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TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

>> RACE 1

1. MIDDLEBURG

2. BEEKMAN STREET

3. DESPERATE PROPOSAL

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. **MIDDLEBURG** hasn't raced on the flat since being wired in a slow-paced allowance at Colonial last summer. Saved ground in midpack and finished evenly on the fence behind **Presider**, who then placed in a second-level allowance at Kentucky Downs with an 86 Beyer, and is now stakes-placed. Gets class relief, swaps out cheekpieces for blinkers, and might try the speedy tactics that led to his maiden win in 2024. Also want to use **BEEKMAN STREET** in multiple-race wagers, as he drops into a claimer for the first time after being wired in his circuit debut. Jostled at the start, he raced in between horses near the back after a half-mile, steadied in behind rivals in midstretch, and finished evenly in between. His lone win came with blinkers, and he'll receive them again. **DESPERATE PROPOSAL**, listed as a Penn National vet scratch (sick) on 3/20, has some fast races on turf, and he'll return to the surface following a dull try on dirt in New York. Finished behind two next-out winners in most recent turf outing, with the eighth-finisher taking a \$50,000 starter at Aqueduct with an 80 Beyer.

>> RACE 2

1. EL PAPACITO

2. GIMME TWO SHOTS

3. GALLO

No real excuses for **EL PAPACITO** last time as he set a reasonable pace inside the runaway odds-on winner before succumbing on the turn. Perhaps he'll opt for tracking tactics this time around. **GIMME TWO SHOTS** looks like the horse to catch and beat. Showed some ability in his debut as he broke slowly, recovered to rush up and track the pace from the outside, made a four-wide bid on the turn, and understandably tired. This barn went 5 for the last 15 (33%, \$3.99 ROI) when moving from turf to dirt. **GALLO** finished ahead of the top pick two starts back when placing behind the two favorites, and was far from embarrassed when trying turf earlier in the month. Shouldn't be too far away when the real racing commences for a barn that went 3 for the last 12 (25%, \$3.73 ROI) moving from turf to dirt.

>> RACE 3

1. ROBERTA

2. HYSTERICIS

3. ZETA JONES

ROBERTA didn't run terribly when next-to-last in her career debut around two turns on turf last year. Wasn't away the best, raced four wide at the back while bumped a couple of times from his inside, split rivals on the second turn, and finished evenly on the rail. Not too interested in her only other start as it came on dirt. Now returns with Lasix, and might be bigger and stronger as a 4-year-old. **HYSTERICIS** finished ahead of the top pick, then came back to just miss going a mile on 11/7. Stalked a slow pace from in between rivals that day, made a four-wide bid on the final turn, then rallied well after being late to change leads. Came with a good run off the layoff in her seasonal debut for a barn that already sent out three winners this month. Chuan departs for Hotter Than Fire. **ZETA JONES** earned her career-best Beyer Speed Figure in her most recent turf appearance. Seems well-entered at this class level after facing a runaway against special weights on dirt at Charles Town. This barn went 5 for 22 (23%, \$2.32 ROI) between 4/10 and 5/6. Vargas departs for **PRINCESS CHARMING**. **MEREDITHSLIGHTNING** finished ahead of three of these when returning to turf, and can get close to the expected moderate pace.

>> RACE 4

1. CUT GLASS

2. DADDY YANKEE

3. SIN PERMISO

CUT GLASS double-drops in class in search of his correct level. Didn't have the easiest situation two back as he was wired by sharp Paco the Taco Man (returned to win a state-sired allowance with an 87 Beyer) in a slow-paced heat. Tracked four wide on the backstretch, tried to advance three deep on the turn, and tired late. Showed brief speed on turf last time out, but that's not his surface. Think we'll see some good early zip from the inside draw. Uncoupled stablemate **DADDY YANKEE** is another that should appreciate dropping into this conditioned claiming event. Raced wide going a one-turn mile against an odds-on winner last time, and has done well sprinting in the past. **SIN PERMISO** returns from a seven-month layoff after being wired by Forward Move, who repeated in a nickel conditioned claimer at Parx with an 87 Beyer. He wouldn't mind a wet track.

>> RACE 5

1. TIK TOK DADDY

2. THEN WHAT TIME

3. YERCAN MERO

TIK TOK DADDY ran well off the layoff to finish second in his seasonal debut last year, and he polished off 2025 on a pretty good note. Swapped out cheekpieces for blinkers in that 10/26 start, broke a beat slow and was sandwiched early, advanced to the pocket, swapped leads several times from midway on the turn to the wire, and finished decently for third on the fence. The sixth-finisher then placed in a \$16,000 starter-optional seller with a 72 Beyer. This trainer-jock combo sent out a 55-1 turf-sprint winner returning from a seven-month break last spring at Pimlico. **THEN WHAT TIME** set a fast and pressured pace outside a 102-1 shot that faded to ninth, then changed leads several times during the stretch drive. The winner then hit the board in his next two with a 74 Beyer top. Figures close to the pace for a barn that went 11 for 35 (31%, \$2.70 ROI) between 11/2 and 5/2. **YERCAN MERO** broke slowly on turf two back, raced outside at the back behind a quick pace, tipped widest off cover in the upper stretch, then rallied despite failing to change leads. Late-kicker could use pace and race luck. **FRYE ISLAND** and **DATS TRIP** deserve consideration if able to escape the Also Eligible list. **HOPPETOSSE** switches surfaces as a half-brother to stakes-winning turf sprinter **Justwaveandsmile** (86 turf Beyer) out of multiple stakes-winning turf sprinter **Anofficerandalady** (90 turf Beyer).

>> RACE 6

1. REGENCY TALE

2. SHAKIN MY HEAD

3. WIN STREAK

REGENCY TALE gained fitness with two solid dirt sprints and now stretches out as he returns to turf. Pulled hard to track from in between horses in his most recent turf appearance, split rivals on the second turn, and finished evenly without threatening. Think we'll see good early speed this afternoon for a barn that's been on a hot streak. **SHAKIN MY HEAD** settled in midpack on New Year's Day, made an inside advance on the second turn, altered course sharply four wide, and finished evenly despite swapping to his left lead through the wire. The fourth-finisher then ran third in a \$50,000 maiden-optional at Fair Grounds with a 71 Beyer. **WIN STREAK** broke three lengths slow at Gulfstream, raced far back behind a quick pace, made a three-to-four wide bid on the second turn, and flattened out. Faced two next-out winners (sixth-finisher won a \$50,000 maiden claimer on turf there with a 69 Beyer), but needs to cure those bad gate habits. **VAYA JEFFE** and **M D FIELDSTONE** deserve consideration if able to escape the Also Eligible list. **SILVER SABER** switches surfaces as a half-brother to stakes-winning turf router **Bawlmer Hon**.

>> RACE 7

1. PARTY WITH SMARTY

2. GREYLINE STATION

3. MARCAN LOVE

Liked the plan with **PARTY WITH SMARTY** last time, as they took the bull by the horns over a speed-friendly track, grabbed the lead, opened a clear lead on the second turn, and succumbed to the favorite in the stretch. His lifetime record isn't anything special, but he's been in pretty good form and shouldn't be too far off the pace. **GREYLINE STATION** broke sharply, tracked from the pocket, made an early bid in between horses to grab the lead at the three-eighths despite swapping leads early, then stayed on gamely to graduate. The third-finisher then scored in a quarter maiden at Parx with a 72 Beyer. Another with good tactical speed. **MARCAN LOVE**, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 4/19, dominated bottom maidens over course and distance. Expecting a late kick. **TETHERED SOUL** should show stretch-out speed after a career-best Beyer effort sprinting. **LONG LEGGED LUIS** rallied pretty well for third behind the two favorites over a speed-friendly track. He has a good amount of upside potential.

>> RACE 8

1. MAKING DAISYS

2. NOTHINGLESSWILLDO

3. DIAMOND N DRESS

MAKING DAISYS tracked outside at Colonial, made a three-wide bid on the turn, then gamely turned back an odds-on favorite that returned to win a maiden special at Oaklawn with an 83 Beyer. Tactical enough to get forward for a barn that went 8 for the last 23 (35%, \$2.31 ROI) with horses going second after 61 to 120 day layoffs. **NOTHINGLESSWILLDO** tracked a moderate pace while four wide, made a three-wide bid on the turn, then blew away maiden claimers over muddy going despite being very late to change leads. Wasn't embarrassed on turf last time out, but think she's more effective on dirt at this point in her career. Kicks late for a barn that went 7 for the last 31 (23%, \$2.76 ROI) when moving from turf to dirt. Vargas lands here instead of **DIAMOND N DRESS**, who worked hard to clear off on the lead against only two rivals two back, then had enough in the tank to turn back the runner-up. In too tough in the Weber City Miss last time, but can make the front by adding Lasix and dropping in class.

>> RACE 9

1. TOO LOOSE LA TREK

2. KINDA KRAZY

3. DONA LUNA

TOO LOOSE LA TREK stalked in between horses at the back, raced over in behind horses turning into the stretch, then finished evenly along the inside with an okay gallop-out. This class drop might make all the difference. Wish there was more turf closer up in **KINDA KRAZY**'s pedigree, but the dam is a half-sister to stakes-winning turf sprinter Somme (87 turf Beyer). The April 29 work matches the barn's 4-year-old filly Chantico (76 turf Beyer). Perhaps they went in company. She should show some speed in here. **DONA LUNA** saved ground in the final turf start of 2025, but not sure that trip is available from this outside post position. **HOLY FIT** has some angles as she stretches out in distance for her second start of the form cycle. **ROCKIN LADY** was likely overmatched in her Gulfstream debut. The runner-up then placed in a \$50,000 synthetic maiden claimer there with a 65 Beyer. Too early to give up on **BELLE'S BABY** after only one prior turf sprint effort. Hazlewood departs for **ZIRCONIA**.

MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

R1: Oracle of Beaufort, a half to Splendor, found exactly what he was looking for when stretching out and switching surfaces last out. With the weight off and remaining protected in this spot, it could signal the connections want to give him a fair chance to work through conditions. James P Sullivan faced a solid allowance horse in Derbynness for his first try stretching out. Physically, he looks like one who may take to the grass and his 12-1 ML price is right.

R2: Even money is a hard sell in this race but Gimme Two Shots has every reason to benefit from his third start. Class relief could carry him a long way. My Captain tries the dirt after a reasonable debut. Dropping in class and out of a solid Munnings mare may move him along.

R3: Hysterics comes in second off the bench after a strong rally in her season debut. She has every reason to improve while sticking to this level. Have a look at Zeta Jones, who has plenty of pedigree to suggest this is the surface and distance for her. Her other turf tries were against very different company, likely more fit for her return to the grass here.

R4; Addy's Laddy T N T is a standout in this group, not just for his 9 lifetime wins, but his form when returning fresh. If Walters has him ready for the return he should find a nice setup to target. Beach Cowboy will be the key to the race as he can set sights on the early pace from Cut Glass. The 2-back effort was a near win, just missing to a horse with plenty of back class.

R5: Then What Time is able to stay protected at a level where he proved highly competitive last year, ending the season with a strong finish to Kohoutek who made his season debut with a win when stepping up in class. Tik Tok Daddy finished out of the money only once in his 2025 campaign, a worthy use for me at 8-1 ML.

R6: No surprise we see Paid Vacation try the turf, most of the family has found their success on the turf or AW going a route of ground. While he may not be the most compelling, the racing recency and Boyce on will give him an edge in my book. Tasker takes a bit of class relief and ran well enough in his 2025 debut that I thought he should move forward. If you can forgive the last out, he has room to improve off of the recent bullet works.

R7: Greyline Station might need to bring a better price than the 8-5 ML for his first try against winners, but his finish last out suggests the added ground should suit him well. Overall, a horse with plenty of upside. Party With Smarty has been willing to take on a challenge in recent starts but hasn't been able to hold off the charge, hard to imagine the second wire finish will benefit him here.

R8: Making Daisys is a likely single here after he convincing win at CNL last out, where the second place finisher came back to win with an 83 Beyer. With a bit of pace to her inside and second off the bench it's hard to imagine she won't improve today. Nothinglesswilldo could offer value underneath as she returns to the dirt, where she made a big move on the turn 2-back to win going away.

R9: I made a note in February for Quality Swag that simply said turf. Now that she finds her way over to the grass, I try to use her at 15-1 ML. Enough pedigree to suggest she may handle it just fine. Holy Fit returns for her second off the bench, and likely a preferred distance while remaining protected here. Question of whether this may be slightly too far for her.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

<u>RACE 2</u> #2 - Gimme Two Shots Trainer: Mike Geralis Turf to Dirt: 5 for 15 (33%, \$3.99 ROI)	<u>RACE 3</u> #10 - Zeta Jones Trainer: Flint Stites Between 4/10 and 5/6: 5 for 22 (23%, \$2.32 ROI)	<u>RACE 8</u> #2 - Making Daisys Trainer: Wesley Ward Second After 61 to 120 Days: 8 for 23 (35%, \$2.31 ROI)
<u>RACE 2</u> #3 - Gallo Trainer: Joanne Shankle Turf to Dirt: 3 for 12 (25%, \$3.73 ROI)	<u>RACE 5</u> #8 - Then What Time Trainer: Jorge Duarte Jr. Between 11/2 and 5/2: 11 for 35 (31%, \$2.70 ROI)	<u>RACE 8</u> #3 - Nothinglesswilldo Trainer: Mary Eppler Turf to Dirt: 7 for 31 (23%, \$2.76 ROI)

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

Today's Horses to Watch:

R1: BEEKMAN STREET (6/1 ML)

BEEKMAN STREET raced a little behind the bridle, lugged in through the lane and then had to steady inside the final furlong when last seen contesting a high quality allowance over today's course and distance. Despite all that, he was only beaten 4 1/2 lengths while posting a 71 Beyer that makes him very live as he drops in class today. Connections also re-apply the blinkers to this regally bred Godolphin homebred son of STREET SENSE, hailing from the same family as supermare HYSTERICALADY, making him even more interesting at a price. When previously fitted with blinkers last year — before his gelding operation — he put together three solid efforts: a 3/4-length defeat in a competitive MSW at Delaware despite a troubled trip, then a sharp maiden win at Fair Grounds in November where he drew off from eleven rivals and earned a 78 Beyer (first start with Lasix), before being out-sprinted by subsequent G2 winner and G1 runner-up REMEMBER MAMBA in a slowly run allowance next time — no disgrace there. Combining the equipment change and drop in class, with the fact he scrapes in here with just 111 pounds on his back thanks to leading apprentice Rea's allowance, it would be disappointing if he couldn't step forward off a recent non-representative effort without blinkers and go close at a fair price.

R3: ZETA JONES (6/1 ML)

Although well beaten on both occasions, ZETA JONES has actually done well to hit the board in two of her last three dirt starts, given the complete lack of pace she had to close into on both occasions. More notably, she's achieved those results despite a pedigree that strongly suggests she wants nothing more than to go long on the turf—she's out of a two-time winning turf mare by G1-winning turf router ALQAAM (GB), and is herself by multiple G1-winning turf router OSCAR PERFORMANCE, a son of KITTEN'S JOY, a champion on the grass. Unsurprisingly, her best effort to date came when beaten just 2 1/2 lengths with a 57 Beyer in her lone try turf routing last November. That performance makes her a major player in today's third, and with blinkers now

added, there's little reason to think she can't reproduce that level of form returning to the weeds. A wide draw is a possible concern, but her morning-line odds still look more than fair.

R5: DANCING BEAR (6/1 ML)

DANCING BEAR will need to step up if he's to score in today's fifth and, from a wide post, he's hardly single material. However, he likely has a much better chance than both his morning-line odds and latest effort would suggest owing to the trouble he encountered last time. Typically a runner who races prominently and on the speed, he took a hefty bump leaving the gate that left him hopelessly out of position and trailing the even pace that held well by more than 10 lengths at the first call. He then lost further ground racing four wide on the far turn before beginning to rally in the lane, only to run up on the re-opposing CALL ME A CAB's heels in deep stretch, forcing him to check and ending any chance he had of hitting the board. In truth, the race was a complete disaster and no fair reflection of his ability, but it's worth remembering he was sent off at 3/1 that day for a reason: multiple efforts throughout his 11-start career make him very competitive at this level. Julio Hernandez takes the reins today and it would come as no surprise to see him outrun his odds.

FUTURE HORSES TO WATCH

BETTER WATCH IT *(Entered at Laurel – THU 5/14, Race 1)*

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.

MAGICAL MONDAYS

Trainer: Tim Woolley

Last Race: May 3, 7th race

Finish: 3rd by 3

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

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.

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 *(Entered at Laurel – THU 5/14, Race 9)*

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.

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.

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.

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 - 48.00 at MTH on 5/2)*

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 *(Entered at Laurel – THU 5/14, Race 2)*

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 *(Breezed 5F - 1:02.00 at FAI on 5/8)*

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.

ROSIE'S FORTUNE **(Entered at Laurel – TODAY, 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.

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 3: Martin Chuan - #7 - Hysterics; #9 - Hotter Than Fire >>> **Chuan rides HOTTER THAN FIRE**

Race 3: Jose Vargas - #1 - Princess Charming; #10 - Zeta Jones >>> **Vargas rides PRINCESS CHARMING**

Race 5: Jean Briceno - #12 - Dats Trip; #15 - In Honor of Jeff >>> **Briceno rides DATS TRIP**

Race 6: Forest Boyce - #13 - M D Fieldstone; #16 - Hard Swing >>> **Boyce rides M D FIELDSTONE**

Race 8: Jose Vargas - #2 - Diamond N Dress; #3 - Nothinglesswilldo >>> **Vargas rides NOTHINGLESSWILLDO**

Race 8: Yedsit Hazlewood - #1 - Tacit Value; #6 - Momaxie >>> **Hazlewood rides TACIT VALUE**

Race 9: Yedsit Hazlewood - #1 - Zirconia; #9 - Belle's Baby >>> **Hazlewood rides ZIRCONIA**

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

A recap of **SATURDAY, MAY 9** action at Laurel Park. Visit theracingbiz.com for John Piasek's FREE full analysis of today's Laurel card.

Race 1: The "third race off the layoff" angle proved the winning for **Granuaile**. After facing better horses in her first two starts of the season, she found this field to her liking, strongly rallying in the center of the track to get up over fellow closer Over My Cents. Even-money Wesley Ward trainee Blackwood Daisy was pressed on the lead and faded to third.

Race 2: Yedsit Hazlewood proved why he's Maryland's top rider in this race. He set the pace with his mount, **Lady Charlotte**, and when Blessed Candy poked her head in front at the top of the stretch, it looked like Hazlewood was in deep water. However, under vigorous Hazlewood urging, Lady Charlotte fought off Blessed Candy's challenge and won.

Race 3: 53-1 shot **West Mountain** dueled down the stretch with 1-2 favorite Flamenco Star after pressing him on the pace. West Mountain proved to be the Buster Douglas to Flamenco Star's Mike Tyson, getting up to win in his first start of the year and his first one with Lasix. Flamenco Star ran well despite breaking through the gate before the race; keep that in mind for next time.

Race 4: Gripen got absolutely crunched in the late stages of the betting, going down to 1-2 in the final flashes. Late money proved to be smart money in his case, as he rallied wide to win going away. 54-1 shot Any Fools Gold set the pace and held in admirably for third.

Race 5: Patience paid off for Yedsit Hazlewood and **Tammy's Cruiser**. The odds-on choice, who looked like the speed on paper, sat off the pace on the inside and allowed Turkish Breeze to dictate terms. Once Tammy's Cruiser found room at the top of the stretch, she made the front and never gave it up. Turkish Breeze held second in her first start against winners. The track was downgraded to GOOD after this race.

Race 6: After fading on the lead in his 2026 debut last out, this time **Freedom Glider** finished what he started. He made the front and led all the way. Gordito was the only one who made up much ground, closing to complete the exacta.

Race 7: Raul Mena did everything right for most of the race. He saved ground aboard **Island d'Lite**, then moved him up the rail once there was clear sailing and hit the front at the eighth pole. Mena then misjudged the wire and relaxed on his mount prematurely. Luckily for him, he still held on over the hard-charging Claudee Boy. Favored Carnaby hopped in the air at the start and could recover for no better than fourth.

Race 8: Royal Seamstress, the biggest price in the field by far at 28-1, sat off of early leader R Averie Lynn and took advantage when she tired. Book of Wisdom closed well from way out of it and rounded out the exacta.

Race 9: Searcy, bet down to 3-1 off a 12-1 morning line, made it two wins in a row. He rated off of early leader Just for the Money and rolled past him at the top of the stretch. Two of the other favorites, Heldish and Ecumenical, had no late kick at all.

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