



HANDICAPPING GUIDE for SATURDAY, JUNE 13

TODAY'S SELECTIONS FROM THE LAUREL PARK TEAM



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TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

>> RACE 1

1. CONTRA

2. FORTY SEVEN SMOKER

3. FINAL MOMENT

The first post time is 12 pm, and there are two "Value Pick 5" wagers featuring a LOW 12% takeout. **CONTRA** was bumped soon after the start, prompted the pace while three wide, traveled comfortably to grab the lead, then tired behind the two favorites. It's good to see the lightly-raced 5-year-old string together more than two races in a form cycle, and she has the early speed to get close to the pace once again. **FORTY SEVEN SMOKER** ran a better race than the top pick two weeks ago when second to the favorite. Checked and shuffled back to save ground in midpack, she angled outside and rallied nicely despite hopping back to her left lead approaching the wire. This barn sent out a 30-1 turf winner at Delaware last Saturday. Vargas lands here instead of Ashweee. **FINAL MOMENT** might have more upside than both of the top two selections, and she adds Lasix for her first start in 224 days. Placed ahead of a next-out dirt winner in her final run of 2025. LOUVAR's form is dirtied up by hurdles and synthetic starts. The last time she sprinted on the turf, she was beaten less than a length, and she would benefit if the pace is hot. ALLABOUTSASSY is a half-sister to stakes-placed turf router Judi Blue Eyes (78 turf Beyer) out of stakes-winning dirt router Sassy Love (92 dirt/turf Beyer). JET SPIN showed run-off speed in her first start for this barn on Delaware dirt, and she faced tougher in all three prior turf tries.

>> RACE 2

1. NAOMI AN RUTH

2. MARGARET P

3. YO LEVEN

NAOMI AN RUTH might have been aided by a speed-friendly track when graduating over sloppy dirt. Battled outside the heavily-favored runner-up, took over on the turn and secured the rail, then held sway in the stretch. Hylla next placed in a \$12,500 maiden claimer with a 47 Beyer. She should show early speed once again for a barn that went 4 for the last 10 (40%, \$4.08 ROI) with last-out maiden winners, but demand value as the added distance is a question mark. **MARGARET P** chased a pace-pressing winner over a speed-friendly track, stayed within range through a quick second quarter in 23.53, then was second best behind that runaway. She drew an excellent post position for this two-turn affair and should save ground going into the first turn. **YO LEVEN** underperformed when failing to take advantage of a hot pace at Parx although that distance might have been too sharp for her. The third-finisher then took a \$12,500 "non-two" claimer there with a 51 Beyer. Away for seven months after that race, she is tactical enough to find a good early position.

>> RACE 3

1. PATRICK'S PROMISE

2. LONGHI

3. FULLY BOOKED

PATRICK'S PROMISE was likely aided by a hot pace in a race where the top-three finishers came from seventh, ninth, and eighth, but it's worth noting he made the first move into that strong pace, and still held firm. Saved ground in midpack, and made a four-wide bid on his way to prevail. He'll kick in the stretch, but not sure that race flow is available. This barn went 10 for 30 (33%, \$2.64 ROI) between 5/23 and 6/7. Dropping in class, facing older horses for the first time, and racing as a new gelding, **LONGHI** uncorked a powerful run to score over course and distance. Raced in between in midpack behind a

solid pace, split foes, then flew home to beat the top pick despite being very late to change leads. Breezed comfortably on 6/5 outside 4-year-old gelding Soleil Volant (87 turf Beyer) for a barn that went 3 for the last 12 (25%, \$2.42 ROI) with last-out winners in the third following a 61-120 day layoff. **FULLY BOOKED** was bumped at the start on synthetic two back, saved ground behind a decent pace, made an inside bid, altered course very wide, then kicked them down. The runner-up then placed in a first-level allowance at Turfway with a 79 Beyer. Toss the last race as dirt isn't his best surface. **VILLAIN** was wired in his final start last year. The runner-up from that race then placed in a \$30,000 "non-three" claimer at Turfway with a 73 Beyer. Drops in class with the speed to get close to the pace. **MR FLOWERS** had a claim voided by the vet after tiring at Aqueduct. The runner-up then took a \$55,000 starter at Saratoga with an 80 Beyer. Good fit from a class and tactical speed standpoint.

>> RACE 4

1. COUNTRY BUMPKIN

2. FAROOQ

3. SWEET SPY

COUNTRY BUMPKIN was off two lengths slow on dirt two back after hopping in the air at the start. He then raced three wide in midpack, made a four-wide bid on the turn, angled inward to split rivals into the stretch, then passed some tired foes with a solid-looking gallop-out. The runner-up was then placed in a pair of special weights with Beyers of 71 and 65. Might be set for his best for a barn that went 4 for the last 13 (31%, \$2.29 ROI) in the third start following 180-365 day layoffs. **FAROOQ** gave a career-best Beyer performance when wired by the odds-on favorite in the first start following a 153-day break. He's always shown some potential and might have a better flow in the race this afternoon. **SWEET SPY**, a Laurel vet scratch on 4/19, is listed as a first-time gelding and has enough speed to get close to the pace. Faced two next-out winners when chasing fast fractions last time, and the fourth-finisher hit the board in his next two starts with a 70 Beyer top. **EL PAPACITO** cracked the top three in his last three starts and might be the quickest from the starting blocks.

>> RACE 5

1. FINN MCSORLEY

2. HYTECK PRINCE

3. OWHATANITE

Not easy to discern **FINN MCSORLEY**'s current form, as his last two came on dirt and hurdles, but he has solid back races on synthetic and turf. He was away well on synthetic three back. Tracked from the pocket that day, angled outside, and stayed for second behind the odds-on favorite despite being late to change leads. Finished ahead of two next-out winners in that spot, and seems handy enough to find a forward position after breaking from the rail for a barn that went 4 for the last 20 (20%, \$3.15 ROI) when moving dirt to turf. **HYTECK PRINCE** raced outside in midpack, seemed outpaced on the second turn, then only finished evenly. He's been freshened up, and there's a chance he'll be sharper with new blinkers for a barn that went 3 for the last 11 (27%, \$3.02 ROI) with horses racing with blinkers on. Perez departs for Sticktothesystem. **OWHATANITE** has angles as he returns to his preferred surface for his third of the year. Broke a beat slow on turf two back, pulled before settling at the back, eased out into the stretch, then rallied into third. The runner-up then grabbed a \$16,000 "non-three" claimer with a 71 Beyer. Stretch-runner needs pace and race luck. **STICKTOTHESYSTEM**'s early speed plays very well. Finished ahead of **Fridayswithmurray** in his most recent grass effort, and that one then ran third in a \$16,000 "non-three" claimer at Monmouth with a 74 Beyer.

>> RACE 6

1. GOODLUCK ROAD

2. CHAPIN ELEVEN

3. MOONLIT FROST

GOODLUCK ROAD gave a nice try in his first run after 170 days on the bench. Bumped at the start, he pressed the favored runner-up from the outside before finishing evenly behind the two chalks. Placed ahead of three of these, and was flattered when Golden Descent then won two in a row with Beyers of 64 and 65. Should be in the thick of things when the field turns into the long stretch. **CHAPIN ELEVEN** prompted the 5-1 third-finisher through a quick opening quarter over testing ground two back on turf, went after that one in earnest on the turn, then hopped back to his left lead in the stretch after being put in a bit tight. Figures a high price once again as he returns from a six-month break. **MOONLIT FROST** was pinched back in the opening furlong on turf two back, pulled hard through a quick second quarter in 23.94, advanced inside in the stretch, and finished evenly. The winner of that race then ran third in a quarter starter with a 71 Beyer. He's run well sprinting in the past for a barn that has two "dirt to turf" winners this year. **REPURPOSE** deserves a long look if able to escape the Also Eligible list. Expect a late bid from **ORIGINAL SCORE**, who cuts back in distance after being wired by the favorite at Tampa.

>> RACE 7

1. COME TO MAMA

2. KISSEDBYANANGEL

3. BELLOFTHEBLUEGRASS

COME TO MAMA is a huge question mark on this surface, as her best races have come on turf and synthetic, but there's no doubting her current form after a gutsy turf-sprint win. Handled a next-out winner, seems adaptable to any race shape, and should offer fair odd. **KISSEDBYANANGEL** receives class and distance relief after racing in two stakes, and should appreciate getting Lasix again. Focusing on the race three back, she tracked four wide, made an outside bid on the turn under urging, then tired behind Navani (next-out second in the Geisha with a 73 Beyer). This barn sent out a route to sprint winner last Sunday. **BELLOFTHEBLUEGRASS** has won three of her last four. Broke outward slightly at Charles Town last time, prompted the odds-on runner-up from the outside, and got the better of that foe. That runner-up then took a restricted stake there with a 71 Beyer. Tactical enough to get close to the expected moderate pace. Expect early zip from **SUSAN'S MULE**, who hooked up in a pace dispute with the 3-1 third-finisher last time before tiring. The fourth-finisher then took an \$8,000 starter-optional at Delaware with a 74 Beyer. **MISSY SIXTYSIX** faced two next-out winners when compromised by a lack of pace at Penn National. The winner repeated in a high-level allowance there with a 76 Beyer.

>> RACE 8

1. ENZO

2. MAGICAL MONDAYS

3. RYE DIGGITYDOG

ENZO gave a good try the last time he raced on turf. Battled for the lead from in between, then stayed for second behind the 2-1 second choice. That race produced two next-out winners, with Knockanara taking three more in a row with Beyers of 80, 80, and 84 (he's now stakes-placed). Toss out his last, as he was in steep following a nine-month layoff with some quality dirt horses. Expect him to get close to the pace for a barn that sent out four winners last month. **MAGICAL MONDAYS** must avoid being outrun in the early going as he shortens up to a true turf sprint for the first time in his career. Pushed the 25-1 sixth-finisher through quick splits of 23.19 and 22.75 before understandably tiring nine days ago. This barn sent out a 9-2 turf winner at Delaware on 6/6. **RYE DIGGITYDOG** saved ground in midpack, angled three wide into the stretch, then swapped leads several times when rallying into second behind the chalk. Finished ahead of three of these, and was flattered when Big Tankness repeated in a first-level allowance with a 78 Beyer.

>> RACE 9

1. BEAUTIFUL CRAZY

2. LET'S DANCE AGAIN

3. DON'T TELL KELLY

We'll learn more about **BEAUTIFUL CRAZY**'s overall quality this afternoon, but she sure seems quick out of the gate. Sped off to the lead at Mountaineer last time out before being kicked down by a mare that is 3 for 3 on turf. Perhaps she's better on synthetic, but she figures to be in front when the real racing begins, perhaps at a playable price. **LET'S DANCE AGAIN** is another that might be more effective on synthetic, but she enters this heat in fine form after a front-running two-turn win at Turfway. Shook loose on the lead in that spot before drawing clear. She's won sprinting in the past, and seems like the kind of filly that can successfully rate and finish. Karamanos departs this one and Clay Soldier for Wonder Girl. **DON'T TELL KELLY** looked good rallying from off a strong pace to score two weeks ago. Pinched back at the start, she saved ground in midpack, split rivals on the turn, swung four wide into the stretch, and drove clear despite hopping to her left lead right on the wire. This barn went 4 for the last 16 (25%, \$2.19 ROI) with last-out winners.

>> RACE 10

1. TRULY AN HONOR

2. GEN ON TOUR

3. PINKY SWEAR

TRULY AN HONOR was wired in a slow-paced heat where they ran 1-2-3 around the track. Tracked from the pocket over that sloppy track, angled outside into the stretch, and finished evenly. Think a similar trip is in the offering for a barn that went 9 for the last 26 (35%, \$2.27 ROI) in the first start after the claim. Uncoupled stablemate **GEM ON TOUR** is a half-sister to multiple stakes-winning dirt router Award Wanted (91 dirt Beyer) and multiple stakes-winning dirt performer V. I. P. ticket (90 dirt Beyer) out of stakes-placed dirt miler Touring Hong Kong (won debut; 68 dirt Beyer). Vargas departs for Hurricane Lynn. **PINKY SWEAR** tried to rally in a slow-paced debut over a speed-friendly Delaware strip, then was no match for Doc's Miracle (returned to compile a 4-1-2-1 record with a 75 Beyer top) going two turns at Timonium. She can take a nice step forward with new Lasix for a barn that went 17 for 85 (20%, \$2.27 ROI) on dirt between 8/24 and 6/6. HURRICANE LYNN was wired over a speed-friendly track two back, and now returns to dirt after being in tough on grass. Expect early speed.

KALI'S KEY – by Kali Francois

Race 6: #10 Transquaking - 20/1

Stretching him out last time out? Yes. Not stretching out on the turf? This is where an opportunity to claim was taken, and smartly so. This one is a half to The Last Scip, Jones Falls, and Seville Row - all strong turf routers. In that first start, had a green moment around the turn where he was kind of waiting for others, but then on the stretch he got right back to business. When the other horse passed him, I don't think he got discouraged, he simply said to himself "Hey, I did my job, this is all I have" and just kept plugging, which is why the stretch out on an individual basis. We're back to sprinting for now and I think he'll enjoy this! Blinkers and weight off tell you everything you need to know about a game plan.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 2

#4 - Naomi an Ruth

Trainer: Jose Corrales

Last-Out Maiden Winners: 4 for 10 (40%, \$4.08 ROI)

RACE 3

#3 - Longhi

Trainer: Graham Motion

Last-Out Winners, Third After 61-120 Days: 3 for 12 (25%, \$2.42 ROI)

#4 - Patrick's Promise

Trainer: Michael Trombetta

Between 5/23 and 6/7: 10 for 30 (33%, \$2.64 ROI)

RACE 4

#5 - Country Bumpkin

Trainer: Kieron Magee

Third After 180-365 Days: 4 for 13 (31%, \$2.29 ROI)

RACE 5

#1 - Finn McSorley

Trainer: Niall Saville

Dirt to Turf: 4 for 20 (20%, \$3.15 ROI)

#9 - Hyteck Prince

Trainer: Chuck Lawrence

Blinkers On: 3 for 11 (27%, \$3.02 ROI)

RACE 9

#2 - Don't Tell Kelly

Trainer: Kenny Cox

Last-Out Winners: 4 for 16 (25%, \$2.19 ROI)

RACE 10

#2 - Truly an Honor

Trainer: Anthony Farrior

First After Claim: 9 for 26 (35%, \$2.27 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 16k, 3-6YO (F), 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf			
Horse	Race	Trip	Notes
#10 FORTY SEVEN SMOKER	Maiden Claiming 16k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Good Turf, 05/30/26 – 2 nd	Alert break; contested the pace on rail early, then checked hard ~1/2; dropped back to be racing ~5L off the lead in 6 th while behind foes racing to upper stretch; came under a ride upon straightening, switched out 1/8, then rallied smartly but missed.	Her troubled trip arguably cost her the race; UPGRADE this effort; player.
Other notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When #7 LOUVAR last ran on the flat on the turf (over today's course and distance, 10/10/25), she didn't run poorly at all, closing into an even pace from last after hesitating badly at the start. If retaining that same level of ability, a better start and possibly a stronger pace could see her get involved today. 			

Race 2: Claiming 7.5k, 3YO+ (F), 1 1/16 Miles, Dirt

Other notes:

- There was a strong speed bias present when **#4 NAOMI AND RUTH** overcame an early duel to break her maiden going 5 1/2F last time. Steps right out in distance making her first start against winners today.
- **#6 CHICKIN LICKIN** gained the early lead last time, then dropped to the rail which allowed the eventual winner (who romped) to apply pressure and push her through a 47.87 opening half mile which seemingly was too much. Wonder whether an outside post/different ride today can allow her to conserve a little more energy early (by not having anyone outside her pressuring her) and therefore help her step forward?

Race 3: Claiming 30k, 3YO+, 1 1/16 Miles, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#8 SOUPER CRUNCHY	Starter Allowance, GP, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 04/23/26 – 5 th	Dropped back early; chased hot pace from ~5L back on rail into far turn; angled into 2P and steadily began to creep closer until finding himself in tight between foes and checking upper stretch; from there, he was hardly persevered with through the lane and allowed to gallop home.	Not mentioned in the chart comment, he had his momentum checked at an inopportune moment and then wasn't asked for an effort late, exacerbating the margin of defeat. Second off the layoff with a clean trip today, he can take a meaningful step forward.

Other notes:

- **#2 ARMED N DANGEROUS** exits a slightly odd race on the dirt at Churchill in which the pace was even, yet the top three finishers – at odds of 7/1, 5/1 and 10/1 – still managed to fill those positions throughout. Wonder whether we should award him a little extra credit for finishing 4th as he was seemingly against the flow? Returns to turf today.
- Not helped by the fact he was a little short of room on the far turn, the rider on **#3 LONGHI** waited a long time before pulling the trigger, but he clearly knew what he was sitting on: the newly gelded gray closed impressively in the stretch to win, making up 5 1/2L inside the final furlong before galloping out nicely in a manner to suggest he'd have won by further/may have more to offer again if he can get rolling sooner. Note: he was likely aided by the strong pace in that race, not only because he's a closer, but he was also quite strong early and it helped him settle; connections are likely hoping for a similar setup.
- The pace (23.28, 46.77) fell apart in **#4 PATRICK'S PROMISE**'s last race, with the top three finishers (at odds of 5/2, 8/1 and 10/1) having been 11 1/2, 14 and 13 lengths off the lead at second call. While he may have still been best as the 5/2 fav, we should probably place an asterisk by that effort.

Race 4: Maiden Claiming 20k, 3-6YO, 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Other notes:

- Racing without cover after being hustled from the rail, **#1 SILVER SABER** became keen and ended up doing too much in front going two turns on the turf last time. Cutting back to 6F could be a good move. Lasix added.
- Not sure it made any meaningful difference to the order of finish, but it still might be worth highlighting that there was a speed bias present at Delaware when **#3 FAROOQ** finished 2nd in a modestly run 5 1/2F sprint (47.11) on the slop last time. It was a nice effort from him whatever the case.
- When working his way through traffic, **#4 PIPPIN THE WARRIOR** had to very briefly tap on the brakes ~1/4 pole when last seen in October; it wasn't significant enough to warrant an upgrade but seeing as he then rallied nicely through the lane to be beaten by just a neck, one could argue that it cost him the race. Lasix added for return off the layoff today.
- While accepting that he saved ground every inch of the way, and there were many troubled trips in behind him, **#5 COUNTRY BUMPKIN** still did well to finish as close as he did when making his turf debut last time, as he pressed and then contested a fast pace (21.83, 45.00) that favored closers. Player returning to dirt and dropping today.

Race 5: Claiming 16k, 3YO+, 1 Mile, Turf

Other notes:

- In his last start on turf, (05/02/26), **#4 STICKTOTHE SYSTEM** had to pause when in a little tight ~1/4 pole; while it didn't help his chances and he may have finished a touch closer otherwise, it's hard to argue that it cost him a position or that his effort needs upgrading. He was last seen running well in a fast-paced race sprinting 6F on the dirt, in which he did best of the speed.

- **#5 FAIRFIELD BAY (MTO)** had to await room in behind rivals on the turn which likely cost him 2nd last time (beaten a neck for that position; hardly cost him the win, though).
- **#8 IMAGINE IT ALL** sat a wide trip in his last turf start (coming off the layoff, 05/02/26); he was then again very wide last time when running an excusably below par race on the slop (which he seemingly disliked) last time.

Race 6: Maiden Claiming 16k, 3-6YO, 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Other notes:

- **#3 ORIGINAL SCORE** has run a number of races going long in which he's shown good early speed but failed to see out the distance; cutting back to 5 1/2F today with the long Laurel stretch could suit him perfectly as a potential closing sprinter.
- **#9 GOODLUCK ROAD** ran a likable race off the layoff last month, finishing 3rd at odds of 20/1, and he's deserving of major respect today. Do note, though, that hardly any runner made up any ground in that race, and it was very difficult for closers to get involved, which likely aided him. Maybe just take that form with a pinch of salt.
- With blinkers removed last time, **#10 TRANSQUAKING** broke sharp and took the early lead on the rail but was then quickly restrained back into a stalking position which didn't see him to great effect. Seemed like connections were deliberately trying to get him to switch off, but it's clear his best race was when he took the lead – the only time he's done so - and put his rivals to the sword in front going 5 1/2F. Blinkers back on today and a switch to the turf for the first time, it feels there's untapped potential here; expecting and aggressive ride and wouldn't rule him out.
- With blinkers back on, **#11 MOONLIT FROST** became very keen in his last start on turf going long last November, hence the chart comment: 'steadied along ¾ to 5/8' when he was in danger of running up on heels. We shouldn't mistake that comment for a bad trip, because he never had to properly check or lose his momentum, and his effort isn't deserving of an upgrade. However, with the blinkers retained today, provided he's ready off the bench, he could be interesting cutting back to 5 1/2F as the equipment certainly brings out the sprinter aggression in him on turf, and his two prior turf sprint tries – without blinkers – weren't bad.

Race 7: Claiming 30k, 3YO+ (F), 7 Furlongs, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#5 MISSY SIXTYSIX	Allowance [®] , PEN, 6F, Fast Dirt, 04/17/26 – 3 rd	Bumped hard, took up and steadied start; trailed the modest pace from ~8L back early; moved a fraction closer racing into the turn; chased under pressure while angling wide turn; came 6W into the stretch, then finished nicely for 2 nd .	While accepting that she's a closer by trade, the interference she suffered at the start still put her at a disadvantage in this modestly paced affair as she essentially gave the field a 5L+ head start; she did well to finish where she did. Have to assume that a cleaner break, extra 1/16, and/or faster pace to run at will help her offer more.

Other Notes:

- None.

Race 8: Allowance, 3YO+ [®], 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Other notes:

- It was suggested in these lines that after he broke his maiden on debut, **#2 BRIGHTSHININGLIGHT**'s ability probably lies much higher than his winning effort/speed figure suggested, owing to the fact that he pricked his ears when hitting the front and didn't do a lot close home (looked to be waiting on company), and he was fractious in the gate, which is often an undervalued reason as to why horses can improve (heart rate is already sky high before the race has begun which, among many other consequences of getting upset in the gate, typically leads to horses tiring much faster and earlier). He then backed up that theory when running another PB in defeat back on what could be his lesser preferred surface (dirt) after the May 23 card was washed off the grass last time. Connections seem to believe the grass is his best surface, so as he returns to it today, we may see more from him again.
- In his second start with blinkers on, **#4 MAGICAL MONDAYS** showed good speed before fading late around two turns last week; cutting back to 5 1/2F today with the long Laurel stretch and blinkers (sprinter aggression) retained, he could be seen to good effect as a closing sprinter.
- Not convinced it made a great deal of difference to the result, but **#8 JESSICA'S EYES** did sit a wide trip without cover going two turns in the James W. Murphy Stakes last time; feel he'll be seen to better effect back sprinting with Lasix on today.

- **#10 DARING VENTURE** finished well and galloped out nicely going a flat 5F when last seen at Pimlico last year. Provided he's ready off the layoff, today's 5 1/2F trip could be more to his liking.

Race 9: Starter Allowance, 3YO+ (F), 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Other notes:

- We shouldn't use the slightly rough start that **#1 INSTPARTY** endured last time as an excuse for her defeat – it was only very minor interference and as a closer, she was always going to end up racing in the positive she found herself in early. Needs pace to run at cutting back to 5 1/2F today.
- On the face of it, **#2 DON'T TELL KELLY**'s winning effort last time could be seen as upgradable, but it wasn't: she was pinched back to last at the start, but as a closing sprinter by trade – who had a pace to run at – it wasn't a major inconvenience to her (she didn't drop that far back at all); she then had to very lightly tap on the brakes ~1/2 mile pole, but this was fairly insignificant and barely hindered her momentum; and her 3-4W move into the lane wasn't a hindrance to her either, as it simply allowed her to maintain her momentum without facing traffic. Whatever the case, it was still a nice performance and if she gets a pace to run at again today, she should be right there at the wire.
- **#4 FIVECOMMATWO** was shuffled back a little at the 5/8 pole last out, but we can't use that as an excuse for her defeat as it only left her racing upsides **#2 DON'T TELL KELLY**, who then went on to score with a similar trip. In other words, it by no means left her in an impossible position as a closing sprinter by trade.
- **#8 WONDER GIRL** did best of the speed in an honestly run 6F contest that saw the top two finishers rally from 9th and 6th, respectively, at first call last time; cutting back to 5 1/2F could make her very dangerous third back today, especially if the early pace is moderate.
- In her last start sprinting (GP synth, 02/14/26), **#11 LET'S DANCE AGAIN** sat a slightly wide trip; she then won very nicely in wire fashion at two-turns last time – 5 1/2F on the Laurel turf with the long stretch could see her to good effect as a closing sprinter. Makes debut for Maldonado.

Race 10: Maiden Claiming 20k, 3-6YO (F), 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Other notes:

- **#1 SNOW BELLA** failed to see out the mile distance when last seen; cutting back to 6F today (now with fitness under her belt which she didn't have when posting a career best at the distance (first time Lasix) two-back) should see her to better effect.
- **#2 TRULY AN HONOR** didn't do enough last time to earn an upgrade for her effort, but we may still see improvement from her today because the pace was slow and there was a large speed bias present which made her task of running by the front two (who ran 1-2 throughout) difficult; also, she didn't look entirely happy taking the sloppy kickback after breaking from the rail. Expect more on a fast and fair track today as she makes her debut for Farrior.
- **#6 KARA M S** showed speed but failed to stay a mile last time; cutting back to 6F and dropping in class should make her more effective today.
- **#7 HURRICANE LYNN** was wider than ideal on the turn and then forced in violently towards the rail ~3/16 pole when trying the turf last time; neither factor was the reason for her defeat and she didn't do enough to earn an upgrade (wasn't going anywhere when the incident ~3/16 pole happened), but neither helped her either and she's probably capable of more than that. Note: there was a strong speed bias when she ran 3rd on the dirt courtesy of a forward trip two back. Also note: she has quite a 'turf' action, which might not be as effective on fast dirt as it has been the last twice when she ran on slop and grass.

Horses to Follow

R3: SOUPER CRUNCHY (10/1 ML)

SOUPER CRUNCHY didn't run a bad race on the grass last year, posting two wins and three seconds from six starts, with his only off-the-board finish being a fourth in a salty allowance at Delaware, for which he was rewarded with a career-best 74 Beyer. Following a winter break, Trombetta got him restarted in a competitive starter allowance at Gulfstream; the PPs tell you he was beaten 6 1/2 lengths with a 69 Beyer, but that doesn't tell the full story, as he checked when coming with a run in upper stretch and was then not asked for any real effort by his rider through the lane. Even so, the figure he posted fits well with this group, and with a clean trip likely to produce a sizeable step forward second back, he should be capable of using his tactical speed to outrun his 10/1 morning-line odds as he drops in class.

R6: MOONLIT FROST (15/1 ML)

MOONLIT FROST certainly doesn't jump off the page as a logical win contender in today's sixth: the 15/1 morning-line chance has just one share to his name from 15 starts and is returning from a 195-day layoff. However, his two starts sprinting on the turf at Laurel were both creditable, including when he closed into a slow pace to finish third with a 49 Beyer last June. In truth, most of his turf efforts fit reasonably well with this group. In the latest of those grass starts, Dilodovico reapplied the blinkers—which he had never previously worn on turf—and he didn't run badly at all, posting a 56 Beyer despite proving far too keen for the mile trip while tracking a strong pace. With the blinkers retained (and that aggression likely intact), he now gets the opportunity to sprint on the turf with that equipment for the first time, which could be the key to bringing out the best in him and getting him over the line in front. Strengthening the case further, Dilodovico is 5-for-13 (38%, \$5.06 ROI) when bringing maiden claiming sprinters back from layoffs of 180+ days.

FUTURE HORSES TO WATCH

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

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, 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 Stewpertitus 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, 7th race

Finish: 4th by 4 3/4 lengths

First-time starter was pinballed from in between horses at the start, and dropped all the way back to last. Started to kick in at the eighth pole, angled to the fence, and just missed getting third on the wire with a nice gallop-out.

ITHADTOBELU

Trainer: Hugh McMahan

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 - Jose Vargas >>> #9 - Ashweee; #10 - Forty Seven Smoker >>> **Vargas rides FORTY SEVEN SMOKER**

Race 2 - Jose Vargas >>> #5 - Tea Rose; #6 - Chickin Lickin >>> **Vargas rides CHICKIN LICKIN**

Race 3 - Yedsit Hazlewood >>> #5 - Amy's Music (MTO); #9 - Rhythm 'n Blues >>> **Hazlewood rides AMY'S MUSIC**

Race 5: Xavier Perez; #4 - Sticktothesystem; #9 - Hyteck Prince >>> **Perez rides STICKTOTHESYSTEM**

Race 5: Yomar Ortiz; #2 - Boss Mode; #8 - Imagine It All >>> **Ortiz rides IMAGINE IT ALL**

Race 6: Yomar Ortiz; #2 - Rio Del Valle; #4 - Quain >>> **Ortiz rides QUAIN**

Race 6 - Jose Vargas: #5 - Star Atlas; #10 - Transquaking >>> **Vargas rides STAR ATLAS**

Race 8 - Xavier Perez: #5 - Virginia Fitz; #8 - Jessica's Eyes >>> **Perez rides JESSICA'S EYES**

Race 9 - Horacio Karamanos: #5; Clay Soldier; #8 - Wonder Girl; #11 - Let's Dance Again >>> **Karamanos rides WONDER GIRL**

Race 10 - Jose Vargas: #5 - Gem On Tour; #7 - Hurricane Lynn >>> **Vargas rides HURRICANE LYNN**

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

A recap of FRIDAY, JUNE 12 action at Laurel Park. Visit theracingbiz.com for John Piassek's FREE full analysis of today's Laurel card.

Race 1: For the third race in a row, Whatsyourbigidea opened up a clear lead after racing on or near the pace, and for the third race in a row, she got caught late. In this case, **Stay in Tune** did the honors of mowing her down, getting up in the final few strides to win.

Race 2: Big Mo Gee and Calderan dueled each other into defeat, setting it up perfectly for **Speedy Alex**. That one swooped the field at the top of the lane and drew away.

Race 3: Three of the eight horses in here were exiting the third race on May 16, and they finished first, second, and fourth. **Pendar** ran a huge race, as he battled for the early lead with Skycross, dismissed that rival, then fended off a very determined Margie's Last for an exciting victory.

Race 4: Paco Lopez gave **Blessed Candy** an excellent ride. She rated in second on the outside while Royal Seamstress set the pace. At the top of the stretch, Blessed Candy poked a nose in front, and though Royal Seamstress fought back, Blessed Candy ultimately proved best.

Race 5: Drilling for Gold set an uncontested early lead and maintained control until the last eighth, when **Dairago**, who got a perfect trip off the pace on the rail, kicked on and wore him down. Even-money chalk Without had no late kick and finished a disappointing fourth.

Race 6: Belle of Liberty ran a huge race on the pace. She pressed the pace in the three-path, moved to the two-path on the turn, and wrestled away clear control in the final eighth. The other horses who raced on the early pace were beaten double-digit lengths. Gotta Be Da Shoes closed with interest to get third. Her rider, Raul Mena, claimed foul against the winner, but it was disallowed.

Race 7: Cal Lynch is always dangerous with 2-year-old first-time starters, and **Harper's Corner** was no exception. She bucked at the break, rushed up and opened a clear early lead, and cruised from there. Pelican Pier ran the best of the two Jerry Robb trainees; she held second after sitting just off the early pace.

Race 8: Jevian Toledo gave **Somnium** a perfectly-timed ride. She closed with authority in the stretch and caught loose early leader Precious Avary in the final sixteenth.

Race 9: Toledo completed a late double sweep with **Good Man Dan**, who sat off a very modest pace on the rail and took control once clear.

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	

