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TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

>> RACE 1

1. RAPIDITY

2. LIKEBELIVINGNMAGIC

3. SIN PERMISO

The first post is 12 pm, and there are two "Value Pick 5" wagers, each with a LOW 12% takeout rate. **RAPIDITY** broke a beat slow from the rail, prompted the three-ply pace from the fence, put away the 2-1 last-finisher on the turn, then drew away to score over sloppy going. Seems adaptable to any race flow for a barn that went 8 for the last 26 (31%, \$2.60 ROI) with last-out winners. **LIKEBELIVINGNMAGIC** has won when switching from turf to dirt in the past, and he repeats the move after being overmatched two weeks ago. Ran well to place ahead of three of these two back, as he chased a very fast pace before succumbing to a favored, late-running class-dropper. Figures close to the pace once again. **SIN PERMISO** gained fitness off the layoff with a pair of sprints, and he now stretches back out to his favorite distance with the tactical speed to stalk the pace. Wired by the favorite last time out, he wouldn't mind a wet racetrack. There should be some pace for YOUR ANALYSIS to attack after facing two next-out winners, and two horses that returned to finish second (both runner-up finishers earned 64 Beyers).

>> RACE 2

1. ISLAND BANDIT

2. OUR CHARM

3. BARU

ISLAND BANDIT gained some valuable experience when the beaten favorite in both prior starts. Broke slowly last time over a sloppy track, was hustled hard to track from the outside, altered course to stay inside and split foes into the stretch, then finished evenly after easing back out. Must break alertly from the rail this afternoon. **OUR CHARM** is a half-brother to multiple juvenile stakes-placed dirt performer My Charm (won debut; 62 wet-dirt Beyer top) out of multiple stakes-winning dirt sprinter Itsmyluckycharm (81 turf Beyer). This is the family of the Grade 1-winning dirt router Albert the Great. The barn went 13 for the last 42 (31%, \$2.06 ROI) with juvenile debut runners on dirt. **BARU** showed improved speed to duel with the 7-1 third-finisher over a closer-friendly track, then stayed on nicely to place behind a well-meant first-time starter. This barn went 5 for the last 19 (26%, \$2.48 ROI) with third-out maiden juveniles in dirt sprints. Hazlewood departs for LUCKY SIETE. **DIMINUTO BURRITO** is out of juvenile stakes-winning dirt sprinter Kasserine Pass (82 wet-dirt Beyer). **WESTBOUND CAT** (\$30,000 weanling; \$45,000 yearling) is out of juvenile stakes-placed turf miler Miss Unbridled Cat (67 turf Beyer).

>> RACE 3

1. BOUNCER

2. BIG TANKNESS

3. CACTUS

Perhaps switching back to turf will wake **BOUNCER** up a bit. Although winless in his two previous grass tries, he was far from embarrassed. Pressed the favored sixth-finisher from the outside in his most recent turf outing, then tired from in between. The runner-up from that race hit the board in his next two starts, one a stakes race, with an 89 Beyer top. Would like to see him take back and make one run. Stablemate **BIG TANKNESS** is unbeaten since being switched to turf. Tracked outside, made a three-wide bid, then grinded down the leaders despite hopping back to his left lead. The runner-up then placed in a first-level allowance with a 78 Beyer. Must respect his tactical speed, as he can work out a similar tracking trip. Hazlewood lands here instead of **CACTUS**, who showed no rust when returning from a seven-month layoff last week. Broke well, saved ground, angled four wide into the stretch, then rallied to score with a respectable speed figure. This barn went 3 for the last 10 (30%, \$2.46 ROI) with horses racing third after 180-365 day layoffs. **TALENTED MAN** should show speed from the inside in his first start after the reclaim. Faced two next-out winners from his most recent turf try, with Noah

Chance repeating in a \$20,000 claimer with a 76 Beyer.

>> RACE 4

1. DOLICE VITA

2. CLOSE THE GATE

3. UPSHOT

DOLICE VITA ran too well to lose when wired going two turns two weeks ago. Broke from a tough outside post position, was hung four wide for most of the way, and stayed on gamely to miss by only a neck. He's won moving from route to sprint in the past, and should kick strongly given a fair pace to attack.

CLOSE THE GATE tries older horses after a game effort going a one-turn mile. He stayed within range of a quick pace (23.61; 23.28), made an early bid to the lead on the turn, then was kicked down by a good-setup closer. Expect him to set up shop in stalking range, and this shorter distance should be right up his alley. **UPSHOT** is lightly raced with upside potential, and he exits a career Beyer top when chasing the three favorites over a wet track. Late-kicker could use some pace help. **AND SUM** went quickly on the lead last time, and still finished ahead of Roll On Jesse, who then placed in a restricted allowance with a 79 Beyer. Don't think he'll have to work as hard to grab the early advantage.

>> RACE 5

1. NOTION IN MOTION

2. CHIMNEY SWEEP

3. LONG STRAW

NOTION IN MOTION stalked outside two back on turf, made a four-wide bid on the turn, then flattened out while racing in between. His fastest race to date came after an even greater layoff, and he now returns from a 204-day break without blinkers for a new barn that sent out a 5-2 turf-maiden winner on 5/6. **CHIMNEY SWEEP** was hustled out of there to prompt a quick pace and was forced outward four wide entering the turn. Urged along soon afterward, he made the lead, then stayed on well for third despite swapping leads a couple of times. Finished ahead of five of these in a race that produced two next-out winners (fourth-finisher won for the statebred waiver with a 68 Beyer). This barn went 3 for the last 11 (27% \$3.22 ROI) with horses going second after layoffs of 180-365 days. Rocco lands here instead of Tax and Tags. **LONG STRAW** has excuses (fell over foe two back, dirt last time) for his two starts last year. Ran pretty well at a big price on turf in his final start of 2025, as he was bumped at the start, saved ground near the back, squeezed through on the fence, and finished evenly through minor traffic. **M D FIELDSTONE** deserves a big look if able to escape the Also Eligible list. Too early to give up on **FORGET THE RULES**, who faced two next-out winners in his debut last year. The winner of that heat then ran third in the Laurel Futurity with a 64 Beyer.

>> RACE 6

1. FREEZE THE FIRE

2. RAMPAGIUS

3. DON'T WAIT UP

FREEZE THE FIRE battled outside the 5-1 fourth-finisher, made the lead and the rail entering the turn, then gamely finished second inside the favored winner. He is just as effective from stalking range as he is when he utilizes pacesetting tactics, and figures right there when they turn for home.

RAMPAGIUS repeats the turf to dirt move that resulted in a runaway win here on 12/28. Prompted a reasonable pace while three wide two back, battled outside under a confident ride, then stayed on for second after hopping back to his left lead. The winner next placed in the Frank Y. Whiteley Stakes with a 93 Beyer. Another that should get close to the pace. **DON'T WAIT UP** was reclaimed after attempting to rally from last over a speed-friendly track. Ten-time winner might be the best pure closer in the field and might receive a fair pace to attack. **SUREMEANTTOBE**, listed as a Laurel vet scratch on 5/16, has

sneaky early speed and should show some fresh zip following a short layoff. The seventh-finisher from the last race then hit the board in his next two starts with an 84 Beyer.

>> RACE 7

1. HARK THEANGELSSING

2. ECHO JULIET

3. ONLY FOR NOW

HARK THEANGELSSING didn't have the easiest trip when closing out her 2-year-old campaign in New York. Settled outside in midpack behind a strong pace, cut the corner, ran up onto heels at the furlong marker, then ran on to snatch fourth on the line once easing clear of traffic. That race produced two next-out synthetic winners, as well as Beach Heist, who placed in a Churchill allowance with an 81 Beyer. Curious to see if she'll need a race off the bench. **ECHO JULIET** saved ground in midpack in her lone turf start, angled four wide into the stretch, then gained willingly despite swapping leads a couple of times. She has since hit the board in two dirt races and has a versatile running style for a barn that sent out a dirt-to-turf winner at Evangeline on Thursday. **ONLY FOR NOW** dumped the rider in the gate prior to the start, then overcame a slow beginning to win her debut. She's talented but temperamental and might need a more alert start to handle this tougher group. **GERRARDS CROSS** was too fast for them in her lone turf start, the Colleen Stakes at Monmouth. Blasted out to set a quick pace, and stayed strong. The sixth-finisher then won a first-level allowance at Gulfstream with a 72 Beyer. **RIVER ESCAPE** switches surfaces out of multiple Grade 3-winning turf router Tricky Escape.

>> RACE 8

1. WARRIOR WAYNE

2. MASAKADO

3. IT'S SIZZLING TIME

WARRIOR WAYNE had things his way last time at Parx over a sloppy track. Set the pace from the rail, got away with a glacial second quarter in 24.23 seconds, then was merely ridden out under the wire. Think there's a good chance he can get another comfortable pacesetting trip. **MASAKADO** was wired in a race where they ran 1-2 around the track. He drew a nice inside post position for this two-turn test, and can get closer to the pace. **IT'S SIZZLING TIME** stalked three wide at the back in a race with no pace, wound up three wide and in between at the back after a half-mile, then faltered between horses. He has plenty of back races that would make him competitive.

MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

R1: Rapidity may have taken advantage of the wet track last out but recent efforts since stretching out look promising. Reasonable price at 5-1 in a group that isn't very trustworthy.

R2: In a race where Hazlewood looked to have options, he lands with Lucky Siete on the outside. The first foal of an unraced mare, the second dam was a multiple G1 winner, both sprinting and routing. The morning works look zippy and the outer post could help avoid trouble. Rainonthescarecrow was one of two entries for Trombetta last weekend, while this one scratched and runs here, the other won nicely on debut. Worth a look at 15-1 ML.

R3: If the fractions weren't flattering enough for Bushido, Noah Chance winning next out certainly has helped. Bushido may have the chance to take early command and hold them off here. Big Tankness looks the most likely runner to catch Bushido, he has answered every question willingly, now he finds deeper waters.

R4: Dolice Vita is a standout in terms of experience amongst this group. He arrives in good form and has proven himself over the distance more than once. With pace to target, he should go off a fair price and looks a worthwhile play. Close the Gate makes sense after a close miss going to the second wire finish last out, the slight cutback in distance and second blinkers work for me...just not at 8-5 ML.

R5: Here's hoping I can get 6-1 on Airbrush, a first time starter for Gaudet, Ruiz gets the call. The first foal of a solid turf sprinting mare who won on debut, the 2nd dam was even speedier. Chimney Sweep has been consistently finding a piece of things in all 9 career turf tries, and against the right types, second off the bench and the inner post work for me.

R6: Suremeanttoobe draws outside and may be able to use this to his advantage with the early pace to target. His recent company lines speak for themselves. Band Camp could be the best value in this race, his 8/19 lifetime record deserves respect, especially with a tough trip first off the bench.

R7: Hard to imagine Only for Now won't be over bet, but his debut performance was impressive enough that it might be warranted in this case. Hark Theangelssing looked the real deal based on her 2 y/o campaign, while she might need a race off the bench, she won going away on debut, signaling she might be just fine off the bench.

R8: Formal Affair arrives first off the claim and remains protected after a strong performance last out. The recent class relief looks to be working here. Work Hard had every reason to try deeper waters in recent efforts, the return to the level may be just what he needs.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 1

#5 - Rapidity

Trainer: Joanne Shankle

Last-Out Winners: 8 for 26 (31%, \$2.60 ROI)

RACE 2

#4 - Baru

Trainer: Jose Corrales

Third-Out Maiden Juveniles, Dirt Sprints: 5 for 19 (26%, \$2.48 ROI)

#6 - Our Charm

Trainer: Brittany Russell

Juvenile Debut Runners, Dirt: 13 for 42 (31%, \$2.06 ROI)

RACE 3

#2 - Cactus

Trainer: Robbie Bailes

Third After 180-365 Days: 3 for 10 (30%, \$2.46 ROI)

RACE 5

#3 - Chimney Sweep

Trainer: T J Aguirre

Second After 180-365 Days: 3 for 11 (27% \$3.22 ROI)

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

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

Race 1: Claiming 7.5k, 3YO+, 1 Mile, Dirt

Other notes:

- **#2 LIKEBELIVINGINMAGIC**'s last start on dirt (slop) two-back is deserving of a small PACE UPGRADE as he did best of the speed (finished 1 1/4L 2nd) in a fast-paced affair (23.29, 47.70) that set up well for the eventual winner who was 10L back at first and second call. Returning to dirt and cutting back to a flat mile could suit him well today.
- **#4 FORREST CITY** sat a very wide trip last time, possibly a deliberate move by his jockey to keep out of the sloppy kickback.
- Since blinkers went on, **#7 TOP BLOOD** has been very headstrong in his two most recent starts and not left himself much for the finish (he pulled very hard in front and set fast fractions before fading two-back, then he was rank behind foes after a slow break last time). Back at a mile today, there has to be a concern that he's going to do too much too soon again; that could be good news for any closers in this race, though.
- Not entirely sure why, but the rider on **#9 SIN PERMISO** only gave the gelding a half-hearted hand ride through the lane last time and then stopped riding ~1/16 pole; he wasn't beaten far despite this and looked to have more to offer.

Race 2: MSW, 2YO, 5 Furlongs, Dirt

Other notes:

- Following a very likable debut effort in which he bravely took advantage of a very small rail opening and made up ground into a modest pace over a speed favoring track, **#1 ISLAND BANDIT** again ran a likable race last time, handling the sloppy kickback (which he took a lot of) like a pro and determinedly advancing along the inside to finish 3rd. It seems only a matter of time before he graduates and today's extra 1/16 should be in his favor.
- **#4 BARU** showed a likable attitude last time.

Race 3: OC 40k/N2X Allowance, 3YO+, 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#3 BUSHIDO	Claiming 20k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 04/24/26 – 1 st	Sent from rail; quickly took lead and set fast fractions into the lane; extended advantage to 3L under a hand ride upper stretch, then fended off all the closers comfortably.	Sure, he was the 3/5 fav and had a straightforward trip, but this effort is still deserving of a PACE UPGRADE due to the fact that he set fractions of 21.42, 43.65 that set up really well for closers, yet still managed to kick away in upper stretch and hold on late with ease. (The 2nd, 3rd & 4th place finishers were 6th, 5th & 7th, respectively, at first call, and they had odds of 10/1, 25/1 and 84/1 - the pace really favored off the pace types). Massive player right back.

Other notes:

- **#1 TALENTED MAN** wasn't beaten far on the dirt last time despite having set a fast, pressured pace in front going a distance that stretches him. He should be more comfortable back down in trip today.
- **#4 BIG TANKNESS** showed a very likable attitude to win last time, despite having been floated out numerous paths through the lane.

Race 4: Allowance, 3YO+ ®, 7 Furlongs, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#4 DOLCE VITA	Allowance, LRL, 1 1/16M, Fast Dirt, 05/31/26 – 3 rd	Clean break from outside post; 5-6W first turn; remained in center of track and settled ~4L off slow-moderate pace racing down back stretch; held position under mild urging while 4-5W far turn; came 6W into the lane, then finished nicely down the center but missed.	One can argue he was best in here as he closed into fractions of 25.11, 49.58 (winner went gate-to-wire) to miss by just a neck despite having lost a vast amount of ground with a very wide trip – UPGRADE. Clearly in ready form and deserving of respect.

#7 CLOSE THE GATE	Allowance, LRL, 1M, Fast Dirt, 05/15/26 – 2 nd	Bumped hard start and away slowly; advanced into the fast pace while wide racing to the far turn; made a 4W bid on the run to the top of the lane, taking a narrow lead ~1/4 pole; turned for home with a slim advantage in the 4P, then opened up a 1.5L lead ~3/16 pole; stayed on gamely from there to the wire but was run down by a deep closer late.	The hot pace in this race (23.61, 46.89) strongly favored closers such as the 16/1 winner who rallied from 9L last to win at 16/1. ‘CTG’ therefore deserves a PACE UPGRADE for his runner-up effort as he made an early move into the hot pace (22.92 second ¼) after enduring a rough start, then sat close to the speed while wide and only just missed. He’s yet to run a bad race with Lasix on and 7F could suit perfectly.
Other notes: - #5 DADDY YANKEE showed a really likable attitude to win over today’s course and distance last time, re-rallying strongly along the inside after dropping back under heavy pressure on the turn. He’s worthy of respect.			

Race 5: Maiden Claiming 35k, 3-6YO, 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf			
Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#3 CHIMNEY SWEEP	Maiden Claiming 35k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 05/15/26 – 3rd	Chased hot pace from ~1L back into the turn; dropped back a little while losing ground in the 4-5P racing to the top of the stretch; turned for home ~2.5L down, then stayed on willingly past the leaders but could not fend off a pair of deep closers and settled for 3 rd .	The two horses who beat him in this closer-friendly race (fractions: 21.83, 45.00) were 6 ¼ and 15 ½ lengths off the lead at 2nd call; CS was just 1 ¾ lengths back which, coupled with the fact that he lost a lot of ground racing 4-5W on the turn, entitles him to a notable UPGRADE (pace and trip). Major player second off the bench today.
#5 KUHNER	Maiden Claiming 35k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 05/15/26 – 9 th (DQ’d)	Bumped both sides start; sent from between foes; set fast pace on a pressured lead to the turn, then bore out into the 3-4P and dropped back to share the lead while visibly green racing into the stretch; turned for home level in the 3P, then drifted violently inwards and bumped a rival, hurting his own momentum; continued to race erratically yet retained a share of the lead to ~1/16 pole before fading late on.	Not only did he go too fast in this race (21.83, 45.00), but he was visibly very green, blowing the turn and racing erratically for the majority of the contest which hindered his momentum at multiple stages of the race. The fact that he was still right there in deep stretch indicates he has the ability to win at this level, and it would be disappointing if – through rationing his speed out more efficiently and racing more professionally – he couldn’t step forward notably second out. Note: he was justifiably DQ’d for his erratic behavior.
#9 BRIGHT TIME	Maiden Claiming 35k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 05/15/26 – 10 th	Unhurried; chased hot pace from ~9L back into the turn, then lost a little ground when missing the turn (green) and drifting wide; cut back inside ~3/8; remained well back until straightened for the drive, then began to advance nicely until checking ~1/8 pole which seemingly cost him momentum and ground; from there he was hardly persevered with while racing on his left lead.	With the tape cutting out the unfortunate stretch incident, it’s hard to fully gauge how much the interference he suffered in the lane cost him; however, after racing greenly early, it looked as if he was making nice headway before having his chance of success ended, and there were positives to be taken from the bits we can see. Expecting him to offer much more second out with a clean trip today.
#12 GUERRILLA MAGIC	Maiden Claiming 35k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 05/15/26 – 8 th	No speed; chased hot pace into the lane, then drifted in sharply upon straightening and bumped the rail; corrected, then checked at the 1/8 pole before he ran on again under his own power, still lugging in.	Exiting the same race as above, he too had his chances dented when checking in the lane. From what we can see on the replay, however, he was finishing well through the stretch (with more energy than BRIGHTY TIME) even though he was very green and lugging in badly. If he can straighten up today and receives a cleaner trip, he could play a role.
#14 RED SEA (AE)	Maiden Claiming 35k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 05/15/26 – 8 th	Pressed pace while deep in the track to the far turn; lost ground racing 5-8W on the run to the top of the lane; straightened for the drive ~6L back in the 5P, then lugged in while staying on before checking ~1/8 pole; recovered, then finished evenly.	Racing off the layoff, he sat a very wide trip in this race and also had to check ~1/8 pole. Again, it’s tough to know – like the two above – quite how much the stretch trouble cost him – but regardless, he can surely improve on this wide and troubled comeback run, especially if he runs straighter through the stretch.
Other notes: - Following a non-effort on debut, #4 TAX AND TAGS ran a nice race last out, holding 4 th after setting closer friendly fractions on a pressured lead (small pace upgrade). He could be interesting if handling the turf and building again on that experience.			

- **#6 START TAPPIN** stumbled notably at the break on debut before chasing and then fading in the stretch. Switches to the turf and drops in class today.
- **#7 FREE COSTS TO MUCH** simply went too fast in front (22.19, 44.98) last time before tiring and drifting in the lane. Suspect he can offer more if rationing out his speed more efficiently with the bug weight off today.
- **#11 J C'S BOYS** ran a likable race in defeat last time, only failing to a deep closer after sitting relatively close to the fast pace (small pace upgrade). Respected making turf debut today.
- **#13 M D FIELDSTONE (AE)** sat a slightly wide trip when returning from the layoff to make his turf debut and first start as a gelding last time. He seems eligible to step forward off that run.

Race 6: OC 40k/N2X Allowance, 3YO+, 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#4 RAMPAGIUS	Allowance, LRL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 04/17/26 – 4 th	Patiently handled from inside post; settled on rail under a tight hold, ~8L off the even pace in 7 th racing to the far turn; held position under a hand ride racing to the top of the lane as the sprint for home began, then stayed on very willingly – despite flopping leads – through the stretch but had too much to do.	Making his first turf and route start since August '25, he did well to finish as close as he did in this race as speed held very well with the top three finishers (including the 18/1 pacesetter who ended up 3rd, beaten just 1 1/4L) filling these positions throughout. 'RAMP' was the only runner to make up any meaningful ground and is seemingly coming into this race – a switch back to dirt sprinting - in even better form than it would appear on paper.
#6 BAND CAMP	Allowance, LRL, 6F, Fast Dirt, 05/16/26 – 5 th	Broke inwards, awkwardly and slow; trailed early chasing the even pace from ~10L back inside into the turn; steadily advanced under pressure racing to the top of the lane, then stayed on well but had too much to do.	Speed held well in this race, with the top four finishers filling those positions throughout. 'BC' was therefore seemingly at a disadvantage following a tardy break that afforded his rivals a head start. He was the only runner to do any serious running from the back and can take a meaningful step forward second back today. Note: he was pace compromised two-back, too.

Other notes:

- None.

Race 7: Stormy Blues Stakes, 3YO (F), 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#3 TAP INTO GRACE	Allowance, LRL, 6F, Firm Turf, 10/25/25 – 1 st	Restless gate, slight hop, away a beat slow; tossed head around under restraint before settling in a detached last racing into the turn; rounded the bend ~10L off the lead while saving ground into the lane; crept closer under minimal urging racing through the lane but lacked a clear path to properly level off until switching out into the 6P ~100Y from the wire; from there, whoosh... she came under a strong ride and made up over 5L in the final yards of the contest with a tremendous kick to get up by a nose.	*Her only start on turf: this wasn't a horrible trip at all, and she did receive a good pace setup, but still, it's worth highlighting this performance because it was much more impressive than the PPs suggest – she won from an impossible position having been denied a suitably clear path until very late (could have won by further if she'd had the room to level off earlier), and we can always award extra credit to horses who get worked up in the gate. She's clearly talented and will demand respect returning from the layoff today.
#5 RIVER ESCAPE	MSW®, PRX, 6F, Fast Dirt, 11/05/25 – 1 st	Took a very hard bump at the start (which nearly knocked the rider out of the saddle), off slowly in last; quickly recovered stride, moved inside and chased the hot pace from ~6L back to the ½, then advanced into the speed under minimal urging; shifted out wide while continuing to make rapid headway past rivals under a hold turn; drew level with her struggling rivals, still unsked ~1/4, then opened up effortlessly through the lane before being geared down late.	Regardless of what she beat, this was still a mightily impressive debut in which she handled the trouble at the break professionally and then advanced effortlessly into the fast pace with a bold move that she sustained from the ½ to the wire. Eased up late and a little wide on the turn too, this effort was even better than it appears on paper. Makes turf debut off the layoff today.

Other Notes:

- Prior to a very likable career best Beyer earning win last time, **#1 SLEWPERSTITUS (MTO)** had faced a very difficult task two-back trying to close into a slow pace over a speed biased track while conceding race fitness to her rivals. Her latest performance is a more accurate reflection of her current ability.
- There was lots to like about **#2 ONLY FOR NOW**'s maiden breaking debut effort in which she circled the field from last after a slow break and ran down the long-time leader determinedly in the stretch. While one could knock her effort for the fact that she received a favorable pace setup as a closer, we should also bear in mind that she raced widest on the turn, had dropped her rider pre-race, and had become upset in the gate (leading to her poor start), which is an often-underrated reason as to why horses can improve on another occasion. She left a nice visual impression and will demand respect with Laurel's long stretch sure to suit today.
- With Lasix added for the first time, **#7 GIGABIT** romped in an off-turf allowance at Horseshoe Indianapolis last time; it was an easy victory in the end, but don't be fooled by the short comment "steady handling" and believe that she won under wraps – the rider was fully animated and used the crop, too. Returns to turf with Lasix off today.
- **#8 HARK THEANGELSSING** steadied very lightly close home when last seen at Aqueduct in November, but it didn't cost her more than a half length and definitely not a position. In fact, she received excellent pace setups as a closer in her last two starts as a 2yo last year which aided her - and those efforts might need downgrading a touch.
- Having been keen early, **#10 THE TOWN TEMPTER** didn't have much left for the final 1/8th when going a mile last time; a return to sprinting should see her in better light today.
- **#11 GERRARDS CROSS** simply went too fast (21.86, 44.64) in front in the 7F Gasparilla Stakes last time – we can be forgiving of the fact she tired in the final 1/8th. Returns to turf off the bench today.

Race 8: Starter Allowance, 3YO+, 1 1/16 Miles, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#3 MR SCATTER	Starter Allowance, LRL, 1 1/8M, Fast Dirt, 04/24/26 – 3 rd	Patently handled early; settled under a hold on the rail in rear of a tightly bunched field behind the slow pace racing to the far turn; became outpaced when the tempo lifted far turn and dropped ~9L back in a detached last racing to the 5/16; then tipped out into the 3-4P and re-rallied through the lane but had too much to do.	*His two-back effort and last at Laurel before he was simply given too much to do at Mountaineer last time: his 3rd place finish should not be taken as an accurate reflection of his ability because he was visibly compromised by the slow pace (25.78, 51.55) as a closer, and if anything, he did well to earn the show. With the right setup, he can significantly narrow the margin with #2 MASAKADO.
Other notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - #1 FORMAL AFFAIR received an excellent pace setup (23.29, 47.70) and sat a great trip as well when justifying even money favoritism at 1 1/16 miles last time; we shouldn't assume that he'll replicate that level of performance with a different trip and pace scenario likely today. Makes debut for Farrior. - #2 MASAKADO was forwardly positioned and sat a good trip when scoring in a slowly run (25.78, 51.55) race here at Laurel two back. - #6 WARRIOR WAYNE deserves some extra credit for his two-back effort as he did best of the speed in a fast-paced race (22.60, 46.21); logical player following his win on the slop last time. 			

Horses to Follow

R6: BAND CAMP (5/1 ML)

As is the theme throughout Sunday's card, the sixth race looks a wide-open affair, but BAND CAMP is one who shouldn't be left off tickets at his 5/1 morning-line price. Since the start of 2024, the Daniel Eubanks trainee has hit the board in 12 of 15 starts, winning eight times and posting multiple 90+ Beyers that stack up very favorably against this group. His fifth-place finish off the layoff last time might suggest he's lost a step, but that effort is better than it appears on paper. After breaking poorly and spotting his rivals a significant head start, he found himself chasing in a race that saw the speed held throughout, with the first four finishers filling those positions throughout. Despite that, he steadily made up ground by posting the fastest incremental splits from the half-mile pole to the finish and was eventually beaten only four lengths by today's ML favorite FREEZE THE FIRE. With that comeback run behind him, a better break could see him take a sizeable step forward and make his presence felt at a fair price.

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 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.

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.

DOLICE VITA *(Entered at Laurel – TODAY, 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.

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.

JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 1 - Yomar Ortiz: #1 - Bonded; #3 - Strategist >>> **Ortiz rides STRATEGIST**

Race 2 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #4 - Baru; #8 - Lucky Siete >>> **Hazlewood rides LUCKY SIETE**

Race 3 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #2 - Cactus; #4 - Big Tankness >>> **Hazlewood rides BIG TANKNESS**

Race 3 - Forest Boyce: #3 - Bushido; #7 - Prado Road >>> **Boyce rides BUSHIDO**

Race 5 - Joe Rocco Jr: #3 - Chimney Sweep; #4 - Tax and Tags >>> **Rocco rides CHIMNEY SWEEP**

Race 5 - Jevian Toledo: #9 - Bright Time; #10 - Airbrush; #11 J C's Boys >>> **Toledo rides J C'S BOYS**

Race 7 - Mychel Sanchez: #6 - Just Philtored; #10 - The Town Tempter >>> **Sanchez rides JUST PHILTORED**

Race 8 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #1 - Formal Affair; #5 - Work Hard >>> **Hazlewood rides WORK HARD**

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

A recap of **SATURDAY, JUNE 13 action at Laurel Park**. Visit theracingbiz.com for John Piassek's FREE full analysis of today's Laurel card.

Race 1: Contra was crunched down to even-money favoritism after finishing third at this level last out, but certainly lived up to those expectations here. She broke on top and never looked back for an impressive maiden-breaking score, while Forty Seven Smoker closed well for second.

Race 2: When in doubt, bet the speed. **Naomi an Ruth** hit the front early and led all the way in a race where no one really wanted the distance.

Race 3: Longhi looked like he was in trouble at the top of the stretch. He was spinning his wheels and not going on with it. However, he kicked into gear in the last eighth and got up over fellow closer Patrick's Promise. He paid \$10.20, a good price for a Graham Motion trainee on this grass course.

Race 4: Silver Saber opened up to a long early lead and set blistering fractions before hitting the wall at the top of the lane. That set it up perfectly for Country Bumpkin, who outkicked fellow closer Pippin the Warrior to win it.

Race 5: This race was over quickly. **Sticktothesystem** opened up a clear early lead and never looked back to win as much the best.

Race 6: There was a mass cavalry charge in the stretch behind **Goodluck Road**, but no one could catch up, and he held on to break his maiden at sixth asking.

Race 7: Four of them battled for the early lead, which left favored **Itsamonstamash** licking her lips from off the pace. She split horses at the top of the stretch and held off the surge of deep closer Missy Sixtysix. Kissedbyanangel ran the best of the speeds; she managed to hold third.

Race 8: It was, in the words of Dave Rodman, a “Hillwood Thriller,” as the runners owned by Mrs. Charles finished first and second. Saving ground made the difference here. **Daring Venture** hugged the rail in the lane and won, while Brightshininglight, who rallied one path to his outside, lost by a zop. Favored Rye Diggitydog made a bold, wide move at the top of the stretch, but flattened out.

Race 9: Wonder Girl ran a big race on the lead. She set the pace and led all the way, while no one else who was close to her in the early stages finished in the superfecta.

Race 10: Pinky Swear looked like she was beaten when Hurricane Lynn headed her at the top of the stretch, but she dug in for her maiden-breaking triumph.

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	

