



# LAUREL PARK

## HANDICAPPING GUIDE for FRIDAY, JUNE 12

### 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. WHATSYOURBIGIDEA

#### 2. BOYS GO TO JUPITER

#### 3. BELLA ESTRELA

The first post is 12 pm, and there are two "Value Pick 5" wagers, each with a LOW 12% takeout rate. **WHATSYOURBIGIDEA** swaps out blinkers for cheekpieces after a solid speed try last month. Set solid fractions (23.35; 23.19; 24.01), came off the inside in the upper stretch, and understandably tired from her early efforts. **BOYS GO TO JUPITER** sat a pocket trip on turf two back, stayed in the thick of things through a quick third quarter in 23.74, altered course up the inside into the stretch, and just missed to a 79-1 last-to-first winner. Seems adaptable to any race flow, and should come with a late bid. **BELLA ESTRELA** acted up behind the gate prior to the start, then reared up when they sprang the latch, unseating the rider. Ran pretty well in the seasonal debut two back, as she sat the pocket, was stymied in behind horses in the upper stretch, then finished evenly from in between. This barn went 3 for the last 15 (20%, \$2.19 ROI) with flat horses making the third start following 120-180 day layoffs.

### >> RACE 2

#### 1. SPEEDY ALEX

#### 2. ELLINGER

#### 3. WIN NO JOKE

**SPEEDY ALEX** tracked three wide and in between going a one-turn mile, wound up at the back by himself, made an inside advance on the turn under urging, altered course outside the leader, and stayed on for second despite being late to change leads. He boasts a late kick and has won sprinting in the past, but must avoid being outrun in the early stages as he cuts back a demanding 2 1/2 furlongs. **ELLINGER** tracked a quick pace from the rail, cut the corner into the stretch, then never threatened. Had an excuse two back when breaking a bit slow, then stumbling soon after the start in a key race. He has some solid races on the go-back, and can get close to the expected moderate pace. **WIN NO JOKE** saved ground at the back behind a quick pace, altered course outside, and passed some tired horses when returning to dirt. Lots of minor awards on the page for a barn that sent out a 12-1 dirt-sprint winner here on 5/30. Burnham departs for CADEMAN, who might attempt to make the lead after faltering at one mile.

### >> RACE 3

#### 1. SKYCROSS

#### 2. MARGIE'S LAST

#### 3. PENDAR

**SKYCROSS** was bumped very lightly when crossing over to set the pace from the rail, was pressured ever so slightly by the 5-1 fourth-finisher through a glacial second quarter in 25.89 seconds, came off the inside into the stretch, and couldn't sprint home with the favored winner. He enjoyed a good trip on the lead that day, but nine furlongs might have been a bit too far, and he might try for the early advantage once again at this shorter distance. This jockey-trainer combination sent out a 7-1 turf winner here on 5/31. **MARGIE'S LAST** was wired in his turf debut. Worked out a nice pocket trip, angled up the inside in the upper stretch, and flattened out in the final furlong. That tactical speed should serve him well for a jockey-trainer combination that scored with a favored winner on 5/31. Thought **PENDAR** ran an excellent race in his seasonal debut, and he deserves strong respect in this spot. Broke a beat slow, settled outside in midpack, cut the corner into the stretch, eased out to split rivals, and rallied in between despite swapping leads a couple of times in the stretch. His gallop out was very good, and he should kick hard in the stretch.

## >> RACE 4

### 1. ROYAL SEAMSTRESS

### 2. BOOK OF WISDOM

### 3. R AVERIE LYNN

**ROYAL SEAMSTRESS** tracked from the pocket, advanced to press the three-ply pace from the rail, then drew off to best three of these. She boasts good positional speed, wouldn't mind a wet track, and figures in the thick of things when they turn into the stretch. **BOOK OF WISDOM** found good position tracking that three-ply duel, cut the corner when following the top pick, and made up some late ground. Stretch runner could use a bit of pace aid for a barn that sent out Noble Jon to a "second-off-the-claim" score on 5/30. **R AVERIE LYNN** had a three-race win streak snapped by the top pick. Shook loose on the lead, took pressure from both sides at the three-eighths, then never changed leads in the stretch. Perhaps she prefers faster ground at this point in her career, and should be close to the pace once again. **BLESSED CANDY** has some angles as she moves from turf to dirt in her third start of the form cycle, and she's quick enough to race within strong striking range of the leader(s).

## >> RACE 5

### 1. BEEKMAN STREET

### 2. WITHOUT

### 3. JIBILIAN

**BEEKMAN STREET** never got a breather when chasing a quick pace (23.28; 23.49) in a race where the top-three finishers were seventh, ninth, and eighth after the opening half. Pressed from in between, tracked the 3-1 leader (finished eighth) on the backstretch, split foes on the second turn, and understandably tired. Think he'll revert to the stalking tactics that worked for him in the past for an owner-trainer combination that went 7 for 17 (41%, \$2.52 ROI) in the first after the claim. **WITHOUT** saved ground in midpack at Churchill, then flattened out along the inside in the stretch. The fourth-finisher next placed in a first-level allowance there with an 85 Beyer. Breezed inside unbeaten 4-year-old Jack and Jim (76 turf Beyer top; hasn't raced since 2024) on 6/6, finished heads-apart, and galloped out in front. This one should be charging in the stretch. **JIBILIAN** raced midpack from in between at Tampa, split foes on the second turn, eased out into the stretch, then finished well in between with a good gallop-out. This barn went 5 for the last 20 (25%, \$2.04 ROI) with newly-claimed runners removing blinkers. **VAYA JEFFE** figures close to the pace after graduating over Paid Vacation, who then placed for the Maryland-bred waiver with a 67 Beyer.

## >> RACE 6

### 1. PONEY ISLAND

### 2. BARBED WIRE BARBIE

### 3. SPRING TRAINING

**PONEY ISLAND** finished ahead of three of these when wired in her turf debut. Steadied slightly, she saved ground in midpack, angled three wide, and finished well for second. She's been given enough time to fully recover and has the tactical speed to set up shop from a stalking range while outside and clear of traffic. **BARBED WIRE BARBIE** broke a beat slow in his lone turf start, quickly advanced into the pocket, altered course outside the pacesetter winner, and finished just behind the top pick despite failing to change leads. This barn scored with a 26-1 third-out maiden winner on turf on 4/25. Hazlewood lands here instead of Sunday Lyrics. Wish there were more turf influences in **SPRING TRAINING**'s bloodlines, but she is interesting switching surfaces and adding Lasix in the second after being claimed. Hopefully, the time away has cured her gate woes, as she's been slow from the break in all three starts. This barn sent out a 7-1 first-turf winner on 4/19. Ortiz lands here instead of Call Me Red. **GOTTA BE DA SHOES** was checked very hard entering the turn on turf two back, split foes into the stretch, and made up almost seven lengths in the stretch. That race produced three next-out winners

(the ninth-finisher took a \$20,000 maiden seller with a 62 Beyer). Likely gained fitness from her last start, her first run in 195 days. Mena lands here instead of Belle of Liberty.

## >> RACE 7

### 1. GYPSY LULLABY

### 2. HUGH'S LEGEND

### 3. PELICAN PIER

**GYPSY LULLABY** made a nice impression in her debut. Racing over a speed-friendly and sloppy track, she tracked the pace from the outside, eased out into the stretch, and ran on well for second. Drew a tough outside post position for this race, but she should show positional speed for a trainer-jockey combination that scored with second-out maiden Remembertheword on 5/23. **HUGH'S LEGEND** (\$75,000 yearling) is a half-sister to stakes-winning dirt sprinter Super Accelerate (90 dirt Beyer) by an excellent debut stallion. The dam was a stakes-winning turf router (82 Beyer on dirt). Good to see the five-furlong breezes for a barn that went 6 for the last 29 (21%, \$5.49 ROI) with first-time starters. **PELICAN PIER** showed good speed inside the 2-1 winner, and tried hard all the way to the wire. She figures to be up and on the pace once again. Perez departs for PARIS BY NIGHT. RIVA RED (\$100,000 March juvenile) breezed a quarter mile in 21 1/5 prior to the most recent auction, and her dam was a multiple stakes-winner on dirt (96 dirt Beyer). Vargas lands here instead of Paris by Night.

## >> RACE 8

### 1. SOMNIUM

### 2. NOQUESTIONABOUTIT

### 3. GOLDEN ROCKET

**SOMNIUM** ran well when wired by Sunna in a slow-paced edition of Laurel's The Very One Stakes, and she was flattered when that foe returned to take a high-level allowance at Churchill with a 92 Beyer. Well-bred filly appears to be running to her gaudy pedigree, gets Lasix once again, and looms a late threat. This barn is 2 for 2 this year with "Lasix On" performers. Curious to see what we get from **NOQUESTIONABOUTIT**, as she returns from a 250-day layoff after being vanned off the track at Keeneland. The third-finisher from that race returned to win a high-level allowance at Churchill with an 87 Beyer. **GOLDEN ROCKET** ran well on dirt in the first off the claim, but think Bailes took her two back with turf in mind. She ran well to finish behind the top pick on grass three back, and the barn sent out turf-sprint winner Cactus following a 212-day layoff on 6/7. SALLY'S GOLD's speed plays very well in this spot, and she appears to be racing herself back into shape for this, her third start of the year. GOGO CHANEL won sprinting off the layoff to kick off her 2023 season, and she should display a late kick after facing two next-out winners in her final start last year.

## >> RACE 9

### 1. MAX HASTE

### 2. PRESIDENT CAMACHO

### 3. BOLT DEL MAREA

**MAX HASTE** pushed the 5-1 third-finisher's solid pace over a speed-friendly Penn National surface, attacked from in between horses on the second turn, then just missed while racing inside the more experienced winner. He displayed some interest when galloping out, and might opt for tracking tactics here with that debut try under his belt. **PRESIDENT CAMACHO** broke outward in his debut, settled at the back while three wide, was urged along on the turn, then failed to change leads when chasing a runaway winner. Drew a nice inside post for a barn that went 4 for the last 15 (27%, \$2.08 ROI) with second-out maidens. **BOLT DEL MAREA** should show speed as he returns fresh following a 246-day layoff. Pressed the 6-1 third-finisher in his sprint debut last year, made a four-wide bid from in between rivals, then was very late to change leads. The runner-up from that race returned to place in a Churchill

maiden special weight with a 76 Beyer, and the winner, Hollywood Import, is now a stakes-winner. The barn went 4 for the last 16 (25%, \$2.12 ROI) when moving from sprint to route.

## **KALI'S KEY – by Kali Francois**

### **Race 6: #10 Poney Island - 10/1**

We have a rightful 9/5 favorite, but for this maiden race I am quite surprised that Poney Island is coming in at this kind of price. Especially since, well, Poney Island bested Barbed Wire Barbie. Now, as far as the whole 'rank' situation: to me, it was just a check. In my opinion, it didn't really take away from the overall trip, as horse and jockey didn't have enough steam power to keep going with the first flight. She finished up well and was running tired from adjusting to running on a new surface for the first time. But she came correct!

## **MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer**

R1: Stay in Tune ran convincingly enough for me in her turf debut, stretching out to the mile distance seems well within reach here. Bella Estrela has ability, but I find her a tough bet based on the poor start last out. If she breaks cleanly, she has a big presence.

R2: If you can forgive Cademan for the wet track effort last out, he looks the type who could clear early and take them all the way. The only question, is he the same horse as we saw over the winter in Florida? Big Mo Gee has come up just short going 4.5f at CT, a change in scenery may do the trick, along with the extra furlong here.

R3: When Pendar made his season debut I thought he was a sneaky play at a great price. Physically, he looked like he may have needed a race, but the early trouble didn't help. Even if he sticks around 4-1, he is one to bet back in my eyes. James makes his career debut and looks to have plenty of natural speed based on the work tab. If Skycross decides to dictate the early terms, James may be forced to keep things honest.

R4: Dine and Dash has run her career best numbers on the main track and returning to the dirt may move her forwardly today. Both turf races this spring have been against tough company, she finds a very different group here. R Averie Lynn struggled to work a trip last out but the outer post may help revert to winning ways as we saw 2-back, and beyond.

R5: Drilling for Gold impressed with his return to Maryland despite plenty of trouble early on. Suspect he will be a bit closer to the pace and get the jump on the closers. If the pace heats up, Without could surely benefit. Hard to take this marathon style runner while cutting back to the mile distance at such a short price.

R6: Poney Island has made big strides since adding Lasix and blinkers 3-back, even finishing ahead of today's 9-5 ML Barbed Wire Barbie last out. If Pony Island can tidy up the trip a bit more, she has shown ability at the level, with a fair 10-1 price. Belle of Liberty finds a very different group since her last turf try, the class relief could go a long way here.

R7: Gypsy Lullaby earned plenty of credit in my book with her debut. It's no surprise based on her pedigree, the second dam, Fantastic Style, was a multiple graded stakes winning dirt sprinter. Have a look at Riva Red, the work tab looks promising for early in the 2 y/o season, and the pedigree suggests the distance should fit her.

R8: The race looks to run through Somnium if she continues to improve as she has in each start this year. The winner from last out has proven a very sharp turf sprinter, winning her next out at CD with a 92 Beyer. If speed does carry, Sally's Gold could benefit in her third start off the bench, however, the waters seem a bit deep for her at this level.

R9: President Camacho faced a gate-to-wire winner in a race that has already produced improving types. Added ground shouldn't be a problem here. Irish Nonsense could be overlooked and offers value, his debut was less than ideal but he showed willingness and improved throughout. He should appreciate a different pace scenario while stretching out.

## TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

### RACE 1

#### #5 - Bella Estrela

Trainer: Keri Brion

Third After 120-180 Days, Flat: 3 for 15 (20%, \$2.19 ROI)

### RACE 5

#### #5 - Jibilian

Trainer: Renaldo Richards

First After Claim, Blinkers Off: 5 for 20 (25%, \$2.04 ROI)

#### #6 - Beekman Street

Trainer: Brittany Russell

First After Claim, This Owner: 7 for 17 (41%, \$2.52 ROI)

### RACE 7

#### #5 - Hugh's Legend

Trainer: Phil Schoenthal

First Time Starter: 6 for 29 (21%, \$5.49 ROI)

### RACE 9

#### #1 - President Camacho

Trainer: Horacio De Paz

Second-Out Maidens: 4 for 15 (27%, \$2.08 ROI)

#### #5 - Bold del Marea

Trainer: Keri Brion

Sprint to Route: 4 for 16 (25%, \$2.12 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.**

<b>Race 1: Claiming 16k, 3YO+ (F), 1 Mile, Turf</b>			
Horse	Race	Trip	Notes
<b>#5 BELLA ESTRELLA</b>	Claiming 16k, LRL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 04/10/26 – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tracked even pace from ~4L down on rail; crept closer under hand ride far turn, then steadied slightly when running up on heels ~1/8 pole; regathered herself quickly and then continued to fight gamely but did not have enough.	<b>Her two-back effort before she was restless in the gate, reared and lost the jock at the break last time: She hardly lost any ground when steadying ~1/8 pole and had sat a good trip up to that point, so it's hard to upgrade her effort too much or say that she'd have won with a clean trip. But still, she did have her momentum slightly halted at an inopportune moment and considering it was her first start off the layoff, granted a clean trip, we should see more from her today.</b>
<b>#8 WHATSYOURBIGIDEA</b>	Claiming 16k, LRL, 1M, Firm Turf, 05/08/26 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alert break; took fierce hold in front and dragged her rider through fast fractions all the way into the stretch; under a ride, held the lead to ~1/8 pole before the eventual winner swooshed by; continued on gamely but lost 2 <sup>nd</sup> close home.	<b>For the second time in a row, her effort is deserving of a PACE UPGRADE as she held 3<sup>rd</sup> after setting closer friendly fractions of 23.35, 46.54. Taking the blinkers off today (cheek pieces on) could help her relax better and ration out her speed more efficiently.</b>
<b>Other notes:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prior to winning a match race courtesy of a very soft trip last time, <b>#2 BACK WALL BANDIT</b> had sat a wide trip (small upgrade) when trying two turns on grass for the first time (05/08/26).</li> <li>- It's possible to argue that <b>#3 STAY IN TUNE</b> was a somewhat fortunate winner over 6F last time because the 9/5 favorite simply went too fast in front (22.35, 45.03), eliminating her chance, while the second choice gave herself too much to do after a poor start (17L behind at 1<sup>st</sup> call). 'SIT' therefore received a great setup with her main rivals severely compromised. Try two turns for the first time today.</li> <li>- <b>#6 BOYS GO TO JUPITER</b> couldn't have asked for a better trip when posting a career best 68 Beyer two back (her last start on turf).</li> </ul>			

<b>Race 2: Claiming 7.5k, 3YO+, 7 Furlongs, Dirt</b>			
<b>Other notes:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As well as possibly disliking the sloppy going, <b>#3 CADEMAN</b> looked to simply fail to stay a mile last time; cutting back today should help him get back to form.</li> <li>- <b>#6 BIG MO GEE</b> has finished well in his last two starts going one turn at Charles Town; he could be well suited by today's extra 1/8<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>			

<b>Race 3: MSW, 3-6YO, 1 1/16 Miles, Turf</b>			
Horse	Race	Trip	Note
<b>#2 DRIVE BY JOHNNY</b>	MSW, LRL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 05/16/26 – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Hopped and steadied start; trailed the field in a detached last while keen early; took closer order in behind foes approaching the far turn; tipped out into the 2P as the race heated up racing to the top of the lane; angled widest off the turn, then leveled off very nicely through the stretch but had too much to do.	<b>With the rails at 52 feet, speed held well in this race with the 9/2 winner wiring the field and his nearest three early pursuers (including a 40/1 shot in #3 MARGIE'S LAST) finishing in the top six. Therefore, in just his second lifetime start, first for 193 days, first on turf, and first going long, 'DBJ' was racing against the flow following a tardy/babyish start. He still made up some good ground late though and left a nice visual impression; seems there's much more to come from him.</b>
<b>#6 PENDAR</b>	MSW, LRL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 05/16/26 – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Squeezed slightly start and away a beat slow; settled ~6-8L off even pace; chased inside racing around the	<b>Exiting the same race as above where the speed held well, PENDAR closed nicely against the flow here and was one of just two horses who managed to do enough</b>

	far turn, then rallied nicely through the lane, shifting lanes ~1/8; galloped out nicely in front.	<b>running from the rear to finish within 5L of the winner. Second back today with two turn experience under his belt, he can likely improve on this try.</b>
<b>Other notes:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The go-slow-go pace scenario in <b>#1 JOY DIVISION</b>'s return effort at Aqueduct last time – in which the eventual 14/1 gate-to-wire winner dropped anchor and slowed the pace down for a 50.59 half – seemingly didn't his running style; 'JD' should be more effective with a truly run end-to-end gallop, and he has potential to improve second back.</li> <li>- While accepting that <b>#8 SE THAR BARR</b> had an excellent pace setup when closing strongly to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> over 5 1/2F last time, the amount of ground he made up was still quite impressive and he could be well suited by today's stretch out third back.</li> </ul>		

<b>Race 4: Starter Allowance, 3YO+ (F), 6 Furlongs, Dirt</b>		
<b>Other notes:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>#2 I CAN DO IT</b> closed with credit into just an even pace for 3rd last out after steadying slightly at the break. She may be capable of stepping forward from that effort slightly given a cleaner start and/or faster pace to aim at today.</li> <li>- Although the 7F distance probably stretched her speed too far and her defeat can in large be attributed to that (today's distance is more to her liking), it seemed like <b>#6 R AVERIE LYNN</b> was still somewhat off color last time as she lost the lead ~5/16 pole (rare for her, especially at 7F) while racing awkwardly with her head high and cocked to the left, then she failed to switch leads in the lane while retaining the odd head carriage.</li> </ul>		

<b>Race 5: Allowance, 3YO+ (F), 1 Mile, Turf</b>			
Horse	Race	Trip	Note
<b>#2 DRILLING FOR GOLD</b>	Allowance, LRL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 04/19/26 – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pinched start and last away; trailed field ~15L off wire to wire winner through 1 <sup>st</sup> call; tipped out and steadily advanced towards the center of the track back stretch; continued his progress despite losing ground in the 4-6P far turn; straightened for the drive 6W ~6L off the lead, then rallied well but had too much to do.	<b>Following an upgradable effort two back (did best of speed in a fast-paced race; pace upgrade), he was left racing out of his preferred position after a troubled start in this race that saw speed hold relatively well with the rails at 70 feet; he did well to make up ~14L despite a very wide trip – UPGRADE.</b>
<b>#6 BEEKMAN STREET</b>	Starter Allowance, LRL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 05/10/26 – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Dueled through fast fractions – clear of 4 <sup>th</sup> – between horses 2W into back stretch; as the leading group separated, he then chased the runaway leader in an isolated 2 <sup>nd</sup> to the far turn; took closer order under hand urging racing to upper stretch; tipped out 2W and turned for home level for the lead, then stayed on nicely to the wire but could not fend off the closers.	<b>Always in a difficult spot (between horses early, then isolated chasing in 2<sup>nd</sup>), he did very well to be beaten just a length in this race given the hot pace he was part of early/chasing (23.28, 46.77; top three finishers were 11 ½, 14 &amp; 13 lengths off the lead, respectively, at 2<sup>nd</sup> call). This effort is deserving of a PACE UPGRADE. Makes debut for Russell today.</b>
<b>#7 HANKSDIVININGRODE</b>	Allowance, LRL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 04/19/26 – 7 <sup>th</sup>	No speed; took hold chasing even pace on rail ~10L back into far turn; lacked room and shuffled back a little entering far turn, then checked off heels back into last ~1/4; turned for home ~12L off the lead in last having still not had an opportunity to advance, then worked off the rail into the center of the track (costing him a little momentum) before closing in vain to the wire.	<b>A troubled trip in which he was shuffled back into a hopeless position and prevented from advancing in traffic until it was all to late. Speed held relatively well in this race too. Expect more from him today under different circumstances.</b>
<b>Other notes:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Although the pace was strong in <b>#4 BRIGHTY</b>'s last race going 1 1/8M, speed still held well with the top three finishers filling those positions throughout. Saying that, though, you could argue that they were just the three best in the race seeing as they finished well clear of the remainder. Whatever the case, he's doing good work at the moment and is deserving of a second look today.</li> <li>- <b>#5 JIBILIAN</b>'s last effort is borderline upgradable: he finished well to run 2<sup>nd</sup>, doing best of the closers (8<sup>th</sup> at second call) in a slow/even paced race that saw speed hold relatively well. Blinkers come off as he makes his debut for Richards today. Respected.</li> </ul>			

- The even-slow pace in #8 VAYA JEFE's last race held well, with the top four finishers filling those positions throughout – possible downgrade. Things will be much tougher for him today as he makes his first start against winners off the claim for Farrior.

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

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#2 GOTTA BE DA SHOES	Maiden Claiming 16k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Good Turf, 11/08/25 – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Chased hot pace on rail from ~8-10L back into the turn, then had a rival back very quickly into her, forcing her to take up very sharply, completely stopping her momentum and knocking her back multiple lengths; regathered stride ~5/16, then resumed her pursuit of the leaders; turned for home ~14L off the lead, then rallied very nicely through the lane, making up almost 10L to just miss 4 <sup>th</sup> .	<b>*Her last start on turf. Although she had plenty of pace to run at, this effort is still deserving of big UPGRADE due to the significant trouble she encountered on the turn. She did remarkably well to finish as close as she did and will require a close look getting back to the grass today. Note: her three-back effort was similarly as disastrous and also deserves an UPGRADE. Blinkers on today.</b>
#14 FORTY SEVEN SMOKER (AE)	Maiden Claiming 16k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Good Turf, 05/30/26 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alert break; contested the pace on rail early, then checked hard ~1/2; dropped back to be racing ~5L off the lead in 6 <sup>th</sup> while behind foes racing to upper stretch; came under a ride upon straightening, switched out 1/8, then rallied smartly but missed.	<b>Her troubled trip arguably cost her the race; UPGRADE this effort; player if drawing in.</b>

#### Other notes:

- #12 BARBED WIRE BARBIE failed to switch leads in the lane when running well on debut; don't assume the chart comment "hung" means that she was unwilling – she tried all the way to the wire but just couldn't get there. Note: when she then finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in an off-turf race last time, she was well positioned in a slowly run race that saw speed hold well over a speed biased track – place an asterisk by that effort.

#### Race 7: MSW, 2YO (F), 5 Furlongs, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#9 GYPSY LULLABY	MSW, LRL, 4 1/2F, Sloppy Dirt, 05/22/26 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Broke inwards from rail and was out-spiced early; climbed and dropped back when hit with kickback entering the turn; switched out into the 4P and advanced again racing to upper stretch, then rallied well – despite lugging in a little – under an aggressive hand ride but missed.	<b>She showed more than enough to suggest she can play a big role today, rallying against the strong speed bias while wide after climbing in behind kickback early and lugging in through the lane (raced greenly). Rider just used hands and heels in this debut too. UPGRADE.</b>

#### Other Notes:

- #2 PELICAN PIER ran a nice race in defeat last time, missing by just a head after setting a pressured pace into the lane and then having raced along the rail through the stretch - often a more intimidating position for a runner to be in; on the slop, the rail can also be wetter.
- The strong speed bias that was present on 05/22/26 possibly aided #3 PARIS BY NIGHT in finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> after setting the pace early.
- #7 LEGEND'S GIRL was unruly in the gate on debut and then ran green into the bend, drifting into the 4P (where she remained). Seems she can only step forward.

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

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#9 SOMINIUM	The Very One Stakes, LRL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 05/15/26 – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Settled in last early; tracked slow pace 2W into turn; traveled well while angling out 4W racing to upper stretch; turned for home ~5L off the lead 5W, then rallied nicely before flattening out late.	<b>The early pace for the class level was slow in this race and the tempo picked up in the stretch (first ½ mile = 11.32s per furlong average; final 3/16 = 11.05s), handing the advantage to forwardly placed runners. She therefore ran an UPGRADABLE race running against the flow and closing from rear into that pace scenario with the fastest final splits (15.31 final 3/16). Lasix back on.</b>

#### Other notes:

- **#2 GOGO CHANEL** had to wait a little longer than ideal and was prevented from advancing/building momentum when stuck in traffic racing to upper stretch when last seen going two turns in November. A different trip may have seen her fare better that day. Cuts back in trip off the layoff.
- The chart comment correctly highlights how **#4 PRECIOUS AVERY** had to steady at the 5/8 pole when returning from a layoff last time; this, plus the fact that she was caught ~3W on the turn mean she didn't have a 100% clean trip; however, she recovered relatively quickly from her medium sized steady (which wasn't completely detrimental to her chances) and neither that, nor her 3W trip, quite explain why she was beaten almost 10L and put forth a tame effort through the lane. She can improve second out with a better trip, but she still has questions to answer.
- The chart comment mentions how **#7 NOQUESTIONABOUTIT** checked at the ¼ pole when last seen at Keeneland in October, but that's an exaggeration – she tossed her head a little under a hold behind horses racing to upper stretch, but it really wasn't a check and her momentum wasn't hindered at all; overall she sat a fine trip and her effort is not upgradable. Saying that, however, she was then transferred off the track via the equine ambulance, suggesting something may have been amiss during the race that would have hindered her chances. Returns from layoff today.

#### Race 9: MSW, 3YO, 1 1/16 Miles, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
<b>#1 PRESIDENT CAMACHO</b>	MSW, LRL, 1M, Fast Dirt, 04/24/26 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Veered out sharply start and dropped back to trail the even pace early; advanced racing into the far turn, then made a 4W bid chasing winner into the lane; took 2 <sup>nd</sup> upper stretch, then held 2 <sup>nd</sup> despite drifting in on his left lead lane.	<b>He was clearly green in this race, veering out at the break and then drifting in through the stretch having failed to switch leads (he simply looked tired). Still, he ran well, especially as he was asked for an effort early to get back into contention after giving the field a head start, and seeing as he was wide on the turn. What's more, he was taking on largely more experienced rivals at a very tricky distance for a first-time starter. Feel he can take a meaningful step forward second out today.</b>
<b>#2 GOOD MAN DAN</b>	Maiden Claiming 35k, LRL, 6F, Fast Dirt, 05/15/26 – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Drifted in from inside gate start; chased early, then steadied a touch 5/8; rushed up between foes 2W~3L off hot pace racing into and around the turn; gamely held his position to upper stretch, then tipped out 4W and began backpedaling before steadying in tight between foes which ended his chances.	<b>Always placed in a tricky spot between foes, not only did he twice have to steady, but he was also being rushed off his feet consistently by his rider, who'd have been more effective letting him sit back off the hot pace and make one late run - especially as he was coming off a lengthy layoff. He seems capable of more than this troubled trip suggest, and he also left the impression that a route of ground would be to his benefit too.</b>

#### Other notes:

- **#4 MAX HASTE** made a very likable impression on debut at Penn National when facing four much more experienced rivals. Player right back.
- On debut, **#6 IRISH NUNSENSE** left the impression he'd be suited by a route of ground.

### Horses to Follow

#### **R6: GOTTA BE DA SHOES (4/1 ML)**

GOTTA BE DA SHOES endured rough trip after rough trip on the turf last year yet still managed to produce efforts that make her look very competitive against the group she takes on in today's sixth. With blinkers now added as she returns to the grass for her second start off the layoff, a clean trip may be all she needs to get her picture taken.

#### **R7: GYPSY LULLABY (4/1 ML)**

GYPSY LULLABY failed by just a couple of jumps on debut three weeks ago, despite the fact that trainer Jose Corrales is 0-for-37 with two-year-olds in MSW company and typically doesn't have them fully cranked first time out. What's more, she was visibly green in behind kickback, came wide into the stretch, and was racing against a strong speed bias. With an extra 1/16-mile to work with today, she's eligible to take a significant step forward from that debut effort, and with a couple of fresh faces in the lineup, we may get a fair price too.

## **R8: SOMNIUM (2/1 ML)**

SOMNIUM looks to have stepped forward from age three to four, posting back-to-back career-best Beyers with a tidy win at Penn National two-back before massively outrunning her odds in the The Very One Stakes last time. That latest effort was better than it appears on paper too, as she had little pace to run at yet still managed to close strongly while racing wide to be beaten just two lengths. With lasix going back on today as she returns to calmer allowance waters, a clean trip from her outside post could make her tough to handle against this group.

## **FUTURE HORSES TO WATCH**

### **POWER GRID** *(Breezed 4F - :48.60 at LRL on 6/7)*

**Trainer:** Jerry Robb

**Last Race:** Dec. 27, 8<sup>th</sup> race

**Finish:** 5<sup>th</sup> by 9 1/2

Appeared on the upswing, but threw in a puzzler in the Heft, 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.

### **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.

### **PARIS BY NIGHT**

**Trainer:** John Robb

**Last Race:** May 22, 2nd race

**Finish:** 3rd by 1 1/2

Noteworthy debut for the Golden Lad filly from the John Robb barn. Acted a bit green and playful in the post parade, broke a step slow, sent up between runners, then settled for third as a beaten favorite.

### **RERUN TABLE**

**Trainer:** John Salzman Jr.

**Last Race:** May 30, 4th race

**Finish:** 2nd by 3/4

Maryland-bred displayed her tactical speed while rating 3 wide, bid between horses on the turn, then fought gamely with eventual winner Slewperitus to the wire. She continued with plenty of stamina on the gallop out.

### **SUJO** *(Breezed 4F - :48.20 at TAM on 2/22)*

**Trainer:** Greg Sacco

**Last Race:** Jan. 16, 7<sup>th</sup> race

**Finish:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **ITHADTOBELU**

**Trainer:** Hugh McMahon

**Last Race:** May 22, 9th race

**Finish:** 3rd by 1 1/4

Bumped eventual winner Knock Knock when stumbling and coming out at the start in a dirt sprint taken off turf. She recovered to save ground, putting in a steady rally to finish third. Look for a better effort on turf or dirt going long.

### **YOUR LORDSHIP**

**Trainer:** Graham Motion

**Last Race:** May 30, 7th race

**Finish:** 1st by 2 3/4

It could be a fun 4-year-old summer on the turf for the Graham Motion-trained runner. Racing as a first-time gelding, Your Lordship rated long with plenty of confidence throughout, waited to pounce in the upper stretch, and angled and swept clear for the win

### **PUT A ROCK ON IT**

**Trainer:** Kieron Magee

**Last Race:** May 31, 7th race

**Finish:** 2nd by nose

Tackled males in her first start back from Texas, and gave a strong late rally to just miss the favored Class Photo. She seems very comfortable at distances ranging from a mile to nine furlongs on turf, and would benefit from getting back in with fillies in a starter allowance spot.

**DOLICE VITA (Entered at Laurel – SUN 6/14, Race 4)**

**Trainer:** Robin Graham

**Last Race:** May 31, 9th race

**Finish:** 3rd by neck

Broke from the far outside post position going 1 1/16 miles on the main track, and was hung out wide every step of the way. Despite the ground loss, he was trying hard every step to the wire when beaten by a ground-saving, pace-setting winner.

## JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 1: Jorge Vargas - #2 - Back Wall Bandit; #4 - lamdependingonyou >>> **Vargas rides BACK WALL BANDIT**

Race 2: Matilda Burnham - #3 - Cademan; #4 - Win No Joke >>> **Burnham rides CADEMAN**

Race 6: Yedsit Hazlewood - #8 - Sunday Lyrics; #12 - Barbed Wire Barbie >>> **Hazlewood rides BARBED WIRE BARBIE**

Race 6: Yomar Ortiz - #3 - Call Me Red; #11 - Spring Training >>> **Ortiz rides SPRING TRAINING**

Race 6: Raul Mena - #2 - Gotta Be Da Shoes; #7 - Belle of Liberty >>> **Mena rides GOTTA BE DA SHOES**

Race 7: Xavier Perez - #2 - Pelican Pier; #3 - Paris by Night >>> **Perez rides PARIS BY NIGHT**

Race 7 Jorge Vargas - #3 - Paris by Night; #4 - Riva Red >>> **Vargas rides RIVA RED**

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

A recap of **SUNDAY, JUNE 7** action at Laurel Park. Visit [theracingbiz.com](http://theracingbiz.com) for John Piassek's FREE full analysis of today's Laurel card.

**Race 1:** Dancing Bear set the pace along the rail, while **Elon** pressed him in the two-path. Dancing Bear fought off his rival as best he could down the stretch, but Elon wore him down in the last eighth to win.

**Race 2:** **Ginger Girl** and Missy Boss battled each other for the early lead. While Missy Boss faded and finished a distant fifth, Ginger Girl had more to give. She pulled clear at the top of the stretch and held clear from there, with favored Watch Your Tone closed stoutly to finish a clear-cut second.

**Race 3:** After losing five consecutive races as the favorite, **Christmas Jones** finally found a field she could beat. She cleared to the rail and the lead after a brief early tussle, and the outcome was never in doubt from there. No one in here made up much ground; the horses who were 1-2-3-4-5 after a quarter-mile finished 1-3-5-4-2.

**Race 4:** Favored Normandy Hero got his ideal trip on the rail and the lead and remained clear in the middle of the turn. However, he quickly gave way and faded to third, enabling **Daufuskie Island** to take advantage and win going away.

**Race 5:** This race was an absolute thriller, with six of them separated by less than a length on the wire. Even-money chalk Toocoolforschool opened up a clear lead in the stretch and desperately tried to hold on with a host of oncoming challenges. Rail-riding Gum and **Mid Summer**, who raced in the three-path, went the best of the closers, and Mid Summer got up by a nanometer over Gum.

**Race 6:** The two biggest longshots in the field, **In Honor of Jeff** and Kitty's Son, rallied from last and next-to-last to get first and second. Alberto Delgado earned his first training win with In Honor of Jeff, kickstarting a new career which commenced following the end of a four-decade riding career last year. Favored Manseeyasway set the pace and held in gamely for third, while the three horses who pressed him finished well-beaten.

**Race 7: Cactus** stalked the pace on the rail, then angled to the center of the track in the stretch and took control to win his first start of the season. Firmantown won the battle, but lost the war. He sat in second off of early leader Elvis Himself, and while he wore him down, he couldn't hold off Cactus.

**Race 8: Woodline** couldn't get to his usual spot on the lead, and worked out a trip pressing Backnthewoods in the two-path. That worked out just fine, as he took control on the far turn and drew away.

## PAST TRACK TRENDS

Jan. 9 – Fair	Feb. 22 – Fair	Mar. 29 – SPEED BIAS	May 8 – CLOSERS BIAS
Jan. 10 – Fair	Feb. 27 – Fair	Apr. 3 – Fair	May 9 – Fair
Jan. 16 – Fair	Feb. 28 – Fair	Apr. 4 – Fair	May 10 – CLOSERS BIAS
Jan. 17 – Fair	Mar. 1 – Fair	Apr. 10 – Fair	May 14 – Fair
Jan. 23 – Fair	Mar. 6 – Fair (slight outside lean)	Apr. 11 – Fair	🏆 May 15 – Fair
Jan. 30 - (only 1 race)	Mar. 7 – SPEED BIAS	Apr. 12 – Fair	🏆 May 16 – Fair
Feb. 4 – Fair	Mar. 8 – Fair	Apr. 17 – Fair	May 22 – SPEED BIAS
Feb. 5 – Fair (speed lean)	Mar. 13 – SPEED BIAS (strong crosswind)	Apr. 18 – SPEED BIAS	May 23 – Fair
Feb. 6 – Fair	Mar. 15 – Fair	Apr. 19 – Fair	May 29 – SPEED BIAS
Feb. 12 – CLOSERS BIAS	Mar. 20 – Fair	Apr. 24 – Fair	May 30 – Fair
Feb. 13 – Fair (slight speed lean)	Mar. 21 – Fair (perhaps outside lean)	Apr. 25 – SPEED BIAS	May 31 – Fair
Feb. 14 – Fair	Mar. 22 – Fair (perhaps outside lean)	Apr. 26 – Fair	June 5 – SPEED BIAS
Feb. 15 – Fair	Mar. 27 – Fair	May 1 – SPEED BIAS	June 6 – CLOSERS BIAS
Feb. 20 – Fair	Mar. 28 – Fair	May 2 – Fair	June 7 – Fair
Feb. 21 – Fair		May 3 – Fair	