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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. ORACLE OF BEAUFORT

2. WICKED BOSS

3. FREEDOM GLIDER

The first post time is 12 pm ET, and there are two "Value Pick 5" wagers, each with a LOW 12% takeout rate. **ORACLE OF BEAUFORT** was the only part of a hot pace (23.28; 23.49) that was still there at the end. Prompted a three-ply pace from the rail, was rated back a bit to a loose pocket, eased out to split rivals on the second turn, then was over in behind foes in the late stretch. The top-three finishers came from seventh, ninth, and eighth at the half. Think he'll be a bit more patient in the early stages. **WICKED BOSS** finished ahead of the top pick, but it appeared he took advantage of that quick pace. Still, it was his first run of the year, and he had his head turned at the start before being pinched back in the opening strides. Settled in midpack, swung widest, and churned on to miss by less than a length. The winner returned to place in a \$30,000 "beaten" claimer with a 72 Beyer. Think he'll receive another promising race flow. **FREEDOM GLIDER**, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 6/6, was very game when just missing as the chalk. Set quick fractions at that nine-furlong distance, came under intense pressure from the 4-1 third-finisher on the second turn, put that one away, but was just softened up enough to fall prey to a late-kicker. He'll be close to the pace. Keep an eye on GREY BIGGSY, who might have needed one off the bench when failing to threaten allowance company three weeks ago at Delaware. He'll kick on late.

>> RACE 2

1. BARBADOS BULLDOG

2. TAMMY'S CRUISER

3. CHRISTY MY LOVE

BARBADOS BULLDOG, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 3/20, must deal with a 112-day layoff, but she raced against the grain of a speed-friendly track in her most recent start. Tracked from the pocket, seemed outpaced on the turn, cut the corner into the stretch, and failed to rally. The runner-up then hit the board in her next two starts with Beyers of 66 and 78. This class drop works, and she can set up shop outside, clear of traffic, while tracking the pace. Burnham lands here instead of Christy My Love. **TAMMY'S CRUISER** was taken in hand to rate off the rail at Parx, then advanced to press the favored winner's pace from the outside. Attacked outside under urging and settled for second. She won over this track two back and is versatile enough to lead or rate. **CHRISTY MY LOVE**, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 6/6, prompted the 5-2 runner-up, then forged past to beat "non-two" claimers. This is a tougher group, but she's sharp enough to race close to the pace.

>> RACE 3

1. LIAM'S GEM

2. EVERYDAY'S A BONUS

3. BRIKELI

LIAM'S GEM (\$220,000 yearling) is the first starter out of a half-sister to Grade 2-winning dirt router Capitaine from the family of champion Dreaming of Anna. The Liam's Map - Speightstown breeding "nick" produced multiple Grade 1 stakes-winning turf router Deterministic (won first two). Boasts a solid worktab for her debut, but might want a bit more ground. **EVERYDAY'S A BONUS** (\$25,000 weanling; \$225,000 yearling) is the first foal out of a half to Grade 2-winning dirt router Power Squeeze, Grade 3-winning synthetic router Fulleffort, and stakes-winning dirt sprinter Call On Mischief (won debut; 87

dirt Beyer). The second dam was a multiple stakes-winning router (92 dirt Beyer). The Cairo Prince - Hard Spun "nick" produced Grade 1-placed turf miler Degree of Risk. This barn went 6 for the last 25 (24%, \$3.61 ROI) with debut runners in turf sprints. **BRIKELI** didn't break the best then rushed up to prompt the pace. The winner then ran third in a \$20,000 starter with a 54 Beyer. Seemed a bit green, and might focus better with blinkers. **VINALIA** hooked up in a duel with the favored fourth-finisher in a synthetic race dominated by late-runners. The third-finisher then ran third twice with a 64 turf Beyer top. Expect good speed. Barbosa lands here instead of Extra Special. **TAKE HOME GOLD** finished ahead of Mind Boggling (next-out third in \$40,000 maiden seller at Monmouth) in first start off a long layoff. Can do better with that race under her girth. **APPEALING GIRL** is a half to multiple stakes-winning turf router I'm Betty G (94 turf Beyer).

>> RACE 4

1. GEM ON TOUR

2. KISS ME MO

3. PEACE BEFORE CHAOS

GEM ON TOUR, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 6/13, is a half-sister to multiple stakes-winning dirt router Award Wanted (won debut; 91 dirt Beyer) and multiple dirt stakes-winner V.I.P. Ticket (90 dirt Beyer) out of stakes-placed dirt miler Touring Hong Kong (68 dirt Beyer). The sire boasts a strong strike rate (17%) with first-time starters. **KISS ME MO** received a nice prep when facing some traffic issues on turf in her first start following a long layoff. Went way too fast (23.29; 23.59) on an uncontested lead on dirt two back, then stayed on pretty gamely when in a bit tight on the rail behind the two favorites. Looks like the one to catch once again. **PEACE BEFORE CHAOS** also moves from turf to dirt, and she has never been tested on a fast track. Acted up a bit prior to the start two back, then ran on for fourth in a race that produced two next-out winners (Cross of Valor graduated for the Maryland-bred waiver with a 53 Beyer). This barn sent out a 7-1 winner on 6/19 and a 6-1 winner on 6/20. **MIRROR IN THE SKY** (\$17,000 RNA yearling; \$20,000 yearling) shows some promising workouts for an excellent debut barn.

>> RACE 5

1. JACK'S LEGEND

2. WON AN AWARD

3. HANKSDIVININGROD

JACK'S LEGEND didn't have the easiest trip against a tough allowance group in his seasonal debut. Hopped slightly at the start, then tracked a slow pace while racing three wide throughout. Tired in the stretch, but likely gained fitness from that race, and seems very well-spotted at this class level. Seems tactical enough to work out a tracking trip without losing too much ground entering the first turn. **WON AN AWARD** also endured a wide trip in his seasonal debut. Claimed out of that race by a barn that sent out three winners here since 6/12, he won going second off the bench in 2024. **HANKSDIVININGROD** might be racing himself back into shape for this, his third start off a February layoff, and he gets slight class relief after racing in first-level allowance company.

>> RACE 6

1. WORK SMARTER

2. ROCK YOU BABE

3. CHATBOT

WORK SMARTER was jostled hard at the start last month, then raced all the way at the back of the field entering the first turn. He did get an excellent race flow, however, as they went quickly up front (23.15; 23.72). Made a three-wide bid on the second turn, swung widest into the stretch, then made up a couple of lengths despite drifting in a bit in the stretch. He doesn't have much speed, and he seems a bit green, but expect him to produce a late kick. **ROCK YOU BABE** has more speed than the top pick, and that gives him a tactical advantage in this heat. He chased fast fractions in his own right (23.37;

23.54), made an early bid into the teeth of that pace, then understandably tired. He still finished ahead of three of these, and should be right there when they turn for home. **CHATBOT** gets huge class relief after being wired in a special weight last month. The fourth-finisher then graduated in a special weight with a 72 Beyer. This barn sent out a 14-1 maiden-turf winner at Penn National on 6/2. Hazlewood departs this one, Plenty On Tap, and My Friend Lou for RAY OF LOV. NOBLE GEM has some early speed, and is expected to use it from his inside draw. HARD SWING faced tougher in his two prior turf races.

>> RACE 7

1. JODY'S PRIDE

2. BENDETTA

3. GRAMMY GIRL

JODY'S PRIDE, a Grade 2 winner last year, might be slowly racing herself back into shape for this, her third start of the current form cycle. Tracked from the pocket two back at Aqueduct, tried to keep up through a quick second quarter in 22.74, eased out briefly before altering sharply back to the rail, then just missed second on the wire. Shoved along a bit to complete a quick half-mile breeze at Saratoga on 6/21. Think she can work out a similar pace-tracking, ground-saving trip here. **BENEDETTA** was wired over this surface last month. Brushed leaving the gate, she tracked from the pocket, made a three-wide bid on the turn, and tried hard for second. Versatile filly seems adaptable to any race shape. **GRAMMY GIRL** appears the one to beat after reeling off three consecutive wins, two at the Grade 3 level. Beat the top pick two back, then might have raced on the best part of the track when a wide winner of the Vagrancy last month. Breezed a very easy half-mile at Saratoga on 6/20. Kicks late for a barn that went 8 for the last 19 (42%, \$2.49 ROI) with last-out winners.

>> RACE 8

1. CATALYTIC

2. DUKE OF DUVAL

3. BARBADIAN RUNNER

CATALYTIC looked strong in his first start for Brittany Russell. Prompted the 3-1 fourth-finisher while racing off the rail, attacked from the outside into the stretch, and drew clear in the lane. His tactical speed plays very well in this spot, and can get close to the pace for a barn that went 7 for the last 23 (30%, \$2.25 ROI) with last-out winners. **DUKE OF DUVAL** was wired by the favorite in the Pimlico Special. Didn't break the best, stalked from in between horses, raced on hold at the three-eighths, swung four wide under urging, and stayed on for fourth despite hopping back to his left lead. He's very well-entered in this spot with enough speed to get close to the pace. Hazlewood lands here instead of Sacred Thunder. **BARBADIAN RUNNER** has the home-field advantage and is perfect over this distance. Prompted the 5-2 runner-up from the outside in a slow-paced allowance, went on a hard chase on the second turn, then drew off with minimal fuss. XCELLENT START was wired in a slow-paced two-turn sprint at Charles Town. He can pick up some pieces with a late kick.

>> RACE 9

1. TRULY QUALITY

2. A BOURBON FOR TOBY

3. THUNDERING

This distance might be a bit short for **TRULY QUALITY**, but he's faced some tough graded competition in eight of his last nine starts. Saved ground near the back two starts ago at Santa Anita, made a three-to-four wide bid on the backstretch, was outpaced while four wide on the third turn, and only passed some tired ones. Didn't get away well last time out at Keeneland against two next-out winners (the fourth-finisher grabbed the Grade 2 Belmont Gold Cup with a 101 Beyer). He won off a similar layoff at Del Mar last fall, and won when removing blinkers in 2024. **A BOURBON FOR TOBY** saved ground at the back in a slow-paced edition of the Grade 3 Dinner Party, advanced three wide into the teeth of a 23.34 third quarter, then stayed strong for second.

Appears in career form right now. **THUNDERING** tracked three wide at Monmouth through solid fractions (24.03; 23.52), then swapped back to his left lead in the stretch. Think he'll get close to the pace. Perhaps NELSON AVENUE will be more aggressive from the start after facing two next-out 98-Beyer winners in a slow-paced race dominated by the two speeds.

>> RACE 10

1. HYMN

2. PENTATHALON

3. PETINGAS TWIN

HYMN has put it all together since being gelded, winning two consecutive sprints with 90+ Beyer Speed Figures. Broke sharply, although a bit inward last time, tracked the pace while three wide and in between, brushed sharply with an outer foe when splitting rivals four wide, then wore down the leader. Capable of sitting behind the expected quick pace for a barn that went 7 for 32 (22%, \$2.02 ROI) between 5/17 and 6/22. **PENTATHALON** tracked a slow pace from the pocket at the back of a short field at Aqueduct, angled outside, then just missed second. The runner-up returned to just miss in the Grade 3 Salvator Mile with a 105 Beyer. Curious to see if this distance is a bit sharp, but he did win moving from route to sprint three back. Kicks late for a barn that went 8 for the last 34 (24%, \$2.19 ROI) between 5/7 and 6/21. **PETINGAS TWIN** got away with easy fractions when beating classy Barbadian Runner at Charles Town, and was flattered when that foe returned to win a high-level allowance here by five lengths with a 93 Beyer. Hazlewood lands here instead of Haileysfirstnotion. FAUST ran very well over this course two back, then was in tough at Saratoga against reigning sprint champion Book'em Danno. Breezed an easy maintenance three furlongs with blinkers at Saratoga on 6/22.

>> RACE 11

1. MADEFROMLIONA

2. ALL FRUITS RIPE

3. TRANSQUAKING

MADEFROMLIONA saved ground in midpack behind a solid pace after a half-mile, angled four wide, and made about five lengths in the stretch. Faced two next-out winners that day, with the runner-up returning to compile a record of 7-4-1-1 with a 76 turf Beyer top. He has a nice late kick, but make sure to ask for fair value as he returns from a lengthy layoff. **ALL FRUITS RIPE** blasted out to an uncontested lead through quick splits (24.16; 24.27; 23.87), came off the inside, and understandably tired. Perhaps he'll revert to stalking tactics and save something for the stretch. **TRANSQUAKING** was wired sprinting in the first off the claim. Pressed the pace from in between rivals, seemed a bit uncomfortable in between in the upper stretch, altered inside, and finished up well despite changing back to his left lead. He'll show early speed at this longer distance. Expect improvement from RED SEA, who faced three next-out winners in his first start off a long break. The fourth-finisher graduated for the Maryland-sired waiver with a 68 Beyer. FAROOQ faced tougher in his two prior turf tries. The seventh-finisher from his last grass attempt then compiled a 5-2-2-1 record with a 67 Beyer top.

MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

R1: Wicked Boss ran huge in his first start of 2026, a race that has produced two runners with 70+ Beyer's next out. If he continues with that pattern, he could be tough to beat. Beale Street Boy looks to have found his best form since adding blinkers back on and 3-back. No surprise we see this one getting back to the turf.

R2: Barbados Bulldog takes plenty of class relief, a move that has worked well in the past for her. With speed to her inside, she looks to be set up for the winning trip we saw three and four starts back.

R3: Everyday's a Bonus looks well prepared for the debut, to be expected from this barn. While she may prefer a bit more ground, there is plenty of class in the pedigree which could benefit. Take Home Gold benefits from a start off the bench and now second time Lasix and blinkers, I find myself price shopping her.

R4: Curly Divining could be worth a look in the paddock, both the mare and half siblings showed ability early on, with 2/4 half siblings winning on debut. If rain is in the forecast, Peace Before Chaos warrants a shot with her efforts over a wet track.

R5: The inner draw could be advantageous to Won an Award, especially with his recent class relief. Hunter Joe has a tactical advantage in this group where pace may be in question.

R6: Rock You Babe made nice improvements in just his second routing try, a bit of experience going the distance should benefit him here. Ray of Lov might be overlooked at 30-1 but the troubled trips could warrant some forgiveness with Hazlewood opting here.

R7: An abundance of speed in here could setup well for Grammy Girl, who is 2/4 at Laurel. Her two starts since returning off of a winter break have been impressive. Maida looks to be back and ready based on the work tab. Her 2-back was highly impressive; I can't leave her out.

R8: Barbadian Runner gets a big test but hasn't given us any reason to doubt him here. A horse who I feel inclined to use is Warp Nine, ever since being claimed he has finished ITM all 13 times. Improving form and recent company warrant consideration here at 8-1 ML.

R9: A Bourbon for Toby was one who I found intriguing last out for a price, he put together a huge effort and looks to be finding his best form in recent starts. No slouches in that group, and the winner is a multiple graded stakes winner. The only horse to run back did win next out.

R10: If I can land Faust at 8-1 ML I will be skipping to the window. His effort over the course and distance 2-back resulted in a win the battle, lose the war type of trip. Celtic Contender comes out of the same field but didn't seem to run his usual race there, I give him a chance to bounce back in his third off the bench.

R11: Madefromliona faced much tougher company in his last effort going this distance, might be worth watching the tote board with Hazlewood aboard.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 3

#5 - Everyday's a Bonus

Trainer: Brittany Russell

First-Time Starter, Turf Sprint: 6 for 25 (24%, \$3.61 ROI)

RACE 7

#6 - Grammy Girl

Trainer: Saffie Joseph Jr.

Last-Out Winners: 8 for 19 (42%, \$2.49 ROI)

RACE 8

#5 - Catalytic

Trainer: Brittany Russell

Last-Out Winners: 7 for 23 (30%, \$2.25 ROI)

RACE 10

#4 - Pentathlon

Trainer: Shug McGaughey

Between 5/7 and 6/21: 8 for 34 (24%, \$2.19 ROI)

RACE 10

#10 - Hymn

Trainer: Ron Moquett

Between 5/17 and 6/22: 7 for 32 (22%, \$2.02 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: OC 30k/ SAL 20k, 3YO+, 1 1/16 Miles, Turf			
Horse	Race	Trip	Notes
#9 ORACLE OF BEAUFORT	Starter Allowance, LRL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 05/10/26 – 4 th	Away well; dueled through fast fractions around the first turn, then the rider eased him back off the frenetic pace to settle ~5-7L off the pace racing to the 1/2; lost position as the closers advanced around him racing into the turn, then waited in traffic on the rail as the field bunched tightly racing to upper stretch; cut the corner into the lane, then ran on again gamely but could not match strides with the top three finishers (who all closed from over 11L back at 2 nd call) in the final 1/16.	The wild early fractions in this race (23.28, 46.77) led to a pace collapse, with the the three early trailers – who were 11 ½, 14 and 13 lengths back at second call – rallying to finish 1-2-3... OOB's effort therefore deserves an UPGRADE as he formed part of that wicked early pace, dueling around the first turn, then quickened again – despite traffic trouble on the turn - in the second half of the race after being taken back. He was eventually beaten just a length, essentially doing best of the speed. Feel he was every bit as good as anyone in this race – just his third start – and we can expect more from him if exerting his energy more efficiently with a clean trip today.
Other notes: - Last out #1 GREY BIGGSY returned off the layoff in a competitive allowance at Delaware, in which closers struggled to get involved despite the even pace; having been bumped at the start and then trailed early, he was therefore against the flow and facing a tough task, made no easier by the fact he was wide on the far turn too; expecting him to move forward off that return back at 1 1/16 miles today with pace signed on. - Returning off a layoff and switching back to the turf last out, #2 SHOWPIECE tipped out 3W off the turn and leveled off really nicely to break his maiden at Penn National last time; he showed great energy through the lane and visually won with something in hand; he's entitled to some extra credit for that effort too, because the Penn National turf course typically favors speed and certainly did in this race, with the 11/1 pace setter holding on for a close 3rd and the early presser (a 15/1 shot) finishing a close 4th (the runner			

up was always prominent too); would be surprised if he didn't take another notable step forward second back today. Note: that was his first start going long on turf with lasix and without blinkers – maybe that's the winning recipe for him?

- **#4 FREEDOM GLIDER**'s latest effort in which he was beaten just a nose after setting hot (23.33, 47.61) fractions could be worthy of a pace upgrade; however, speed actually held well in the race, with the top three finishers (including the 8/1 winner) filling those positions throughout; what's more, he was also again keen early, which reduces the rider's ability to get him to ration his speed out more efficiently and therefore improve next time. Whatever the case, it was a very determined effort from him, and he'll demand respect once more.
- **#5 WICKED BOSS** returned off the layoff with a career best Beyer last out and will demand attention today with the chance of stripping fitter for the run; we should note, however, that the pace did completely collapse in that last race (aiding him in finishing 3rd), with fractions of (23.83, 46.77) leading to the three trailers – who were 11 ½, 14 and 13 lengths back at second call – rallying to finish 1-2-3; maybe just take that form line with a small pinch of salt.
- **#6 FLIRTY BAJAN** will stretch out in trip for the first time today after making his debut in a turf sprint that saw speed hold well – the top five finishers (including horses at odds of 10/1, 19/1 and 21/1) filling the top five finishers throughout; he was arguably therefore compromised as a closer, especially as he raced wide off the turn, and may be capable of offering more today.
- The rider on **#8 TETHERED SOUL** misjudged the wire when going a mile on the dirt last out, easing up at the first wire which almost certainly cost him 3rd. Having set an even pace in front despite being headstrong, he was running on fumes at the point of his rider's mistake and unlikely to have done better than 3rd. Makes turf debut under a new jock.
- The even-slow pace in **#10 VAYA JEFE**'s last race held well, with the top four finishers filling those positions throughout – possible downgrade. Things will be tougher for him today as he makes his first start against winners off the claim for Farrior.

Race 2: Claiming 12.5k, 3YO+ (F), 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Other notes:

- There was a strong speed bias present when **#1 PROBABLE ANGLE** finished second of three two-back (her last dirt start), closing into a frenetic pace set by the gate to wire winner on the stop.
- Although **#6 BARBADOS BULLDOG** sat a perfect trip when last seen in March, saving ground while chasing a fast pace, it should be noted that the track was very speed favoring that day and the running order in that race barely changed throughout, raising questions about the validity of the form – her prior efforts may be a better guide to her ability. Returns off layoff today.

Race 3: MSW, 3-6YO (F), 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#2 EXTRA SPECIAL	Maiden Claiming 35k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 06/19/26 – 5 th	Step slow; worked down to the 2P and chased the even pace from ~5L back to the turn; dropped to the rail and took slightly closer order under a hold racing to upper stretch, then stayed on nicely along the inside to the wire but was always in behind horses and lacking sufficient room to properly level off; remained under a relatively tender hand ride until very close home; galloped out nicely.	It's worth highlighting this trip because she probably could have finished closer if she'd had more room to work with in the lane and therefore, she likely can step forward second out today. Regardless of the defeat, this was a very likable debut in which she left a pleasing visual impression, and she should have learned plenty under a nice, sympathetic ride. Expecting her to play a role if handling the step up in class and short turnaround today.
#4 BRIKELI	MSW, PEN, 5F, Firm Turf, 06/02/26 – 5 th	Broke slow, then quickly advanced into a clear 2 nd racing into the turn; chased leader from ~1L back racing to the ¼ pole, then bore out very badly into the 8-9P, losing momentum and position; straightened up after turning into the lane, then stayed on with credit down the center but couldn't regain the deficit.	She'd probably have gone very close to winning here if she hadn't blown the turn and with blinkers on + experience now behind her, she should be capable of improving today. Barring the mishap on the turn, there were things to like about her effort.
#6 TAKE HOME GOLD	MSW, MTH, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 05/30/26 – 4 th	Chased pace from ~5L back into the turn 2W, then steadied from ~5/16 to ¼, costing her a little ground and	Even without her trouble on the turn she wouldn't have done better than 4th; however, this wasn't a completely clean trip, and she

		momentum; recovered stride turning for home, then keep to her task well and just held 4 th .	should be capable of stepping forward somewhat with a smoother run second back today.
Other notes: Although the track was favoring closers, #7 VINALIA (GB) stopped too quickly when last seen at Turfway for us to blame her poor effort on the track. She was eased in the final 1/8th, exacerbating the margin of defeat but even so, she'll need more returning to the turf off the bench today. Note: she can be headstrong.			

Race 4: MSW, 3-6YO (F), 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#2 KISS ME MO	MSW, LRL, 7F, Fast Dirt, 12/12/25 – 3 rd	Blasted through fast fractions on a clear lead into the turn; opened up by 8L past the 3/8, then had her lead reduced racing to upper stretch; met challenger turning in and battled eye-to-eye along the rail with this foe to ~1/16 pole, then faded in the final few yards before steadying very close to the wire.	*Her last start on dirt: she's deserving of a PACE UPGRADE for this effort given she was beaten just 2L (would have been more like 1L if she hadn't steadied close home) despite having set fractions of 23.29, 46.88 that set up extremely well for the eventual top two finishers (who were last and second last, beaten 11 ½ and 9 lengths and first call). If returning to this level of form and rationing out her speed more efficiently back at 6F today, she could have a say. Note: she sat a wide trip and encountered some trouble in the stretch when last seen returning from a layoff on the turf, but she was well beaten at the time and seemingly ran below par, period.
#4 JUST DO BELIEVE	MSW, CT, 4 1/2F, Fast Dirt, 06/04/26 – 2 nd	Outpaced from the rail leaving the chute, then climbed in kickback and dropped ~6L off the lead early; switched out wide to avoid kickback entering the turn, then began to rally while wide; came 5W into the lane with ~5L to make up on the leader, then sustained a strong rally to finish 2 nd by 1 1/2L.	Not only was she clearly green in kickback (forgivable for any debutant) after breaking form the rail, but she also lost ground racing wide on the turn and was racing against a speed bias that resulted (except for her) in speed holding very well (2nd and 3rd placed runners at 1st call – with odds of 28/1 and 37/1 – held on for 3rd and 4th). UPGRADE this effort and expect much more from her today.

Other notes:

- In her last start on dirt, **#7 PEACE BEFORE CHAOS** endured a slightly rough first half of the contest which may have cost her 3rd, but it's tough to be confident in that statement or to upgrade her effort as a result. She then seemingly didn't take to the grass last out.

Race 5: Ratings Optional Claiming, 3YO+, 1 Mile, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#2 WON AN AWARD	Claiming 20k, LRL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 06/05/26 – 3 rd	Worked over from the outside post and chased the hot pace from ~3L back while in the clear 3W to upper stretch, then stayed on willingly but could not match strides with the top two late late.	Especially as he was returning off a lengthy layoff, this was just an unfavorable turf trip, stuck wide and out of cover while sitting close to some taxing fractions (although speed did hold reasonably well, see below); he did well under the circumstances to finish just 2 3/4L back in 3rd and should be capable of now stepping forward as he makes his second start back and first for Magee.
#8 JACK'S LEGEND	Allowance, LRL, 1 1/16M, Good Turf, 05/30/26 – 6 th	Step slow; pulled his way forward while out of cover 3-4W tracking slow pace into the far turn; came under pressure to hold his position 3W as the pace quickened racing to upper stretch, then gave way under a sympathetic ride to the wire.	In a race that probably wasn't run to suit (because he doesn't have the most potent late kick), he wasted energy pulling while wide and out of cover early, then simply looked to tire late on which, considering he only had six reported works leading into this return, is understandable. Plenty of reasons as to why he can take a meaningful step forward second back today and he's respected.

Other notes:

- Once again, **#1 BOSS LOGIC** looked to be racing awkwardly on the dirt last time, carrying his head and tail high and not striding out properly; just wonder whether he actually dislikes kickback and therefore may be more comfortable trying turf today?

- While accepting that speed did hold well (16/1 pacesetter **#5 MONGOLIAN APPLE** - who laid down splits of 23.42, 46.34 - held on for 4th; top three placed horses at 2nd call finished 2nd, 3rd, 4th), **#3 HUNTER JOE** would still be entitled to a little extra credit for doing best of the speed.
- **#4 NATE THE GREAT** made heavy weather of justifying 1/5 odds in a three-runner race at Mountaineer last out, but that was largely because he let the leader walk on an uncontested lead through fractions of 25.61, 49.19; suspect he'd have won easier if the pace had been more honest.
- **#1A LOVE ME NOT** steadied entering the turn last out, losing momentum and position which did his chances no favors and with a clean trip, he can likely offer a little more today; however, it's tough for us to really upgrade his effort because he offered nothing after the trouble occurred and appeared completely done in the lane, leaving the impression that he'd have finished off-the-board regardless of whether the trouble occurred or not. May be best to take a 'wait-and-see' approach with him.
- **#7 HANKSDIVININGROD** endured a troubled trip and put up an upgradable performance two-back, then was caught racing against the 'flow' which saw speed hold well last time; wouldn't be surprised if he improved again this afternoon.

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

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#2 RAY OF LOV	Maiden Claiming 16k, LRL, 1M, Firm Turf, 06/05/26 – 8 th	Steadied start; checked off heels first turn when in rear of a tightly bunched group who were shifting through honest fractions; dropped back chasing in a detached last to the ½, then built some steam into the turn and advanced (despite losing ground) with a big move outside foes in the 6P; passed the ¼ just ~3L back 6W, then faded through the lane.	He hardly did enough to earn an upgrade but did endure a difficult trip/questionable ride that points towards him stepping forward at least somewhat this afternoon.
#3 IT'S ELECTRIC	Maiden Claiming 16k, LRL, 1M, Firm Turf, 06/05/26 – 5 th	Broke a step slow from the outside gate, then grabbed the bit and pulled very hard while out of cover 4-5W rounding the first turn into the back stretch; continued tugging when just 2-3L off the solid pace 4-5W racing to the ½; just about held his position (despite losing ground) when under pressure in the 4-5P far turn, then stayed on willingly to the wire but couldn't go with the top few late.	Making is first start for 318 days, he pulled his chance away early when failing to find cover from his wide draw and was therefore stuck very wide throughout and close to taxing fractions early; considering this horrible turf trip, he actually ran with credit, and it would be disappointing if he couldn't now take a meaningful step forward second back with a kinder draw.
#8 ROCK YOU BABE	Maiden Claiming 16k, LRL, 1M, Firm Turf, 06/06/26 – 2 nd	Away well; contested fast pace 3-4W first turn, then dropped back to stalk in the clear racing to the ½; took pressure from his outside approaching the bend and advanced again with a 3W bid on the far turn, taking the lead briefly in upper stretch; from there, he battled hard to the wire and held 2 nd but couldn't go with the winner in the final 1/8.	He sat a wide enough trip and raced close enough to the closer-friendly fractions (23.37, 46.91) that his effort is deserving of an UPGRADE. He can likely improve on this run if able to save more ground and/or conserve a little extra energy for the stretch run today. Respected.
#9 UNDER THE RUG	Maiden Claiming 16k, LRL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 04/19/26 – 3 rd	Showed speed from the outside gate; stalked the hot pace from 2 nd to the ½, then crept a little closer as the field bunched racing into the far turn; found a dream split inside and quickened well to take the lead turning for home, then fought gallantly inside a wall of pursuers to the wire but couldn't fend two of them off late.	Although his trip was great, we can still award this effort a PACE UPGRADE as the early fractions he was chasing in 2nd early (23.46, 47.70) really favored closers and he did best of the speed. He clearly improved for the surface switch and may have more to offer again.
#10 MY FRIEND LOU	Maiden Claiming 16k, LRL, 1M, Firm Turf, 06/06/26 – 3 rd	Chased hot pace from ~3-4L back between foes in the 2P to the far turn, then steadied ever so slightly entering the bend which shuffled him back a touch and hindered his momentum at the most inopportune moment; he then regained his stride but was forced to wait in traffic racing to the ¼ before he found room and stayed on willingly through the lane for 3 rd .	His trouble entering the far turn and his waiting on the run to the top of the lane doesn't appear significant at first glance; however, considering his running style and the steady grinding finish he delivered to get 3rd, losing momentum when he did and then not being able to launch his attack until straightened for the drive definitely hurt his chances far more than the trouble would make it seem. Strongly suspect he's capable of building on this first route attempt.
Other notes:			

- The chart comment correctly highlights how **#5 GORDITO** met traffic in the stretch last time, which he did; however, he was far back at the time that it occurred (inside the final 1/8) and not doing much running at all; even with a clean trip, he'll need more today.
- **#7 WORK SMARTER** ran an eye-catching race last time: he was jostled at the break and away slowly, then lacked speed and dropped 16L back at first call before making a steady and sustained run outside foes (wide) to get up and dead heat for 3rd. While one could argue that a better break and more ground saving trip will see him to better effect today, we should just be careful of giving him too much extra credit for that last run and expecting too much of him today, because regardless of the start, he still lacked any speed and the pace (23.15, 46.87) did collapse; therefore, it seems he isn't guaranteed to take much of a step forward if any today if the pace is any less than what it was the last time.
- **#11 QUAIN** was shuffled back shortly after the start last time, but it's impossible to say that *that* was the reason for his heavy defeat, and he'll need more today.

Race 7: The Alma North Stakes, 3YO+ (F), 6 ½ Furlongs, Dirt

Other Notes:

- In her last stat on dirt in the G3 Distaff Stakes at Aqueduct, **#1 JODY'S PRIDE** just lacked a little running room when boxed in on the rail racing to upper stretch; while she never had to check, it did mean that she was being forced to wait while **#6 GRAMMY'S GIRL** was building momentum with a sustained run outside foes, and by the time 'JP' got out, 'GG' was away and gone; based off that race, assuming 'JP' is in similar form today getting back onto the dirt, it wouldn't be surprising to see her at least narrow the deficit with that foe. Note: there was also a closer bias present at Aqueduct that day which may well have aided 'GG' (who closed from last and then caught another closer friendly racetrack when winning the G3 Vagrancy last time) and hindered the chances of 'JP' and more notably **#8 HOLD YOUR BREATH**, who set honest fractions in front. All three demand respect today.
- **#3 LOVE YOU MORE**'s recent two victories have been visually strong and following those efforts, she'll demand respect today; however, we should note that she formed part of a very slow pace (24.39, 48.24) going 7F two-back and then last out at Delaware, there was a significant closer bias present which may have aided her (and it reduces our ability to upgrade her effort due to the fact she closed into a modest pace and was wide). We might be best served to take those form lines with a small pinch of salt.
- The chart comment notes how **#4 ONYX TEN** lacked room on the turn last out but that really wasn't the case – she sat a perfectly fine stalking trip and delivered a determined winning effort off the bench. Wheels back on short rest today.
- Despite flopping to her left lead in the stretch, **#5 BAM'S BLISS KISS** delivered another blowout performance at Aqueduct last time to register her sixth win in a row; she's a logical contender today and the ease with which she's been winning probably makes this a moot point, but we should note that she was able to set slow fractions in front two back and then rode a speed bias last time.
- **#9 MAIDA** didn't do enough running to earn an upgrade when last seen in the 2025 G2 Raven Run Stakes at Keeneland; however, we can probably forgive her that defeat seeing as she missed the break and failed to adopt her preferred front running tactics, then slightly lacked room to advance when riding the rail in 9th into the lane; feel her prior tries are a better reflection of her ability. Returns off bench today.

Race 8: The Deputed Testamony Stakes, 3YO+, 1 1/8 Miles, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#7 EXCELLENT START	Confucius Say Stakes, CT, 7F, Fast Dirt, 06/13/26 – 6 th	Lacked speed from the rail post; chased slow pace from ~11L back in rear to the far turn, then began to build steam and circled foes in the 4P before finishing strongly but in vain to the wire – he simply had too much to do.	Running over a distance short of his best, he did well to be beaten just 2 1/2L (was still gaining at the wire) given he had no pace to run at and his rider left his run too late. We can probably expect him to offer more today and not worry that this effort suggests a drop off in form.

Other notes:

- After sitting a perfect stalking trip behind a slow pace, **#1 ARDERO** powered away from his rivals under nothing more than a mild hand ride to score by 11 1/4L with a solid 92 Beyer last time; he visually looked to have more in the locker and even with Lasix coming off today, he'll demand respect making his second start for Ness.
- **#2 JOKESTAR**'s three-back win in the Post Time Stakes here at Laurel can be marked up a little owing to the fact that he was bothered by a loose horse racing into the far turn and forced to steady before relaunching a bid around foes on the turn; he then ran a fine race in a slowly run (even by 1 1/2M standards) Temperance Hill Stakes at Oaklawn before failing to fire without a visible excuse on the synthetic at Woodbine last time.

- **#5 CATALYTIC** ran out a smart winner when making his debut for Brittany Russell last month; he'll demand respect off that effort, but we should note that there was a speed bias present that day which may have aided him somewhat (and compromised the chances of the runner-up). Lasix off today.
- After sitting a nice trip stalking the oldest pace in the 2P, **#6 BARBADIAN RUNNER** powered away from his rivals under nothing more than a hand ride in an allowance last, winning with his ears pricked and seemingly way more in the tank; major player today. Note: his two-back effort off the bench is deserving of a notable upgrade and he closed while wide into a slow pace over an inadequate distance.

Race 9: The Japan Racing Association Turf Cup, 3YO+, 1 1/8 Miles, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#2 WHAT SAY THEE	Dinner Party Stakes (G3), LRL, 1 1/8M, Firm Turf, 05/16/26 – 4 th	Tracked slow pace from ~2L on the rail racing into the far turn, then tried to advance racing to the top of the stretch but was stuck behind a retreating rival which hindered his momentum and shuffled him back ~5-6L off the quickening leaders; from there, his chance was gone and he was just hand ridden to the wire.	On tape, the traffic trouble he met racing to the top of the lane appears minor; however, the pace scenario meant that he lost his momentum at the exact point in which his main rivals were quickening into top flight, placing him in an impossible situation as he tried to then regather his momentum and run them back down. He wasn't knocked around in the stretch and can almost certainly offer more than this.
#5 A BOURBON FOR TONY	Dinner Party Stakes (G3), LRL, 1 1/8M, Firm Turf, 05/16/26 – 2 nd	Patiently handled from gate and settled on the rail in last early, ~4-5L off the slow pace; remained in this position until making a bold move outside foes as the pace quickened on the far turn; hit the top of the lane just 2L back in the 4P, then ran on willingly to the wire but could not get by the winner.	A huge effort in which he closed into a slow pace while a little wide on the far turn – UPGRADE this effort.
#7 HARDSPUN REASON	Allowance, LRL, 1 1/16M, Good Turf, 05/30/26 – 4 th	Step slow; tracked slow pace from ~4-7L back while ~3W to the ½, then took slightly closer order racing into and around the far turn; at the ¼, the rider then had the option of swinging wide or riding for luck inside and hoping a gap appeared, but it didn't; remained under a hold behind foes until ~1/8 pole, then found daylight and stayed on evenly but had too much to do.	This was a solid return from the layoff despite the fact he didn't receive an adequate pace setup and was denied clear sailing in the lane until it was all too late; second back today with more pace signed on and a different trip likely, he should be expected to step forward.

Other notes:

- Not sure how much difference it really made to the result as he didn't do a whole lot of running afterwards, but **#3 TRULY QUALITY** did endure a rough start in the 1 1/2M G2 Elkhorn Stakes last time; interesting that the blinkers – which went on for that race – now come back off.
- **#4 NELSON AVENUE** failed to settle and pulled his chance away behind a slow pace in the opening half of his last race at Keeneland; a more inside post today may help him find cover, settle, and finish better.
- **#6 CRISPER** made a nice return from the layoff at Penn National last time despite having been caught slightly wider than ideal on the far turn and having taken a minor bump in upper stretch; he's entitled to step forward from that return.
- **#9 BELOUNI (FR)** was a little rank heading into the first turn of his last race, then appears to meet trouble on the far turn too; however, it was more a case of him just throwing his head around a lot and overreacting to his rider's instructions on the far turn (he looks light mouthed) rather than him properly encountering trouble, and we shouldn't upgrade his effort because of it; still it was a solid effort and he should be suited by today's return to 1 1/16M.

Race 10: The Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash (Listed), 3YO+, 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Other notes:

- Regarding **#2 WICKEDDIVINE**'s last start (a very likable win going 6F), the chart comment notes how he lightly steadied ~1/4 pole; while this did happen, it was negligible interference and we should not upgrade his effort as a result of it.

- **#4 PENTATHLON** exits a slightly funny renewal of the G3 Westchester Stakes in which there were only four runners, the early pace (based on the late sectionals) was slow, and there was a closers' lean to the track as well; his two back effort might be a more solid guide to his current ability.
- The chart comment correctly highlights how **#6 FIRE PIT** stumbled at the start before going on to win last time; while this did happen, it did not cost him as he recovered very quickly, didn't lose position and then sat a perfect pocket stalking trip thereafter; the result and speed figure are fair. Note: his two-back effort - in which he returned from the layoff with a speed and fade job at BAQ - can be forgiven owing not only to his supposed lack of match fitness, but also the fact there was a closer bias present.
- **#7 PETINGAS TWIN** managed to hold off the talented BARBADIAN RUNNER at Charles Town last time, but he was lucky to do so: he set slow fractions while taking only minor pressure in front which aided him and hurt the chances of the runner-up. Still, it was another solid effort from him and he demands respect today.
- **#10 HYMN** made it 2-for-2 since being gelded with a very brave effort at Churchill Downs last month in which he muscled his way through traffic on the far turn and then shook off a bump in upper stretch to win going away; he's in ready form right now and will demand attention today; love his attitude.

Race 11: Maiden Claiming 16k, 3-6YO, 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#1 RED SEA	Maiden Claiming 35k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 05/15/26 – 6 th	Chased hot pace from ~2L back while very deep racing to the far turn, then dropped back and lost ground while 5-6W on the bend; turned from home ~8L back, then began staying on again – despite lugging in – through the stretch before checking ~1/8 pole; following that, he continued staying on evenly on his left lead.	The tape cuts out the unfortunate incident in the stretch that led to his checking at the 1/8 pole, and so it's tough to accurately assess to what extent his chances were damaged; however, in what was his first start off the bench and as a gelding, he clearly sat a wide and troubled trip and to some extent, should be capable of improving today.
#4 MADEFROMLIONA	Maiden Claiming 25k, LRL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 10/26/25 – 4 th	Broke cleanly from outside gate, then was caught 4W tracking the pace first turn; let the speed go down the back stretch and dropped to the rail, chasing from ~8L back; took slightly closer order passing the ½, then his rider eased him back again as it was clear that the foes in front of him were struggling and going to back up; switched outside ~3/8 when ~11L off the lead, then began a move while in the 5P; turned for home well back in the center, then flew through the stretch but couldn't reach the leaders in time.	He lost considerable ground on the turns and also had his momentum halted a little when switching out ~3/8 pole (when he really needed to be gathering steam); both of these factors lost him more than the 1 1/2L he was beaten and it wouldn't be out of line to argue he should really have won; capable of playing a role at this level, provided he's ready off the bench and retains the pace for this trip.

Other notes:

- **#3 HAWKSURRY HUSTLER** sat a very wide trip on debut and can likely step forward second out today.
- **#5 FURIOUS GEORGE** steadied a little from between foes entering the first turn last time, but it was only minor and we cannot attribute his 44 3/4L defeat to that.
- While accepting that speed did hold around for longer than expected, **#8 TRANSQUAKING** still ran a nice race on turf debut last time, finishing 3rd after being stuck tight between foes (often an unfavorable spot to be in) and working without much room for the majority of the contest; respected right back.
- Exiting the same race as #8 TRANSQUAKING, **#9 MASTER NIBBLES** ran well despite a marginally wide trip last time; respected.

Horses to Follow

R5: JACK'S LEGEND

Following a lengthy layoff and a gelding operation, JACK'S LEGEND was a model of consistency last year, progressing from race to race and bagging a brace of solid allowance wins either side of another show finish in the Maryland Million Turf. He failed to make a winning return off a 196-day break last month, but that effort is easy to forgive as he pulled hard while racing wide and out of cover in a slowly run affair against quality rivals, and he certainly wasn't knocked around by Toledo in the lane. Still, despite having just six reported works under his belt leading into that return, he posted an 80 Beyer that fits nicely with today's group as he drops in class this afternoon, and if progressing with racing as he did last year, he could be tough to stop in today's fifth.

R8: BARBADIAN RUNNER

One of the coolest horses around, BARBADIAN RUNNER has hit the exacta in each of his last ten starts, collecting four stakes victories along the way. He arguably should be unbeaten this year, having gone down just a neck on his seasonal return despite receiving no pace help over an inadequate 7 furlongs, a performance that spoke volumes about his ability despite the defeat. He then returned to dominate an allowance field by five lengths with a 93 Beyer doing little more than a canter last time, crossing the wire with his ears pricked and seemingly plenty left in reserve. Third back off the layoff at a track he knows so well, he could prove very tough to beat this afternoon, regardless of how the race unfolds.

R9: A BOURBON FOR TONY

A BOURBON FOR TONY appears to have gone to another level this year, winning a stakes-quality allowance off the layoff at Keeneland before backing that effort up with consecutive career-best Beyers. His runner-up finish in the G3 Dinner Party Stakes last time was better than it looks too, as he closed into a slow pace while a little wide on the far turn. With today's assignment looking a little less demanding and the threat of more improvement still lurking, he makes plenty of appeal at 5/2 on the morning line.

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.

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.

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

COME TO MAMA

Trainer: Sarah White

Last Race: June 13, 7th

Finish: 7th by 10 lengths

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.

ITHADTOBE BLU *(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.

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 pacesetter 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

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.

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 pacesetter 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 2: Matilda Burnham: #3 - Christy My Love; #6 - Barbados Bulldog >>> **Burnham rides BARBADOS BULLDOG**

Race 3: Jeiron Barbosa: #2 - Extra Special; #7 - Vinalia >>> **Barbosa rides VINALIA**

Race 6: Yedsit Hazlewood: #2 - Ray of Lov; #4 - Chatbot; #9 - Under the Rug; #10 - My Friend Lou >>> **Hazlewood rides RAY OF LOV**

Race 7: Yedsit Hazlewood: #4 - Onyx Ten; #5 - Bam's Bliss Kiss >>> **Hazlewood rides BAM'S BLISS KISS**

Race 8: Yedsit Hazlewood: #4 - Sacred Thunder; #8 - Duke of Duval >>> **Hazlewood rides DUKE OF DUVAL**

Race 10: Yedsit Hazlewood: #3 - Haileysfirstnotion; #7 - Petingas Twin >>> **Hazlewood rides PETINGAS TWIN**

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

A recap of **FRIDAY, JUNE 26** action at Laurel Park. Visit theracingbiz.com for John Piassek's FREE full analysis of today's Laurel card.

Race 1: Majestic Blue pressed longshot leader Salvo Trigger intently from his outside. On the far turn, Salvo Trigger gave way, and Majestic Blue hit the front and kicked away for a dominating win. Boss Lily rallied up the inside to finish second, although he was never a threat to the winner.

Race 2: Final Engagement and Weather Beater looked like the best on paper and ran like it on the track. Weather Beater showed blazing speed from the inside while Final Engagement sat a perfect tracking trip in second. In the stretch, Final Engagement made her move past a tired Weather Beater and pulled clear. Weather Beater held second, while Feel the Bolt rallied from far behind to finish a solid third.

Race 3: Skulldruggery lasted a long way on the lead at 29-1, but he ultimately gave way in the final eighth. **Orator**, who got a perfect ground-saving trip, took full advantage of the circumstances and rallied up the inside to prevail.

Race 4: Take a Hint was bet off the board at 2-5 and looked good on the lead for most of the way. However, he couldn't kick away from them, and **All The Hardways** surged up the inside for a 9-1 upset victory.

Race 5: Icing and **Laddie Dance** battled each other for the early lead. Icing hung in well, losing by only 1 ½ lengths, but Laddie Dance won the battle and the war. He held clear of the rest, while City Panda surged and got up for second by a nose over Icing.

Race 6: The pace completely melted down in this one. The horses who were fifth, sixth, and seventh on the far turn finished 1-2-3. 20-1 **Maupasant** hit the front late and held off the late surge of a flying Keen Talent to win by a nose.

Race 7: Rerun Table picked up her second win in her last three starts as much the best. She made the lead, shook off the challenge of Gena B from her outside, and held clear. It's still early, but she's one to keep an eye on for the Maryland Million Distaff.

Race 8: Favored Daufuskie Island flattened out after getting steady pace pressure and ended up last. **Artillery Gunnar** and Woodline, who sat close to that pace, took advantage when the leader tired and finished first and second, respectively.

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

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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

