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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. BREWMASTER

2. SNEAKING SUSPICION

3. BOSS LILY

The first post time is 12 pm ET, and there are two "Value Pick 5" wagers, each with a LOW 12% takeout rate. **BREWMASTER** gave a solid effort in his first start following a 201-day layoff. Worked out a pocket trip in a slow-paced race, angled out into the stretch, then made up a couple of lengths despite hopping back to his left lead. This barn has two turf winners this year when making their second start following 180-365 day layoffs. **SNEAKING SUSPICION** broke a beat slow and was squeezed back at the start, seemed a bit rank pulling hard to save ground behind the top pick, eased out into the stretch, and finished evenly. He has an underrated late kick and might get a bit more pace to attack. This barn has two winners since 6/6, including 17-1 Hey Alexa. **BOSS LILY** stalked a fast pace while three wide, raced three deep and in between after a half-mile, made a strong four-wide bid on the turn, then drew away from maidens despite changing to his left lead. He's in career form right now, but gets a bit of a class test. SALVO TRIGGER finished ahead of Honor Mags in his most recent turf start, and was flattered when that foe returned to take a \$16,000 starter at Delaware with a 71 Beyer. Expect good early speed.

>> RACE 2

1. WEATHER BEATER

2. FINAL ENGAGEMENT

3. WHISKEY BREW

WEATHER BEATER bobbled a couple of strides out of the gate in dirt debut, then was hustled hard to set the pace inside of the favored winner. She tired badly along the inside, but might have been in too tough that day for the \$35,000 tag. The fifth-finisher from that race then ran third in a quarter maiden claimer at Delaware with a 54 Beyer. Similar speed and fade on turf last time out, but she seems well-entered at this class level, and is quick enough to grab the lead from the rail for a barn that went 7 for the last 23 (30%, \$2.43 ROI) with experienced horses adding blinkers for the first time. **FINAL ENGAGEMENT** ran well in her first start after 246 days on the sidelines. Chased a fast pace from the outside, then held steady for the show spot. Think she gained a good amount of fitness from that race, and has the tactical speed to sit just behind the top pick. Still waiting for **WHISKEY BREW** to run back to that one-mile race last year, a heat where she finished strong with a good gallop-out. She was simply outsprinted by that quick pace two back, then didn't do much on turf 13 days ago. There's a chance this pace melts down a bit for her in the final three-sixteenths.

>> RACE 3

1. ORATOR

2. PAID VACATION

3. M D FIELDSTONE

It's been a busy 2026 this far for **ORATOR**, who finished third in a 12-furlong novice rider flat race at Old Dominion Point to Point on 4/4, was pulled up in a maiden hurdle on 5/2 at the Virginia Gold Cup races, and in another on 5/17 at Potomac Point to Point, then returned to the flat in a tougher maiden special weight here last month. Looked a bit hot going to the post in the most recent start, tracked three wide most of the way, then only finished evenly while being forced outward slightly approaching the wire. Want to see him take back and make one strong run as he drops in class for a barn that sent out a 29-1 jump winner here on 6/21. **PAID VACATION** was bumped at the start, saved ground in a nice position behind a fast pace, swung outside into the

stretch, then rallied for second behind the favorite. This barn sent out a 7-1 winner on 6/19 and a 6-1 winner on 6/20. **M D FIELDSTONE** is lightly raced with upside potential, and he made up some late ground 12 days ago after taking advantage of a fast early pace. He has some questions to answer stretching out in distance for the first time. Kingsley lands here instead of Skullduggery.

>> RACE 4

1. TAKE A HINT

2. KARAN'S NOTION

3. DEWY'S BEAST

TAKE A HINT showed no rust when returning from a 191-day layoff. Prompted the 3-1 sixth-finisher from the outside, took over for good at the three-eighths pole, and held firm while racing along the rail. Beat three of these that afternoon, but this still seems like a slight class hike. Expecting good early speed for a barn that went 8 for 26 (31%, \$2.58 ROI) between 5/16 and 6/21. Hazlewood lands here instead of Dean Delivers, All the Hardways, and Factor It In. **KARAN'S NOTION**, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 5/29, saved ground at the back, made a four-wide bid on the turn, then made up some late ground when four lengths behind the top pick. Doesn't appear to have the same tactical speed as he's aged, but can rally late if the pace is honest. **DEWY'S BEAST** ran better than it looks when returning from a 112-day layoff. Hooked up in a hot pace battle (22.93; 23.12) with the 2-1 fourth-finisher before fading. The third-finisher then placed in a \$40,000 optional claimer with an 86 Beyer. He won going second off the layoff in 2024 and shouldn't be too far away when they turn for home. Big class drop might be just what the doctor ordered for DEAN DELIVERS, who broke through the gate prior to the start last time. Remember that he won the De Francis here in 2024.

>> RACE 5

1. SILVERBULLETTWENTY

2. ICING

3. CITY PANDA

The worry with **SILVERBULLETTWENTY** is that the slow-breaking, late-runner won't receive the fast race flow he needs to succeed. Case in point, he was wired in his last two races by shorter-priced horses. Broke slow two back, sat in a loose pocket at the back, cut the corner, and finished evenly. Broke a beat slow from the rail last time, saved ground at the back, was steadied entering the turn, made a three-wide bid, swung four-to-five wide, and made up over three lengths. He'll run in the stretch at a square price, but the pace scenario is concerning. Conversely, **ICING** has good speed, and might not have to work nearly as hard to get the lead as he did in his most recent start. Battled with the odds-on winner through solid fractions (23.53; 23.52) in that two-turn sprint at Charles Town, then held third over next-out winner Logstradamus (67 Beyer in dime starter-optional there with a 67 Beyer). He won the last time he raced over this oval. **CITY PANDA** finished ahead of a couple of these, including the top pick, when wired by favored Ecumenical. Like Silverbullettwenty, he would benefit if the pace is hotter than projected. TIZ NO CLOWN has angles dropping in class and moving from turf to dirt. Faced Guapo Again on dirt two back, and that one then hit the board in his next two starts with Beyers of 80 and 79.

>> RACE 6

1. MR. FUNTASTICO

2. MONTERREY

3. CELTIC PRINCE

MR. FUNTASTICO tracked a slow pace from in between horses, split rivals in the upper stretch, and tried hard to just miss in his circuit debut. Bested three of these that day, has hit the board in six of his last seven starts, and is tactical enough to work out a nice trip from close to the pace. This barn went 13 for the last 34 (38%, \$3.42 ROI) with newly-claimed runners. **MONTERREY** saved ground in the pocket two back on turf, eased out to split rivals, then finished evenly inside the top two finishers. The winner then compiled a record of 3-2-1-0 with a 92 Beyer top. He still has upside, but must deal with a

lengthy layoff. **CELTIC PRINCE** ran pretty well when a length behind the top pick. Seemed a bit hot going to the post, tracked the slow pace while three-to-four wide, made an outside bid on the second turn while swapping leads, and changed back to his left lead on the wire. Think we'll see a bit more early speed this afternoon. **KEEN TALENT** is still unexposed on turf, and he rallied pretty well over a speed-friendly dirt track last time.

>> RACE 7

1. GENA B

2. RERUN TABLE

3. CURLENE'S SPIRIT

GENA B was wired in an Aqueduct race where they ran 1-2-3-4-5 all the way around the track. Tracked three wide, made an outside bid on the turn, and flattened out late. She's quick enough to find a good position while close to the pace and clear of traffic for a barn that went 10 for 38 (26%, \$2.59 ROI) between 5/17 and 6/21. **RERUN TABLE** is the lone four-time winner in the field, and she exits a good try against stakes-class Slewperstus. Tracked outside, attacked from in between horses on the turn, then stayed gamely for second despite being late to change leads. She'll likely be forward from the opening jump. **CURLENE'S SPIRIT**, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 3/7 and 4/3, tracked three-to-four wide at the back of a compact field, tracked three wide after a half-mile, took over at the five-sixteenths, and rolled to victory around two turns. Beat two next-out winners that day for a barn that went 4 for the last 11 (36%, \$3.89 ROI) with experienced horses adding Lasix for the first time. Hazelwood departs for LAW SCHOOL, who was a stakes-winner last year and should kick in the stretch.

>> RACE 8

1. ARTILLERY GUNNAR

2. DAUFUSKIE ISLAND

3. WOODLINE

ARTILLERY GUNNAR tracked outside, made a three-wide bid on the turn, then stayed on for second. He's very comfortable at this six-furlong trip, and can kick late given a fair pace. Burnham departs for Just for the Money. Uncoupled stablemate **DAUFUSKIE ISLAND** beat the top pick last time out, but he enjoyed a picture-perfect pace-tracking, ground-saving trip that afternoon. Raced in the pocket, scooted up the rail, and was on his way. He figures to be squarely in the thick of things when they turn for home. **WOODLINE** pressed the 14-1 fifth-finisher through quick fractions of 23.04 and 23.29, cleared off on the turn, then was too good for that group. The barn went 7 for the last 33 (21%, \$2.20 ROI) with last-out winners off the claim. **JUST FOR THE MONEY** was rated off the pace last time out, but don't be surprised if he reverts to the speedy tactics that have proved successful for him in the past. **MURRAY** was wired at Delaware by Just Relax, who then took a \$6,000 starter at Monmouth with a 75 Beyer. Late-runner has some back class, and is hoping for a stronger race flow.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 2

#1 - Weather Beater

Trainer: John Salzman Jr.

Experienced Horses, First-Time Blinkers: 7 for 23 (30%, \$2.43 ROI)

RACE 4

#6 - Factor It In

Trainer: Carlos Mancilla

Between 5/16 and 6/21: 8 for 26 (31%, \$2.58 ROI)

RACE 6

#4 - Mr. Funtastico

Trainer: John Salzman Jr.

First After Claim: 13 for 34 (38%, \$3.42 ROI)

RACE 7

#3 - Curlene's Spirit

Trainer: Jose Corrales

Experienced Horses, First Lasix: 4 for 11 (36%, \$3.89 ROI)

RACE 7

#6 - Gena B

Trainer: Horacio De Paz

Between 5/17 and 6/21: 10 for 38 (26%, \$2.59 ROI)

RACE 8

#5 - Woodline

Trainer: Kieron Magee

Last-Out Winners, First After Claim: 7 for 33 (21%, \$2.20 ROI)

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

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

Race 1: Claiming 16k, 3YO+, 1 1/8 Miles, Turf			
Horse	Race	Trip	Notes
#7 SNEAKING SUSPICION	Claiming 16k, LRL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 06/05/26 – 5 th	Pinched badly start and away slowly in rear; quickly angled down to the rail, then took a strong hold in behind the tightly bunched field as they raced through slow fractions; was under a tight hold on heels inside racing into far turn, then held his position despite traffic as the leaders stepped on the gas and edged away racing to upper stretch; cut the corner and turned for home ~6 1/2L off the lead, then stayed on very willingly to be beaten 3 1/2L but had to much to do; galloped out nicely in front.	A very strong effort from him second back given he had no pace to close into; back out to 1 1/8 miles today with a truer pace signed on, he could be capable of making some noise.
Other notes: - #1 BOSS LILY received an excellent pace setup when breaking his maiden at short odds last out, closing from rear with a smooth trip into fractions of 23.37, 46.91 which seemingly helped him produce his career best Beyer. - #2 MAJESTIC BLUE raced much wider than ideal on the turn when staying on for 3rd in an off-turf event last time; if in the same form today, he may be capable of improving with a more ground saving trip as he returns to the turf with blinkers added for his new barn. - #3 EFFICACY did well to win when last seen at Tampa given he failed to find any cover early and was then running keen while 3-4W on both turns; seems he has the potential to offer more with a different trip as he returns to Shankle's barn today. - #4 BREWMASTER returned off the layoff last time with a fine effort in what was a very slowly run affair (25.05, 49.86); while one could argue that the pace benefited him as he was positioned within 3L of it for the majority, he did then become a little outpaced as the tempo lifted before finishing evenly in a manner to suggest he may actually have preferred to have some pace to run at. Recon he can step forward from that return today. - #9 OXFORD UNION finally got the maiden broken last time courtesy of an overall good trip and setup; he did, however, have to briefly tap on the brakes when trying to launch a bid on the far turn, for which he can be awarded some extra credit; he hit the line like today's 1 1/8M trip could be his best, and he demands respect right back.			

Race 2: Maiden Claiming 12.5k, 3-6YO (F), 6 Furlongs, Dirt**Other notes:**

- Returning off a layoff, **#2 FINAL ENGAGEMENT** was not ridden efficiently last time: she tracked the hot pace from 3-4L back into the turn, then made an early move into the fast pace while 3-4W to take a close 2nd before understandably tiring again in the lane; she'd have been better off saving ground on the turn and waiting for the speed to come back to her a little before launching a bid in the stretch, rather than advancing into the hot pace when it was still holding strong. All things considered, she did well to hang on for 3rd and second back today, she could have a big say with a more patient ride.
- **#4 THE RIZZLER'S GIRL** was put in a bad spot by her rider racing into the turn on the grass last out and then had to steady back a little; while this mightn't have been an ideal scenario, it certainly wasn't the reason behind her 14L defeat, and she'll need much more today.

Race 3: Maiden Claiming 35k, 3-6YO, 1 1/16 Miles, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#7 SKULLDUGGERY	Maiden Claiming 35k, LRL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 05/10/26 – 9 th	Taken back early; tracked even-slow pace on the rail from ~6L back into the turn, then clipped heels ~3/8 pole, stumbled and fell back with momentum lost; from there, he remained at an even pace (unable to go with the quickening leaders) to the wire.	We should not take this run as an indication of his ability on turf as he was not only poorly positioned in this even-slow paced race that favored those forwardly positioned, but he also met notable trouble on the far turn and was racing off a layoff. Expecting a significant step forward second back with weight off today.

Other notes:

- **#2 WICKHAM LANE** ran a disappointing race without a visible excuse last time; on debut, however, he'd ran well and his effort can be upgraded – trip note from debut: “He wasn't beaten far in the end despite the fact that after a babyish start he was tasked with closing into a modest-slow pace that held very well (top four finishers filled those positions throughout), and he had to steady twice as well! He was only able to level off ~1/8 pole and did very well to make up over 5L in that time”. Convinced he has more ability than he's shown on either occasion, maybe the addition of blinkers today will bring that out?
- **#3 TASKER** was positioned close to an even-slow pace that held well last time, possibly warranting a downgrade; that being said, however, he has shown tactical versatility in the past and was making his first start back from a layoff, so we shouldn't rule him or a step forward out, even if that last start did flatter him a touch.
- **#4 PAID VACATION** was positioned close to a slow-even pace that held well two back, which could often lead to a downgrade; however, he then improved when taken back and given a fast pace to run at (23.15, 46.87) last time (aided by a great trip), which seems his preferred setup, and that run seems a truer reflection of his ability. Would rank him higher on the shortlist if today's pace threatens to heat up.
- Both of **#5 M D FIELDSTONE**'s efforts sprinting on the grass suggest he'll improve for today's stretch out in trip third back. He also raced wide on the turn last out too, for which he can be awarded some extra credit. Not ruled out.
- **#8 SHAKIN MY HEAD** lacked the late kick required to threaten in an even-slow paced affair two back, then failed to sustain the gallop in a fast-paced race last time; if today's pace is just even, he might be capable of stepping forward a little on both those recent effort third back.

Race 4: Claiming 30k, 3YO+, 6 Furlongs, Dirt**Other notes:**

- **#2 DEAN DELIVERS** broke through the gate pre-race last out, then he raced wide on the turn and he was not ridden through the final 1/8, exacerbating the margin of defeat; there are plenty of reasons as to why he can offer more/get back on track as he drops into calmer waters today.
- We can forgive **#3 ALL THE HARDWAYS** for his regression on the Beyer scale last out because after finding himself in tight shortly after the break, he was then left trying to close into a slow pace over a heavily speed biased track while wide; his prior efforts appear a fairer reflection of his ability and he shouldn't be dismissed now dropping in class.
- Although he eventually finished last of five, **#5 DEWY'S BEAST** actually ran a very nice race going 7F off the layoff last time considering he was conceding match fitness all round and he pressed a fast pace (22.93, 46.05) along the inside early. We can forgive him for fading late on and expect an improved effort second back at 6F today.

Race 5: Claiming 7.5k, 3YO+, 5 ½ Furlongs, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#3 TIZ NO CLOWN	Starter Allowance, LRL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 05/30/26 – 4 th	Showed speed between foes in the 2P early, then was shuffled back a little and lost ground on the far turn; came under pressure and responded; turned for home ~6L back in 8 th , then began to re-rally before tapping on the brakes and altering course when in tight ~1/16 pole; from there, he continued to stick on well for 4 th .	He didn't have a completely clean trip (we can UPGRADE his effort slightly) in this race yet still ran very well regardless; the gelding operation (and possibly surface switch) looked to bring out improvement and today's reapplication of blinkers may see him offer more once again.
#9 SILVERBULLETTWENTY	Claiming 7.5k, LRL, 6F, Fast Dirt, 05/31/26 – 3 rd	Lacked speed; traveled strongly chasing the even pace on the rail to the ½, then steadied a little entering the turn and dropped back a length; from there, he recovered his momentum and angled outside before launching a very wide bid into the lane and rallying nicely for 3 rd .	While his steady entering the turn wasn't awful or race ending, combining it with his very wide trip and the ground he lost racing into the lane, we can UPGRADE this effort. If in similar form today, he could go close with a clean trip.

Other notes:

- **#4 ADDY'S LADDY T N T** lost ground racing wider than ideal on the turn last time; he can offer more with a ground saving trip third back today; makes debut for Magee.
- Although the fractions were solid (22.08, 44.25), speed still held fairly well in **#5 TOUGH WORKOUT**'s last start (24/1 pacesetter finished 2nd, nearest stalker early was beaten just 2 3/4L despite trouble); TW therefore had no real excuse and will likely need more returning to dirt today.
- **#6 ICING** ran another solid race to hold 3rd last out after contesting an honest-fast pace with the 3/5 winner early. He could be dangerous back at 6F today with weight off, especially if saving just a little more for the stretch.

Race 6: Claiming 16k, 3YO+, 1 1/8 Miles, Turf

Other notes:

- **#1 DATS TAP** was squeezed at the start last time and then left racing against the 'flow' that saw speed hold relatively well; he did well under the circumstances to finish 4th and may be suited by today's stretch out in trip.
- Exiting the same race as #1 DATS TAP, in which it appeared difficult to make up ground, **#3 CALL ME A CAB** raced notably wide on the turn; he could be suited by today's stretch out in trip.
- Although **#4 MR FUNTASTICO**'s latest effort isn't quite deserving of an upgrade, it's easy to argue that he would have won with a different ride: in a slowly run race (25.05, 49.86), the jock was not nearly aggressive enough into the first turn and allowed the eventual winner to take what should have been his spot/trip (which proved to be a winning one); he instead found himself pulling in between and behind horses off the slow pace to ~3/8 pole, and then he couldn't reach the winner who had gotten the jump on him. Recon he was every part as good as the winner (who ran a 71 Beyer), and he may be capable of showing that while making his debut for Salzman Jr today.
- Exiting the same race as above, both **#5 MAUPANSANT** and **#8 LOMAX** (very wide on both turns) appeared unsuited to the slow pace and could be capable of offering a little more today. Meanwhile, **#10 CELTIC PRINCE** was aided by racing prominently to the slow pace (because he's not the strongest finisher at two turns), which negates the potential for us to upgrade his effort due to his wide trip. Respected right back, whatever the case.
- **#9 KEEN TALENT** ran with credit to pick up 3rd last out seeing as the pace was just even (he's best closing into a fast pace), and there was a speed bias present. Switches back to turf today.

Race 7: OC 62k/N1X Allowance, 3YO (F), 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Other Notes:

- **#3 CURLENE'S SPIRIT** made a splash in the slop when last going two turns in February despite a notably wide trip (6W 1st, 3-4W 2nd) that entitles her to a possible upgrade (although remaining wide can often be advantageous on the slop); returns off layoff with a cut back in trip and lasix added today.
- Having ridden speed biases in her starts two and three back, it was pleasing to see **#5 RERUN TABLE** actually step forward to produce a career best with a very game stalk and pounce trip (albeit in defeat) over a fair track last time; she couldn't go with the talented winner inside the final 1/16 but still maintained stride well and galloped out nicely; could be tough back at 6F today.
- Although the track appeared to be playing fairly, it's worth noting that **#6 GENA B**'s last race at Aqueduct was a merry-go-round race, with the five runners never changing position once throughout – the two 9/2 shots ran 1-2 in front, 'GB' chased them (while wide – potential extra credit) in 3rd, the 8/5 fav never landed a blow from 4th, and the re-

opposing #1 LAW SCHOOL (3/1 in that race) trailed throughout. We might be best served to take that form line with a pinch of salt. Note: she dictated a slow pace over a speed biased track when breaking her maiden (and posting her best Beyer) three back.

Race 8: OC 12k/SAL 8k, 3YO+, 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#7 MURRAY	Starter Allowance, DEL, 6F, Muddy Dirt, 05/21/26 – 4 th	Lacked speed from outside post; chased slow pace from ~5L back into the turn, then raced very wide (~4-7W) while under pressure racing to upper stretch before finishing evenly for 4 th .	This was a slowly run 6F sprint (23.29, 47.38) that saw speed hold extremely well; combining this with his extremely wide trip, and he really had little chance as a closer; expecting him to offer much more under different circumstances today.
Other notes: - After adopting more patient tactics than previously, #1 JUST FOR THE MONEY failed to switch leads in the lane last out. - #6 ARTILLERY GUNNER was no match for the impressive #4 DAUFUSKIE ISLAND (who arguably won with a little in hand after working a great trip) last time; however, 'AG' did race 2-3 paths wider on the turn while carrying 10 pounds more than 'DI'; wonder whether he can narrow the margin – or reverse the form – if saving more ground today with just four pounds weight difference between them?			

Horses to Follow

R1: SNEAKING SUSPICION (5/1 ML)

Although now a 6-year-old, SNEAKING SUSPICION continues to hold his form well and wasn't disgraced at all when beaten 3 1/2 lengths in a 16k claimer last time, especially considering he had virtually no pace to run at. A career-best 71 Beyer over today's course and distance last October proves he remains capable at this level, and now making his third start off the layoff facing a slightly softer group with a more favorable setup expected, he looks capable of going very close in today's opener.

R6: MR. FUNTASTICO (2/1 ML)

MR. FUNTASTICO was sent off at odds of 6/5 when making his Laurel debut last time, but a slowly run race and less-than-ideal trip left him with too much to do against a prominent rival who had first run on him. Beaten just three-quarters of a length despite those circumstances, the effort was better than it looks on paper. Now switching to the Salzman barn and facing what is arguably a softer group, he looks capable of putting that defeat behind him with a big effort.

FUTURE HORSES TO WATCH

POWER GRID (Breezed 5F - 1:03.40 at LRL on 6/21)

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.

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.

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.

RERUN TABLE *(Entered at Laurel – TODAY, Race 7)*

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.

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.

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.

ITHADTOBEBLU *(Breezed 4F - :50.40 at CNL on 6/20)*

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 *(Breezed 5F - 1:01.60 at FAI on 6/22)*

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.

JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 3: Taylor Kingsley: #5 - M D Fieldstone; #7 - Skullduggery >>> **Kingsley rides M D FIELDSTONE**

Race 4: Yedsit Hazlewood: #2 - Dean Delivers; #3 - All the Hardways; #4 - Take a Hint; #6 - Factor It In >>> **Hazlewood rides TAKE A HINT**

Race 5: Jorge Hernandez: #5 - Tough Workout; #7 - Backnthewoods >>> **Hernandez rides TOUGH WORKOUT**

Race 7: Yedsit Hazlewood: #1 - Law School; #3 - Curlene's Spirit >>> **Hazlewood rides LAW SCHOOL**

Race 8: Matilda Burnham: #1 - Just for the Money; #6 - Artillery Gunnar >>> **Burnham rides ARTILLERY GUNNAR**

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

A recap of **SUNDAY, JUNE 21** action at Laurel Park. Visit theracingbiz.com for John Piassek's FREE full analysis of today's Laurel card.

Race 1: Hold Out won this one in a 14 ½-length romp. He rated off the pace on the inside and surged to the lead when early leaders Lucky Prince and McLovin tired. Serifos was the best of the rest, showing some decent late kick for second.

Race 2: Doctor Love tried to run away and hide. He opened up a 25-length lead at one point and maintained a clear lead on the final turn. However, his strides rapidly shortened, and 29-1 **Morning March**, who was headstrong early, rolled by him and ultimately won by 14 ½ lengths. Doctor Love still held second, seven lengths clear of the others.

Race 3: Lucky Tin Tin made the early lead, but was pressed from her inside by Judy G, who kept her off the rail. By the time Lucky Tin Tin cleared to the lead on the far turn, she had to deal with a fresh challenge from She's a Carny. While Lucky Tin Tin dismissed that rival, she couldn't hold off **Zen Dreams**, who overcame a wide trip to take command in a final sixteenth.

Race 4: Lendalfoot drafted towards the back of the pack in the two-path early on, then moved four-wide after the leaders on the final turn. He kicked on in the stretch to break his maiden as the slight favorite. Midnight Prowler chased gamely and held second over Matadora and the hard-charging Firestreak.

Race 5: Fayes Heart couldn't have asked for a better trip. He raced 1 ½ lengths off an early duel between Raging Cajun and Paul's Guitar, while racing two lengths clear of the rest of the field. He moved past the embattled leaders on the turn and drew away to an easy victory. Raging Cajun ran the best of the duelers. He was beaten 6 ¾ lengths, while Paul's Guitar finished four further lengths behind.

Race 6: Hot Boss had to work hard to get the lead in the stretch after a wide trip. She grinded hard in the stretch, battling with three rivals from her inside, but eventually wore them down. Ground-saving Let Her Pass By held second by a nose over Holy Joanie and a strong-closing Over My Cents.

Race 7: After finishing well-beaten in the Heft Stakes in late December, Gary Capuano gave **Very Volatile** the winter off. He came back to the worktab in early April and made his season debut a winning one here. He was pressed on a slow pace by favored Lookin at Mac, but fended him off and pulled away to a solid 2 ¾-length score.

Race 8: Read On handled the class jump from straight \$20,000 claimers to second-level allowance optional claiming foes in a determined effort. He made the early lead, fended off Sticktothesystem and Antisocial when they put their respective heads in front at the top of the stretch, and held on over the rallying Can Group and Tapit Kissit Winit. He was claimed from that race by Kieron Magee; it'll be interesting to see where Magee sends him next.

Race 9: Sheldon Russell wrangled **Derbyness** off the pace on the first turn, allowing longshot Go Joe Won to lead uncontested. That strategy worked well, as Derbyness took command when Go Joe Won tired, and had just enough left to hold off the oncoming Preacha Meyers.

Race 10: In his first ride in a 5 ½-furlong grass race here, Cipriano Gil made a faux pas in the stretch when he misjudged the finish, and stood up after crossing the first finish line aboard Take Me to Church. The early leader probably wouldn't have held off the oncoming **Boat's a Rockin** anyway, but he might have finished better than fourth. Upgrade him for next time.

PAST TRACK TRENDS

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
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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
June 19 – Fair
June 20 – Fair
June 21 – Fair

