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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. COMMON SENSE

2. LUCKY LIS

3. LIL MISS PERFECT

The first post time is 12 pm ET, and there are two "Value Pick 5" wagers, each with a LOW 12% takeout rate. **COMMON SENSE** adds Lasix following seven months on the sidelines. Broke outward a bit in her last outing, saved ground in midpack, eased out into the stretch, then hopped back to her wrong lead when finishing evenly. The third-finisher then graduated in a maiden special over Turfway's synthetic with a 63 Beyer. This isn't an easy layoff to overcome, but she should run on in the stretch for a barn that sent out maiden special to maiden claiming winner Cross of Valor on 5/29. **LUCKY LIS** pressed the 28-1 last-finisher through a hot opening quarter, attacked outside under a confident ride, then tired after swapping leads several times. Figures up close to the pace. **LIL MISS PERFECT** (\$4,500 December juvenile) is a half-sister to Grade 1-winning turf router Mirth, Grade 2-winning dirt miler Vault, multiple stakes-placed dirt sprinter Call Me Andy (won debut; 90 dirt Beyer), and stakes-placed dirt sprinter Heat Dome (74 dirt Beyer). The dam was a stakes-placed dirt router (83 dirt Beyer), and the dam is a half to four black-type earners, including multiple stakes-winning dirt router Copper State (94 dirt Beyer). The last two works match up with the barn's 3-year-old filly Ballykeefe (69 turf Beyer). Perhaps they went in company. **EXTRA SPECIAL** is a half to multiple stakes-winning turf router Talk Show Man (102 dirt Beyer), stakes-winning dirt sprinter Just Jack (won debut; 88 turf Beyer), and stakes-placed turf router Jack's Legend (86 turf Beyer). **AUTHENTIC LADY** (\$27,000 RNA yearling; \$20,000 RNA May juvenile) is a half to Grade 1-placed turf sprinter Kanthaka (101 wet-dirt, turf Beyer). **ROCK TALK** might have aimed too high going two turns against special weights in her first start on turf.

>> RACE 2

1. READY FOR MAGIC

2. TIPMANEE

3. CHEESE

READY FOR MAGIC tracked from in between horses, dropped down to the rail on the turn, cut the corner, and finished evenly to best three of these in a race dominated on the front end. Her lack of early zip is somewhat worrisome, and she'll need some pace and race luck from near the back. Conversely, **TIPMANEE**'s early speed plays very well in this heat, and she returns to her preferred dirt surface following a failed dirt experiment. Ran into arguably tougher foes two back when behind Kuaga, who then hit the board in her next two starts with a 78 Beyer top. This barn went 2 for the last 10 (20%, \$3.54 ROI) when moving from turf to dirt. **CHEESE** didn't have an easy trip late last month. Prompted two others from the rail, then was checked and shuffled all the way back to last on the fence. Made an early lead change on the turn, cut the corner, and never threatened. The barn sent out a 26-1 winner sprinting on the dirt on 6/5. Can settle into a nice outside stalking position.

>> RACE 3

1. ISIVUNGVUNGU

2. INCINERATOR

3. SKY'S NOT FALLING

ISIVUNGVUNGU seems well-entered for his first start following a 314-day layoff. Stalked outside at Colonial last summer, swung four wide into the stretch, and flattened out in the final eighth. That race produced three next-out winners, as well as Horsepower, who then hit the board in his next six starts with a 95 synthetic Beyer top. Breezed a comfortable solo half-mile on 6/13 and is tactical enough to get close to the pace. **INCINERATOR**'s form is a bit dirty as he tried dirt last time, and was against too tough in the Jim McKay Turf Sprint two back. Ran well at this level on May 1 when rallying from well off the pace to grab second late. **SKY'S NOT FALLING** won the Maryland Million Turf Sprint in 2022, so turning back to this distance shouldn't pose a

problem. Tried to rally against a good field in a slow-paced heat last time out for a barn that sent out a 19-10 winner on 5/31. PLEASENTHANKU is out of stakes-placed synthetic sprinter Heart Astray (84 turf Beyer).

>> RACE 4

1. VEKOMA VELOCITY

2. BIGSHOT NESS

3. MODRANACH

VEKOMA VELOCITY exits an excellent try over a one-turn mile at Gulfstream. Tracked five wide on the backstretch, advanced to prompt the pace four wide after a half-mile, made a three-wide bid on the turn under urging, then tried hard for second. Expecting him to settle in stalking range while saving ground. **BIGSHOT NESS** never got a breather over muddy going at Delaware. Set a pressured pace inside the 5-1 third-finisher through quick splits of 24.16 and 23.75, dropped back from in between entering the second turn, was urged along outside, and steadily tired. Might not have to work as hard to grab the lead this afternoon. Hazlewood lands here instead of **MODRANACH**, who returns to dirt for the first time since behind claimed by McMahon. Tracked a quick pace from in between horses that day, altered course to the rail into the stretch, then finished evenly after being late to change leads. He has good tactical speed and can set up shop from just off the pacesetter.

>> RACE 5

1. TIZ COMPLEX

2. DANDY VANDY

3. TRULY THRILLING

Curious to see what we get from **TIZ COMPLEX** as she returns from a whopping 341-day layoff at a shorter distance. Set a pressured pace inside the 6-1 fifth-finisher, then stayed on gamely for third behind the two favorites. That Monmouth heat produced two next-out winners with Souper Amusing repeating in a \$40,000 "beaten" claimer there with a 72 Beyer. Shouldn't be too far off the pace for a barn that went 8 for the last 32 (25%, \$2.15 ROI) when moving from route to sprint. **DANDY VANDY** likely gained needed fitness when rallying for second when returning from a 237-day layoff on dirt. Wired by a 72-1 shot on turf two back, she broke outward a bit, tracked three-to-four wide, raced three wide and in between entering the second turn, then changed back to her left lead. The fifth-finisher hit the board in her next two with stereo 64 Beyers. Expect a strong late bid. **TRULY THRILLING** has upside, and she ran her fastest race to date in her lone prior turf outing. Think she'll race closer to the pace for a barn that sent out two winners since 5/23. **SADIE'S HOLIDAY** switches surfaces as a half-sister to stakes-winning turf router Patsy's Holiday (91 turf Beyer). **CRAB MENTALITY** didn't have the best trip in her debut on turf, then might have needed her last race off the layoff. The third-finisher from her turf start then graduated in a Turfway synthetic special weight with a 63 Beyer. Too early to give up on **KENTUCKY MULE**, who faced tougher competition in Kentucky.

>> RACE 6

1. JULIA'S A FOX

2. ENDLESS VOW

3. DONA LUNA

JULIA'S A FOX raced outside in midpack behind solid fractions (23.35; 23.19) on turf two back, tried to keep pace as they sped through the third quarter in 24.01, altered course to the outside in the upper stretch, and passed some tired horses with a promising gallop-out. In tough against an odds-on winner in a match race on dirt last time out, she tried her best, indicating that she's retained her form. She'll likely attempt to rally from midpack. **ENDLESS VOW** enjoyed a good pocket trip when finishing ahead of the top pick last month. Saved ground every step, and got up for second behind the favorite. Won't be surprised if she works out a similar pace-tracking, ground-saving trip after breaking from the rail. This barn went 11 for 43 (26%, \$2.63 ROI) between 5/15 and 6/13. **DONA LUNA** returns to the scene of her maiden victory after racing wide against a fast pace at Delaware. **FAHNEE** went very fast (22.35; 22.68)

before understandably tiring. The winner of that heat repeated in a \$16,000 "non-three" beaten claimer with a 67 Beyer. Extra distance a big question mark, but she should get to the early lead. HYSTERICIS should get some pace to attack, and her lone win came over this surface two back.

>> RACE 7

1. S S SINATRA

2. PRINCE OF JERICHO

3. CYBERTIME

S S SINATRA tapered in from his wide draw to save ground at the back behind a hot pace, swung widest, and finished evenly against a tough group in the Grade 3 Maryland Sprint. The third-finisher then placed in Delaware's Alapocas Run Stakes with a 91 Beyer. He's tactical enough to adapt to any pace scenario. **PRINCE OF JERICHO** returns to his preferred surface after a couple of turf tries. He's hit the board in his last nine dirt tries, and ran too well to lose in each of his last four main track races, losing by less than a half-length on each occasion. Set a three-ply pace from in between three back, made the lead and the rail, and just couldn't fend off the 20-1 pace-presser. Figures right there when they turn for home. Russell lands here instead of **CYBERTIME**, who seeks his seventh consecutive victory. Note that he last ran on 7/18, was listed as a Delaware vet scratch (sick) on 5/20, and now must deal with a 336-day layoff. Set a slow pace last time in a race where they ran 1-2-3 around. The runner-up then hit the board in his next three starts with an 83 Beyer top. Expect good early speed for a barn that went 6 for the last 26 (23%, \$2.11 ROI) with last-out winners. **BOLD DIVERSION** faced sharp Twelve Treasures, who then took a second-level allowance at Monmouth with an 86 Beyer. He has an underrated late kick.

>> RACE 8

1. BELTANE

2. JUNGLE GLOW

3. WATCH OUT WORLD

BELTANE returns from a seven-month break after being wired by the odds-on favorite. Broke sharp, settled into a nice pocket position, altered course to the outside, and finished evenly. Faced three next-out winners, and Kohoutek took a \$30,000 "non-three" seller with a 74 Beyer. Briceno lands here instead of Watch Out World. **JUNGLE GLOW** has solid back form on turf, and he was claimed out of his last race by an excellent and underrated trainer. He was wired in his most recent turf effort by Skyloft, who then ran third in a second-level allowance here with a 78 Beyer. He's looking for a bit of pace help up front. **WATCH OUT WORLD** broke inward slightly, tracked outside, made a three-wide bid on the turn under urging, then only finished evenly. Expect him to get forwardly placed. **ALEXIS ZORBA** takes a big drop in class. Dueled with the 6-1 seventh-finisher in his first start of the year before tiring in that Aqueduct sprint. Likely won't have to expend as much energy to get close to the pace. **TWIRLING EXPRESS** was wired by the favorite when aiming high at Penn National. Nice fit at this class level.

KALI'S KEY – by Kali Francois

Race 5: #6 Tiz Complex - 5/1

Cal Lynch had a really nice first-time starter win last weekend, so depending on the price you get, just know I am bandwagoning this a little bit. With the pattern change that happened in that effort before the winter break and the fact that Paco is on, I have a feeling this one will be sent a little more. I also think the difference between a three-year-old and a four-year-old is a massive difference. While a typical router, the second wire distance will help this one first off the layoff.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 2

#5 - Tipmanee

Trainer: Jose Corrales

Turf to Dirt: 2 for 10 (20%, \$3.54 ROI)

RACE 5

#6 - Tiz Complex

Trainer: Cal Lynch

Route to Sprint: 8 for 32 (25%, \$2.15 ROI)

RACE 6

#6 - Endless Vow

Trainer: Horacio De Paz

Between 5/15 and 6/13: 11 for 43 (26%, \$2.63 ROI)

RACE 7

#3 - Cybertime

Trainer: Anthony Farrior

Last-Out Winner: 6 for 26 (23%, \$2.11 ROI)

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

Trip Notes - Recent performances that deserve an asterisk. All others: trust the past-performances.

Race 1: Maiden Claiming 35k, 3-6YO (F), 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Other notes:

- **#7 LUCKY LIS** ran well to finish 4th last out after pressing a fast pace early (21.74) that favored closers. She seems a logical contender right back dropping in class and could still have more to offer if rationing out her speed a touch more efficiently.
- **#9 ROCK TALK** stumbled at the start last time which wasn't ideal; not sure it was the reason for her being beaten 20L, though, and she'll still need way more cutting back in trip.

Race 2: Claiming 7.5k, 3YO+ (F), 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Notes
#6 CHEESE	Claiming 12k, LRL, 6F, Fast Dirt, 05/30/26 – 6 th	Clean break from rail; prompted even pace from ~1L back on the rail to the ½, then found herself in tight, took up and steadied hard, losing several lengths and momentum; from there, she failed to recover.	While one would still have liked to have seen her offer more of a recovery after the interference, this was clearly a troubled trip that led to a below par effort; we're probably best off tossing this race and giving her another shot with blinkers off today.

Other notes:

- Making her first start against winners, **#4 I'M A LIL WICKED** was shuffled a back a little entering the far turn last out, which cost her several lengths on the quickening leaders and put her on the back foot, from where she couldn't recover. She didn't nearly do enough to earn an upgrade, but she might be capable of offering more like she did two back with a different trip that allows her to remain with the 'flow' of the race.
- After being bumped at the start, **#5 TIPMANEE** was outrun and then asked for no effort at all from her rider through the stretch when making her turf debut off the layoff last time; plenty of reasons to believe that she simply didn't handle the surface that day, and it might be worth giving her another shot under more favorable conditions. Note: her lone win came over a heavily speed biased track.

Race 3: OC 55k/C Allowance, 3YO+, 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf**Other notes:**

- In his last start on turf (05/01/26), **#4 WHERE'S RAY** briefly found himself boxed in on the turn last out which forced his rider to wait a little longer than intended before commencing a run. It's tough to say that was the reason for his off-board finish though, because he then had plenty of time to make inroads through the stretch when clear, but was readily out-kicked by **#5 INCINERATOR**. Seems more likely that he was just simply below his best, possibly 'bouncing' off his big return effort; he then ran a flat race on the dirt last time which, even if it did come over his lesser preferred surface, does leave him with questions to answer now.
- **#5 INCINERATOR** was instantly put at a disadvantage when he stumbled badly at the start last out in an off-turf sprint here at Laurel – we can forgive him that effort and judge him on his prior turf tries instead. Note: in his last start on turf with Lasix, although the pace was hot, with the rails at 70ft, it didn't fall apart and he ran a very solid race to finish 2nd – that form makes him live today.

Race 4: Maiden Claiming 12.5k, 3-6YO, 1 Mile, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#2 DIVINE SWAGGER	Maiden Claiming 12k, LRL, 1 1/16M, Fast Dirt, 05/30/26 – 2 nd	Restrained entering first turn; traveled strongly ~6L off the modest pace while racing towards the center of the track back stretch; advanced with a 4W bid on the far turn racing into the lane, then stayed on well (despite his rider losing the crop ~1/8 pole) but had too much to do.	This effort is deserving of a small UPGRADE, not only because he raced wide on the far turn and his rider lost the crop in the lane (that mightn't have made much difference), but the pace was also modest-slow (50.61 ½) which helped the always prominent winner and early pace setter (finished 3rd at 12/1). Suspect he can improve from this route debut with a more efficient trip and better setup.
#3 BIGSHOT NESS	Maiden Claiming 25k, DEL, 1M, Muddy Dirt, 05/27/26 – 5 th	Reluctant to load; broke sharp and set an honest pace in front rounding first turn; was then taken on racing down the back stretch and engaged in a speed duel while racing down on the rail; dropped back a little rounding the far turn despite willingly responding to pressure, then faded grudgingly through the stretch.	It was unfortunate for him that the eventual 3rd place finisher decided to take him on racing down the back stretch (he was racing on the rail, so it was hard for him to take back out of the duel) as the pair then whipped through a 47.91 which proved too much for him. He can improve on this tricky trip if able to ration out his speed more efficiently today and he looms a big player down in class.

Other notes:

- Not sure it made much difference as he was never far back, but it might be worth noting that there was a speed bias present at Gulfstream when **#1 VEKOMA VELOCITY** last ran which possibly made his task of running down the eventual wire winner more difficult. Whatever the case, it was a likable effort from him and he's respected today.
- **#4 TREASURETHEMEMORIES** bolted off the first turn last out was quickly pulled up thereafter; tough to trust.
- **#5 GONNA MAKE IT** didn't do nearly enough running to earn an upgrade but did sit a wide trip on the turf last time.
- **#6 MODRANACH** became fractious in the gate last time which is often an underrated reason as to why a runner can improve on another day.
- Exiting the same race as **#2 DIVINE SWAGGER**, although he wasn't setting fast fractions in front, it seemed like **#7 HOORAW** was just being rushed off his feet early to hold his front running position before fading. Feel he is a closer through and through, and he may be more effective if resorting to those tactics today.

Race 5: Maiden Claiming 35k, 3-6YO (F), 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#3 CRAB MENTALITY	Maiden Claiming 35k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Sloppy Dirt, 05/22/26 – 5 th	Away well; contested pace to ½, then dropped back and chased from between foes in the 3P racing to the top of the lane; stuck to her task well under pressure racing to the 1/8 pole, then steadied and checked as a rival came across her, costing her a little momentum and ground; from there, she ran on but was never getting involved.	Returning off a lengthy layoff and running on what is surely her lesser preferred surface, she encountered trouble in the stretch here which possibly cost her a position or two. Having broken very slowly on debut, it was pleasing to see her get away well here; with a sharp break again and a cleaner trip second back and returned to the turf, a PB looks in the offing today. Note: there was a strong speed bias present this day which possibly did help her.
#5 DANDY VANDY (FR)	Maiden Claiming 35k,	Lacked speed and raced in rear of pack early, then dropped back further when resisting kickback as rivals crossed over	Making her first start for 237 days and racing on her lesser preferred surface, this runner-up effort can be UPGRADED through her very wide trip and

LRL, 5 1/2F, Sloppy Dirt, 05/22/26 – 2 nd (DQ)	entering far turn; was roused along and taken wide out of kickback, then made a bold bid in the 5-6P rounding into the lane before continuing her rally – while drifting in (which she was later DQ'd for – to the wire.	because she rallied (after resenting kickback) against the strong speed bias. Especially if she can keep straight through the lane, she should play a significant role with a more ground saving trip back on a fair turf track and with the long stretch to help her late kick.
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Other notes:

- In her lone turf try (04/18/26), **#7 TRULY THRILLING** was twice pushed out into the center of the track through the stretch, possibly costing her 2nd. Makes her first start on turf with blinkers on today. Note: there was no visible reason for her tame effort on the dirt last time.

Race 6: Claiming 16k, 3YO+ (F), 1 1/16 Miles, Turf

Other notes:

- While launching a bid from the rear, **#6 RISK AND REGRET** was hemmed in by a rival between the ¼ and 1/8 pole last time and had to force her way out, making contact with her foe which lost her a touch of momentum; while it didn't cost her the race, a slightly smoother trip second back could see her build on that promising comeback effort (her first start with Lasix).
- The chart comment notes how **#7 PAP'S LIL PATRIOT** steadied at the ¾ pole last time, but it's a reach to call that a steady (she seemed to be lugging out a little on the turn) and we cannot attribute her heavy defeat to that.
- Although she didn't quite do enough to earn an upgrade, having lacked speed and then been very keen in rear, **#8 SOMME RIVER** lost ground racing very wide on the far turn last time which almost certainly cost her a position or two, and there are reason to believe she still has more to offer. Note: she had a very favorable pace setup when winning at Tampa two back; also note: regarding her last start, the chart comment from Delaware (again!) is inaccurate – she was beaten a good five lengths, not three.
- **#10 FAHNEE** was ridden way too aggressively over 6F last time, setting rapid, closer friendly fractions with a 4L lead before inevitably tiring late on. While today's trip remains a question mark, we shouldn't take that last try as an accurate reflection of her ability.

Race 7: OC 55k/C Allowance, 3YO+, 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#6 HOWGREATISNATE	Allowance, LRL, 7F, Fast Dirt, 05/29/26 – 7 th	Bumped start, away slowly in rear; tracked even pace in last from ~4L back into the turn; held his position inside while traveling well to ~5/16; angled off the rail and began to launch a rally between foes entering the lane but was then put in very tight between horses ~3/16 which caused him to clip heels and stumble badly, completely ending his chances; from there, he was not persevered with.	Lucky not to have fallen, this was a very troubled trip, and we can toss this race, judging him on his prior starts instead. Note: his effort two back is deserving of a small upgrade (did best of the closers despite some early trouble and wide trip in a race that saw speed hold well). Player.

Other Notes:

- Feel that we can be forgiving of the fact that **#1 INTREPID'S LEGACY** regressed on the Beyer scale last time because her stablemate (HAILEYSFIRSTNOTION, who romped in wire fashion with a 96 Beyer) dragged the field through blistering fractions which only she could sustain; this inevitably led to the three beaten runners (including 'IP' who was wide on the turn) tiring late on. It was a solid enough effort in defeat from her regardless and she'll demand respect again today. Note: she's a very headstrong mare which could make things difficult for her rider/lead to traffic trouble having drawn the rail.
- **#2 PRINCE OF JERICHO** has been bumped exiting low draws in his last two starts (both on turf) which have prevented him from showing the early speed he's shown on the dirt before; he can be more forwardly positioned with a cleaner break today. Note: he was lightly bumped between foes in the stretch last time and then tapped on the brakes very close home which cost him more than the nose he was beaten for 4th (not enough to earn an upgrade though).
- **#3 CYBERTIME** was able to set a slow, uncontested pace in front before narrowly holding on at Delaware when last seen (possible downgrade). Returns off lengthy layoff today.
- **#4 BOLD DIVERSION** lost ground with a wide trip on the turn last out; while it's a stretch to say it cost him a position, it did likely hurt his speed fig.

Race 8: Claiming 16k, 3YO+, 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Other notes:

- Speed held very well in **#1 BELTANE**'s last race (11/21/25), with the top five finishers (including runners at 20/1 and 71/1) filling those positions throughout; probably best to take that form with a pinch of salt. Returns from layoff today.
- Accepting the fact that he was returning from a layoff and trying to wire a tough group of horses over 6F when last seen, it was still somewhat concerning to see quite how quickly **#4 ALEXIS ZORBA (GB)** stopped in the stretch (rider was not hard on him), and he now has questions to answer.
- Although **#8 RED SPITFIRE** lost ground with a wide move on the turn before rallying on his left lead to win last time, we shouldn't upgrade the effort as he also received a very favorable, closer friendly pace to run at. Makes turf and barn debut today.

Horses To Follow

R5: DANDY VANDY (2/1 ML)

DANDY VANDY (FR) brings the strongest turf form into this race, having repeatedly held her own against tougher company. Returning from a 237-day layoff in an off-the-turf event last time, she resented the kickback early and dropped out to last before making a huge wide rally against a speed-favoring track to pass the post in second. Although later disqualified for interference in mid-stretch, the effort was better than it looks on paper. Now back on the grass, with a long stretch to aid her late kick, and taking on the easiest field she's ever faced on turf, she could prove tough to stop second back with Hazlewood retaining the ride.

R7: HOWGREATISNATE (8/1 ML)

A three-time stakes winner with multiple lines that fit very well against today's group, at 8/1 on the morning line HOWGREATISNATE could be worth chancing once again in today's seventh. His recent form doesn't stand out but is easy enough to forgive, given he's endured a run of bad luck, catching speed-favoring tracks, trying to close into slow paces, and most recently a near-disaster when clipping heels in the stretch. It may simply be too soon to say that he's lost the step his PPs suggest he has, and a clean trip shouldn't see him too far away.

FUTURE HORSES TO WATCH

POWER GRID (*Breezed 5F - 1:01.60 at LRL on 6/14*)

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.

LOVELIEST

Trainer: Eddie Kenneally

Last Race: April 17, Race 7

Finish: 8th by 6 3/4

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

Trainer: Greg Sacco

Last Race: Jan. 16, 7th race

Finish: 4th by 4 ¾ 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.

ITHADTOBEBLU

Trainer: Hugh McMahon

Last Race: May 22, 9th race

Finish: 3rd by 1 1/4

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.

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.

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.

COME TO MAMA

Trainer: Sarah White

Last Race: June 13, 7th

Finish: 7th by 10 lengths

Don't take this running line too seriously, as this race was merely an experiment to see if she can handle dirt. She can't, and she'll likely return to her preferred turf surface for her next race, probably in a \$20,000 claiming or starter allowance.

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

FINN MCSORLEY

Trainer: Niall Saville

Last Race: June 13, 5th

Finish: 3rd by 4 3/4 lengths

He was rated back early in a race where the pacesetting winner got away with easy fractions of 23.70 and 24.11 seconds. Saved ground in midpack, was held up briefly in between horses at the quarter pole, then rallied decently nearer to the rail to just miss second. Fits racing on turf against \$16,000 "non-three" claimers.

TRULY AN HONOR

Trainer: Anthony Farrior

Last Race: June 13, 10th

Finish: 3rd by 5 3/4 lengths

She lost a valuable position early when bumped and jostled at the start, and wound up last on the rail after the opening quarter mile. Saved ground into the stretch, eased out for racing room, and tried her best for third behind a pacesetting winner. She's versatile enough to compete in maiden claimers going long or short, on dirt and on turf.

JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 1: Forest Boyce: #1 - Butler Road; #5 - Penelope's Gift >>> **Boyce rides PENELOPE'S GIFT**

Race 4: Yedsit Hazlewood: #3 - Bigshot Ness; #6 - Modranach >>> **Hazlewood rides BIGSHOT NESS**

Race 7: Sheldon Russell: #3 - Cybertime; #4 - Prince of Jericho >>> **Russell rides PRINCE OF JERICHO**

Race 8: Jean Briceno: #1 - Beltane; #2 - Watch Out World >>> **Briceno rides BELTANE**

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

A recap of **SUNDAY, JUNE 14 action at Laurel Park**. Visit theracingbiz.com for John Piassek's FREE full analysis of today's Laurel card.

Race 1: After struggling in his last few starts, Forrest City rebounded in a big way. He rated off of early leader Sin Permiso, took advantage when that one tired, and kicked away to an emphatic 7 ¼-length victory. Rapidity closed from well off the pace to complete the exacta. He proved to be the only one who made up serious ground on dirt all afternoon.

Race 2: Our Charm was cold on the board but hot on the track. The 7-1 Brittany Russell trainee dueled for the lead in the three-path, then took command at the top of the lane and wasn't challenged from there. One of the other duelers, Baru, finished a clear-cut second. Gary Capuano sent out a pair of well-regarded first-time starters. Favored Lucky Siete showed interest when well-beaten to grab third, while second choice Westbound Cat did no running at all.

Race 3: Bushido's got the need...the need for speed. He lasted through early pace pressure for his third gate-to-wire win in his last four starts. He was claimed for \$12,500 by Lacey Gaudet in November and has since earned almost \$70,000; there were no takers for \$40,000 in this spot. War Humor wore down Big Tankness late to complete the exacta.

Race 4: Last out, **And Sum** led almost the whole way and held second. This time, he finished the job. He established control in the first few seconds and never looked back. After struggling over the winter and early spring, he looks like he's back in his best form. Close the Gate made what looked like a promising move on the turn, and though And Sum ran away from him in the stretch, he still finished a clear-cut second.

Race 5: Start Tappin chased the pace on the outside in the early stages. On the far turn, he made his move after Free Costs To Much, who had to work hard for the early lead, and kicked past that embattled leader. Several rivals attempted to wear Start Tappin down, but he had too much to give and held

on for the 11-1 upset. Favored Notion in Motion rallied well for second in his first start since November 22, while Airbrush, the only first-time starter in the field, overcame a wide journey for third.

Race 6: Suremeanttoobe cleared to the rail and the lead from post position six, but was soon met with a challenge from Don't Wait Up to his outside. That rival stuck a head in front at the top of the stretch, but Suremeanttoobe fought back and won an exciting stretch battle. Favored Rampagius was forced to check twice up the backstretch and just missed getting third.

Race 7: When in doubt, you could do worse than betting Larry Johnson-bred, Mike Trombetta-trained runners on the grass. Trombetta and the Johnson estate teamed up to win the Stormy Blues Stakes with **Hark Theangelssing**. Making her first start since November 7, she rated off of clear leader Gerrards Cross in the two-path early on. The early leader fought determinedly in the stretch, but Hark Theangelssing eventually wore her down under vigorous urging from Ismerio Villalobos and won by a neck. Favored Only for Now and second choice Just Philtored had their chances to go by but couldn't kick on. Tap Into Grace closed with great late interest after early traffic trouble and missed second by a head.

Race 8: Masakado stalked the pace two-wide and opened up a clear lead at the top of the stretch. Early leader Warrior Wayne fought back from along the inside, but Masakado managed to hold on.

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
May 8 – CLOSERS BIAS
May 9 – Fair
May 10 – CLOSERS BIAS

May 14 – Fair
🏆 May 15 – Fair
🏆 May 16 – Fair
May 22 – SPEED BIAS
May 23 – Fair
May 29 – SPEED BIAS
May 30 – Fair
May 31 – Fair
June 5 – SPEED BIAS
June 6 – CLOSERS BIAS
June 7 – Fair
June 12 – Fair
June 13 – Fair
June 14 – SPEED BIAS

