lead. **FIND FAITH** switches surfaces as a half-brother to stakes-winning turf router Bawlrner Hon. **CLAUDEE BOY** chased 18-time winner Bode's Maker (next-out second at this level with a 75 Beyer) in his most recent turf appearance. Looking for faster-than-expected fractions up front.

>> RACE 8

1. ISABELLA'S GLORY

2. R AVERIE LYNN

3. ROYAL SEAMSTRESS

ISABELLA'S GLORY, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 3/28, settled at the back along the rail behind a fast pace, made a three-wide bid, and rallied nicely for second behind Watch Your Tone, who then hit the board in her next three with a 64 Beyer top. Kicks late for a barn that went 3 for the last 10 (30%, \$2.02 ROI) with dirt horses returning from layoffs of 61 days or greater. **R AVERIE LYNN** is in raging form, as she seeks her fourth consecutive victory. She has the speed to get up and on the lead. The fifth-finisher from the last race then placed in an open \$7,500 claimer with a 63 Beyer. **ROYAL SEAMSTRESS** repeats the turf to dirt move that resulted in her 8 3/4-length maiden win back in 2023. Moved into the teeth of a quick pace two back, only to succumb to a late-runner in the final eighth. Skip Thru Da Fire then ran third in a \$7,500 starter with a 55 Beyer. **KISS CAM** broke slowly at Charles Town, raced at the back behind a fast pace, made a three-wide bid, and made up late ground. The winner then placed in a nickel starter there with a 61 Beyer. **ENIGMATIC** might have been in too tough against first-level allowance types. Expect her to revert to tracking tactics dropping in class and distance. Vargas lands here instead of Book of Wisdom.

>> RACE 9

1. HELDISH

2. ECUMENICAL

3. JUST FOR THE MONEY

HELDISH did his best when chasing odds-on Kerness K in a slow-paced race over a speed-friendly track. Tracked outside, made a three-wide bid, and kept churning for runner-up honors. Kerness K then won two more in a row by a combined 16 1/2 lengths with Beyers of 84 and 89. **ECUMENICAL**, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 4/26, tracked four wide, made a three-wide bid, and went on a hard chase after the leader, then gamely wore that one

down despite changing back to his left lead. Expect a nice outside tracking trip while clear of traffic for a barn that sent out three repeat winners since 3/21. Hazlewood lands here instead of Pudge Boy Palace. **JUST FOR THE MONEY**, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 3/29, prompted the 7-1 third-finisher from the outside, then drew off driving at Mahoning Valley. Expect good tactical speed for a barn that went 5 for the last 16 (31%, \$2.08 ROI) with last-out winners. DAUFUSKIE ISLAND, listed as a Laurel Park vet scratch (sick) on 4/4, tracked the loose pacesetting winner from the outside, was floated off the rail into the stretch, but couldn't seal the deal. That race produced two next-out winners, with Pit Stop Man grabbing a \$7,500 conditioned claimer by eight lengths with an 80 Beyer. Think he makes the lead here. PUDGE BOY PALACE was in over his head last time, but fits much better at this level.

MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

R1: Blackfoot Daisy transfers in and cuts her price in half after a troubled trip last out. She has shown plenty of speed and may clear this field early, though I don't think it is her only way to win here. Fahnee may ultimately benefit from the inside post and plenty of early speed, she is the type who can sit close with a stalk and pounce finish here. Keep an eye on her effort here, Gripen comes out of the same race and we will see her in R4.

R2: Blessed Candy tends to run her best races when taking class relief, most of her sprinting efforts would get the job done here. With speed to the inside, she will have options on how to attack this group. The short-priced Lady Charlotte does make quite a bit of sense with her inside post and early speed, her last try over the distance was against a very in form group.

R3: Flamenco Star looks to be asking for class relief, he did very good work in MSW company, but seems to be just missing. If he can run any of his races from last year, he looks to deserve the even money odds. I wouldn't write off the Russell entry Haulin Oats at 10-1, the pedigree screams turf, and he likely found himself discouraged in the debut. He's the right price for a second chance here, on likely the preferred surface.

R4: Gripen took to the turf quite well, in a race where the top three finishers distanced themselves from the rest of the field with a compelling finish. Sticking around the level and a smaller field to navigate should move her forward today. Ballycurrin brings plenty of early pace to this group, though she may not be alone on the front here. She has every reason to improve 2nd off the bench, but I don't find myself leaning on her at a short price.

R5: Tammy's Cruiser looks to be the speed in this race, with blinkers going on and a recent change in company, it's hard to imagine she doesn't put the rest in chase mode. Turkish Breeze could offer the biggest threat, as she is somewhat unexposed in just 3 career starts.

R6: If It's Electric holds true to his figures from last year, it may be his race to lose. This full sibling to Colonel Liam certainly has the pedigree to suit. Vignon Manor deserves a bit of attention at 8-1, his first off the bench showed him getting a bit lost in the first turn and I suspect he may have more to offer today.

R7: It's no surprise we saw Carnaby take to the turf last out, both the mare and 2nd dam were very good turf runners, the latter being a graded stakes winning turf sprinter. Carnaby didn't face slouches in his first turf try either, both Noah Chance and Bushido are turf sprinting allowance winners. I use Claudee Boy and Island d'Lite for a bit of value underneath, they both ran extremely well in the early season last year, and find lighter company here.

R8: The Daniel Eubanks barn has been on a hot streak in recent weeks and Enigmatic played her part in that 2-back. The step up in company didn't suit last out but cutting back to the 7f with this outer post and class relief looks like a logical next step. If the even-money favorite is too short to take, R Averie Lynn is a reasonable threat in here. She should be able to sit close and she does not go down without a fight to the wire.

R9: Plenty of early pace in this group, which may lend to the favor of Ecumenical on the outside. It looks like a similar setup to his last outing, where he earned a career best 73 Beyer. If we see Searcy back on the quick turnaround he deserves serious consideration at 12-1 ML. His figures are trending in the right direction and he stays protected in this spot.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 1

#2 - Blackfoot Daisy

Trainer: Wesley Ward

Second After 180-365 Days: 6 for 17 (35%, \$3.47 ROI)

RACE 3

#4 - Haulin Oats

Trainer: Brittany Russell

Maidens, Second Start, Dirt to Turf: 6 for 22 (27%, \$2.75 ROI)

RACE 6

#5 - It's Electric

Trainer: Jorge Duarte Jr.

Second-Time Lasix: 7 for 21 (33%, \$2.50 ROI)

#4 - Vignon Manor

Trainer: Kevin Boniface

Second After 120-180 Days, Turf: 4 for 17 (21%, \$3.15 ROI)

RACE 8

#3 - Isabella's Glory

Trainer: Jose Corrales

First After 61 Days +, Dirt: 3 for 10 (30%, \$2.02 ROI)

RACE 9

#3 - Just for the Money

Trainer: Anthony Farrior

Last-Out Winners: 5 for 16 (31%, \$2.08 ROI)

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

Today's Horses to Follow:

R1: FAHNEE (5/1 ML)

A winner over today's course and distance last year, FAHNEE returned from a layoff with a big effort last month despite encountering significant trouble—checking out of a forward position on the run into the turn before being shuffled back and denied a clear run until the 3/16 pole. Once in the clear, she rallied well to finish third, beaten just half a length, and can be marked up as an unlucky loser. With that run under her belt, a step forward looks likely this afternoon, and with a forward, ground-saving trip on offer in today's opener, she should be very competitive.

R3: PLENTY ON TAP (12/1 ML)

A case was made in these lines on April 19 for PLENTY ON TAP, suggesting that a return to turf—now aided by both blinkers and Lasix, which were absent for his lone prior grass start—could see him find the winner's circle now that he's begun to put things together in the afternoon. Unfortunately, that angle turned into nothing more than an expensive horror show, as he lacked room entering the far turn and didn't get clear until deep inside the final 1/8, by which point it was too late. A lack of racing room blunted the effectiveness of his likeable late rally, and after being beaten 1 1/4 lengths into fourth, he found his way onto the bet-back list rather than the winner's circle. With a cleaner trip in today's third, however, a much-improved showing looks likely,

and although he meets a couple of tougher rivals here, it's hard to leave him off tickets following that last try, getting 13 pounds from the favorite at a fair price.

R6: VIGNON MANOR (8/1 ML)

With blinkers retained, the free-going FREEDOM GLIDER looks likely to ensure an honest pace once again in today's sixth, bringing a number of off-the-pace types into consideration, including the re-opposing VIGNON MANOR. This runner flashed ability with three near misses going long on the grass last year before offering more promise in his return last month than the PPs suggest. Aggressively ridden from the gate, he was taken out of his comfort zone chasing the fast pace set by FREEDOM GLIDER while racing four to five wide into the far turn, then briefly drew almost level for the lead in upper stretch before his early exertions, lost ground, and lack of a recent run understandably caught up with him late on. Although he'll need to show more when lining up again in today's sixth, that return effort should have brought him forward, and with leading rider Jevian Toledo now taking over and the blinkers coming off, a more patient trip could see him in a much better light. At a square price, he's one worth keeping onside.

FUTURE HORSES TO WATCH

BETTER WATCH IT *(Breezed 4F - :49.60 at LRL on 5/8)*

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.

MAXPOWER *(Breezed 4F - 48.00 at MTH on 5/2)*

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.

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.

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.

BRUNO *(Breezed 4F - :49.00 at LRL on 5/8)***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.

ROCKER ROLLER *(Breezed 4F - :49.40 at LRL on 5/3)***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.

MAGICAL MONDAYS**Trainer:** Tim Woolley**Last Race:** May 3, 7th race**Finish:** 3rd by 3

Returning from an October layoff, this 4-year-old was wired in a slow-paced race controlled throughout by the two pacesetters. He was the only horse making up meaningful ground after racing wide through the second turn and into the stretch.

ROSIE'S FORTUNE *(Entered at Laurel – SUN 5/10, Race 3)***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.

J C'S BOYS *(Breezed 5F - 1:01.80 at LRL on 5/3)***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.

LANNISTER *(Breezed 4F - :50.60 at LRL on 5/8)***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.

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 2: Jose Vargas - #3 - Sapphire Beauty; #6 - Blessed Candy >>> **Vargas rides BLESSED CANDY**

Race 3: Jorge Ruiz - #2 - Paintmymasterpeace; #3 - David's Kitten; #7 - Flamenco Star >>> **Ruiz rides FLAMENCO STAR**

Race 3: Kevin Gomez - #1 - Oxford Union; #10 - West Mountain >>> **Gomez rides OXFORD UNION**

Race 4 - Jean Briceno - #6 - She's a Good Girl; #9 - Any Fools Gold >>> **Briceno rides SHE'S A GOOD GIRL**

Race 5 - Emanuel Rosario - #4 - Turkish Breeze; #6 - Fire At Midnight >>> **Rosario rides TURKISH BREEZE**

Race 6 - Jean Briceno - #8 - All Fruits Ripe; #10 - Ray of Lov >>> **Briceno rides RAY OF LOV**

Race 8 - Jose Vargas - #5 - Book of Wisdom; #6 - Enigmatic >>> **Vargas rides ENIGMATIC**

Race 9 - Yedsit Hazlewood - #2 - Pudge Boy Palace; #6 - Ecumenical >>> **Hazlewood rides ECUMENICAL**

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

A recap of **FRIDAY, MAY 8** action at Laurel Park. Visit theracingbiz.com for John Piasek's FREE full analysis of today's Laurel card.

Race 1: Whatsyourbigidea set very fast fractions, setting up perfectly for favored **Sonic Sass**. She had horse but no racing room on the final turn, and once she found clear sailing, she kicked away to victory. Whatsyourbigidea held third despite that honest pace.

Race 2: This played out similarly to the opener. Chestertown Jane opened up a clear early lead and remained in front at the top of the stretch, but ran out of gas. **Divulge** took advantage of a perfect trip to break her maiden at sixth asking as the even-money choice. 25-1 l'mamaterialgirl got up for second in the final strides.

Race 3: **Come to Mama** and Casa Juanita battled each other down the stretch in an exciting duel, but Come to Mama ultimately proved victorious by a head.

Race 4: Recent claims from Kentucky are always dangerous around here, and **American Select** proved no exception. She was taken out of her last race at Keeneland for \$20,000 and paid instant dividends on that investment, winning by 11 ½ lengths after getting pressed on the early pace.

Race 5: Dancing Denae set the pace and was collared on the far turn by Master Schemer and **Impressiveness**. The latter was outkicked by the former, who drew away for his third victory in his last four starts. Dancing Denae managed to repel Master Schemer for second.

Race 6: Class Photo got a point-to-point prep prior to this race, winning at the Cheshire Hunt on March 29. That set him nicely for today, as she sat off a very contested pace and held off the late surge of fellow Suzanne Stettinius trainee The Last Scip.

Race 7: It's rare that a horse can be described as a confident last-to-first winner, but that was the case with **River Tay**. She was last at the top of the lane and in traffic for the first half of the stretch run, but once she found clear sailing, she rolled to the front without much trouble and won going away to give Jorge Ruiz a turf triple.

Race 8: Goodbye Note hadn't done much against allowance company as of late, but found this open \$30,000 claiming field to his liking. He drew alongside one of the early leaders, Holy Synchronicity, and pulled away in the stretch for his first win of the season. Holy Synchronicity ran a big race in his own right; he battled with Love Me Not for the early lead and outfinished him by 6 ¾ lengths.

Race 9: Odds-on choice **Serene Spirit** lived up to expectations, pressing early leader Ballykeefe and kicking away to win.

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

May 1 – SPEED BIAS

May 2 – Fair

May 3 – Fair

