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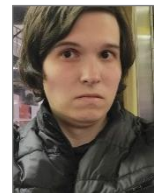
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TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

>> RACE 1

1. CARL'S BADGE

2. MCLOVIN

3. LUCKY PRINCE

The first post time is NOON, and there are "Value Pick 5" wagers with a LOW 12% takeout rate. Merely guessing with **CARL'S BADGE**, who was only beaten a nose in a 10-furlong flat race during the Middleburg Point to Point meeting on 4/26. Prepped for his hurdle debut with a 6/16 work that matches the barn's 5-year-old Jhirsch (entered in today's second race). Perhaps they breezed in company. **MCLOVIN** (races in cheekpieces) made a big mid-race move to the lead before understandably tiring behind a runaway winner that was shipping in from overseas. He has back class and stamina from his flat performances. **LUCKY PRINCE** captured a one-mile flat race at the Elkridge-Harford Point to Point on 4/4, finished fifth in a maiden hurdle at the Loudoun Point 15 days later, then cracked the exacta in a pair of jumps. Seems like a consistent fellow.

>> RACE 2

1. RANGER THUNDERBOLT

2. GOING COUNTRY

3. J HIRSCH

RANGER THUNDERBOLT has been flawless in his two jump starts this season, blasting to an uncontested lead on each occasion, and remaining strong to the wire. He'll get a class test here. **GOING COUNTRY** is a veteran with a ton of back class, and he might be racing himself back into shape after over a year on the sidelines. Must avoid getting burned out chasing the pacesetter. **J HIRSCH** hinted at jump ability when taking a maiden hurdle at the Old Dominion Point to Point on April 4, then looked strong winning two weeks later. He might have found the 2 1/2 miles a bit too far last month. **PLEASANT FANTASY** might have aimed a bit too high in the Speedy Smithwick Memorial.

>> RACE 3

1. SHE'S A CANNY LASS

2. LOAF OF SOF

3. ZEN DREAMS

SHE'S A CANNY LASS can take a step forward in her second start of the year after rallying for third over a speed-friendly track. Found a good stalking position, was urged along on the turn, cut the corner into the stretch, then got up for third behind the two speeds. The runner-up then placed in a \$12,500 maiden seller with a 47 Beyer. This barn went 5 for the last 13 (38%, \$3.06 ROI) with second-time Lasix users. **LOAF OF SOF** wasn't away the best, then raced outside in midpack behind a quick pace. Made a three-wide bid under urging, then finished evenly on the rail despite being late to change leads. Her dam was a Grade 2-winning dirt router, so today's extra distance might be right up her alley. **ZEN DREAMS** saved ground behind the leaders in her most recent dirt start, was outpaced along the fence under urging, then only finished evenly after cutting the corner. The fourth-finisher then graduated by 7 1/2 lengths at this level with a 36 Beyer. Kicks on in the stretch.

>> RACE 4

1. LENDALFOOT

2. FIRESTREAK

3. MATADORA

LENDALFOOT ran well in her final start last year in New York. After being bumped at the start, she raced three wide and in between from midpack, dropped inside to cut the corner into the stretch, and made up a couple of lengths. Prepped for her seasonal debut with a fourth-place finish in a 12-furlong training flat at Green Spring Valley Point-To-Point on 3/29, then tired after chasing the pace with blinkers on. Not a bad try last time on dirt, which is probably not her preferred surface. Can sit a tracking trip for a barn that scored with dirt-to-turf maiden Christmas Jones on 6/7. **FIRESTREAK** gave a nice try to just miss at 118-1 in her lone turf start. Wired by a 72-1 shot, she saved ground, altered widest, then made up almost five lengths. Likely gained fitness when chasing a pacesetting winner over a speed-friendly dirt track in her first of the year. **MATADORA** stalked outside at Delaware, tracked three wide and in between after a half, went on a hard chase to go after the favored, pacesetting winner, and stayed well for second. Got the better of 3-year-old filly Amberia (63 turf Beyer) when breezing inside that foe on 6/13. Expect improved early speed for a barn that went 12 for the last 38 (32%, \$2.01 ROI) when moving from maiden special to maiden claimer.

>> RACE 5

1. CLAVIN

2. FAYES HEART

3. VILALUZ

CLAVIN pressed a sharp pace from in between rivals, went after the leader in earnest on the turn, and was bumped a couple of times when tiring in the stretch. He figures close to the pace once again for a barn that went 10 for the last 37 (27%, \$2.12 ROI) when returning in two weeks or less. **FAYES HEART** pressed the 2-1 runner-up over a speed-friendly track before tiring when it counted. Think that distance was a bit too far, and he should appreciate cutting back to a sprint. He's quick enough to get close to the pace for a barn that went 4 for the last 18 (22%, \$5 ROI) when moving from route to sprint. **VILALUZ** made a huge premature move into the teeth of the pace before understandably flattening out in his final start last year. The winner of that heat then ran third in a dime "beaten" claimer with a 64 Beyer. **UNCLE GREY** was wired in a key race, with the runner-up returning to take a \$12,500 "non-two" seller with a 68 Beyer. Kicks if the pace is hotter than expected. **EL JUNIOR** has angles dropping in class and returning to his preferred dirt surface. Wired in his most recent dirt start, the runner-up from that race then placed in a quarter "non-two" starter with a 52 Beyer.

>> RACE 6

1. OVER MY CENTS

2. LET HER PASS BY

3. HOLY JOANIE

OVER MY CENTS tracked from in between rivals, seemed outpaced a bit on the turn, eased out into the lane, and finished evenly despite hopping back to her left lead right on the wire. She was likely in too tough against that restricted allowance group, and should appreciate today's class relief. Expect a bit more early speed this afternoon. **LET HER PASS BY** tracked from in between rivals, traveled comfortably turning into the stretch, split foes, and drove home first despite being very late to change leads. Gets tested in her first start against winners. **HOLY JOANIE** acted up behind the stalls prior to her recent turf outing, then didn't have the cleanest trip when finishing behind the top pick. She's lightly raced with some upside potential. **MUSIC ON THE ROCKS** didn't break well from the rail, raced outside at the back, cut the corner into the stretch, altered course outside, and finished evenly. She benefits if this pace gets hot. **FRAPPART**, **PRETTY SHY**, and **HOLY BRICK** all deserve consideration if able to escape the Also Eligible list.

>> RACE 7

1. BEALE STREET BOY

2. LOOKIN AT MAC

3. NO MORE CALLS

BEALE STREET BOY finally put it all together at Delaware, as he pushed the 5-1 fourth-finisher's pace before asserting himself when it mattered. He shouldn't be too far off the leaders in this first run against winners. Coupled stablemate **LOOKIN AT MAC** has won his last two starts by a combined 28 lengths, and dominated them in his circuit debut, although potentially aided by a closer's bias. He can also get near the lead. **NO MORE CALLS** seemed a bit rank entering the backstretch last time out, swung six wide into the stretch, and couldn't get to the pacesetting winner. He's looking for fast fractions, as he repeats the allowance to claiming move that resulted in his last win. **VERY VOLATILE** faced elders, stretches out for the first time, adds Lasix, and should show good speed.

>> RACE 8

1. TAPIT KISSIT WINIT

2. HITTHEROADJAK

3. ZEVON

TAPIT KISSIT WINIT gets Lasix once again after trying restricted stakes company at Tampa Bay. Ran well considering the long layoff two starts back, as he finished ahead of Noble Factor, a next-out runner-up in a second-level allowance there with an 86 Beyer. He can sit just behind the expected solid pace. **HITTHEROADJAK** set the pace from the fence on turf two back, opened up a substantial lead on the backstretch, and tired in the stretch. He won't be too far off the lead despite breaking from this tough outside post. **ZEVON** shook loose on the lead in his seasonal debut, then just had enough in the tank to fend off the runner-up. The fifth-finisher then placed in a first-level allowance with a 79 Beyer. Might face a quicker race flow this time around. Both **READ ON** and **STICKTOTHESYSTEM** add to the early pace while **CAN GROUP** should benefit from an early skirmish.

>> RACE 9

1. INDY MAGIC

2. PREACHA MEYERS

3. DERBYNESS

INDY MAGIC wasn't away the best, tracked three wide and in between horses, split rivals three wide to make the lead with three-eighths remaining, grabbed the rail, and poured it on in a three-turn test at Charles Town. Didn't fire at odds-on in his prior start at Laurel, but he was in against Mika that day, a colt that returned to finish second in the Grade 2 Cigar Mile with a 106 Beyer. He'll try to kick late for a barn that went 4 for the last 10 (40%, \$2.54 ROI) with last-out winners in the third start following 61-120 day layoffs. **PREACHA MEYERS** had everything his own way when setting glacial fractions over a speed-friendly track. Can't deny his recent form, as he's won his last four starts, and he's versatile enough to sit off the pace this time if necessary. Hazelwood departs for Secret Zipper. **DERBYNESS** found a good position tracking the three leaders, made a three-wide bid on the turn, then couldn't go with the 10-1 winner. Consistent performer drew the advantageous inside post position. **SECRET ZIPPER** chased a solid pace (24.17; 24.02) before tiring at Delaware. Back to his favorite track, he might try and make the lead. **STRAIGHT TO WATER** prompted a slow pace in a match race before asserting himself late. He'll come from farther out of it here.

>> RACE 10

1. BOAT'S A ROCKIN

2. TAKE ME TO CHURCH

3. UPSIDEDOWN MAN

BOAT'S A ROCKIN, listed as a Monmouth vet scratch on 5/31, owns tons of back class, and seems well-entered for his circuit return. Outspinted to save ground while far back last time, he split horses on the turn, then didn't threaten while characteristically failing to change leads. He was wired that day, and was flattered when the third-finisher then placed in a \$12,000 synthetic starter with an 86 Beyer. Karamanos lands here instead of Find Faith. **TAKE ME TO CHURCH** prompted three wide at Tampa Bay, attacked three deep and in between on the second turn, and tried his best when in between. Finished ahead of two next-out winners, with the third-finisher hitting the board in his next seven starts with an 86 Beyer top. Think he's at his best when he makes the early lead, but he might have to rate and finish at this shorter distance. **UPSIDEDOWN MAN** broke a beat slow, raced four wide at the back, swung widest into the stretch, then rallied stoutly despite hopping back to his left lead. He finished ahead of four of these that day when second to the favorite.

MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

R1: McLovin has proven himself competitive in stakes company on both the flat and over fences, about time he breaks his maiden over fences here. Double clutch looks an interesting acquisition, while he was sprinting on the flat as recently as January '26, the pedigree suggests he should be able to run all day. Suspect the cutback toward the end of his flat racing career has to do with the half sibling, Gear Jockey, finding success in graded stakes company while going short.

R2: Going Country returned in 2026 following a lengthy layoff, he seems well spotted here after a lengthy career in graded stakes company. Ranger Thunderbolt has done nothing wrong since landing in the states, he may have some other early pace to contend with from Doctor Love.

R3: The gallop out from Lucky Tin Tin on debut caught my attention following a troubled trip, 2nd time Lasix and stretching out may suit her well. First time on the dirt but the mare ran exclusively on the surface. Zen Dreams has yet to try the dirt since finding this level, her routing experience is worth something here.

R4: Magic Beam made an impression on debut, especially when considering the barn does their best work with a few races underneath their runners. Blinkers on and 3rd time Lasix for Kinda Clever, a runner who has proven herself a player on the turf. The price is right and Matz strikes at 38% when adding blinkers.

R5: Clavin found himself crowded last out in a race with plenty of speed, the class relief and new company should benefit here. Fayes Heart is the other likely speed in this group, cutting back in distance may help carry him today.

R6: Over My Cents has made big strides since returning to the turf, her last outing is flattered but Clawless Brit and Big Earn improving next out. Class relief is key here. Let Her Pass By faces winners for the first time but her company as a 2 y/o is encouraging enough for me. Plenty of room to improve at this level.

R7: It's hard to imagine No More Calls will be faced with opening fractions in 25.11s for this trip, landing him in my top selection here. With an honest pace up front, as seen 2-back, his late kick has been successful since adding Lasix. I questioned Lookin At Mac last out but after seeing him in person, he made perfect sense. He catches the right group for a step up in company here.

R8: Antisocial was nominated to both the Henry Clark and King Leatherbury stakes here in April, opting instead to make the season debut in Saratoga. While he may have been outsprinted there, he is tactical enough to benefit from the speed today going a mile. Should the pace fall apart entirely, King's River looks the most likely to benefit.

R9: Indy Magic transfers in from CT but his back-class is enough to warrant the top selection for me. In his only try at LRL he ran into Mika, who then went on to miss a G2 win by a neck in his next outing. Derbynness looks a deserving 9-5 favorite after facing back-to-back winner Majorca.

R10: Boat's a Rockin returns to Maryland for new connections after chasing against tougher in Florida. Class relief should serve this 17-time winner well. Upsidedown Man has faced deeper waters in his career and looks well placed in this group after overcoming trouble last out. With a tidier trip, he could be worth a look at 20-1 ML.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 3

#4 - She's a Canny Lass

Trainer: Keri Brion

Second-Lasix: 5 for 13 (38%, \$3.06 ROI)

RACE 4

#3 - Matadora

Trainer: Graham Motion

Maiden Special to Maiden Claiming: 12 for 38 (32%, \$2.01 ROI)

RACE 5

#4 - Clavin

Trainer: Kieron Magee

First After 1-14 Days: 10 for 3 (27%, \$2.12 ROI)

RACE 5

#8 - Fayes Heart

Trainer: John Robb

Route to Sprint: 4 for 18 (22%, \$5.00 ROI)

RACE 9

#5 - Indy Magic

Trainer: Anthony Farrior

Last-Out Winners, 3rd After 61-120 Days: 4 for 10 (40%, \$2.54 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 3: Maiden Claiming 12.5k, 3-6YO (F), 1 Mile, Dirt			
Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#4 SHE'S A CANNY LASS	Maiden Claiming 12k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Sloppy Dirt, 05/22/26 – 3 rd	Bumped start; chased honest pace from ~10L back on the rail rounding the far turn; cut the corner into the lane, then stayed on with credit into 3 rd before galloping out in front.	This dirt debut is deserving of some extra credit as she was making her first start for 181-days and racing against a strong speed bias throughout. She stayed on well and galloped out nicely enough to suggest that a notable step forward can be taken now making her second start back, up in trip.
Other notes: - In all three starts to date sprinting, #1 LOAF OF SOF has run in a manner to suggest she will be better suited by today's mile distance (outpaced over sprint trips, finished evenly and galloped out with credit each time). - As was the case on debut, #5 I'MAMATERIALGIRL didn't look entirely happy in behind kickback last time; suspect that a slower pace at a mile can help her get forward and in the clear early, which – with Lasix added for the first time – could see her step forward. Not ruled out.			
Race 4: Maiden Claiming 35k, 3-6YO (F), 1 1/16 Miles, Turf			
Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#2 MAGIC BEAM	MSW, PEN, 1M, Firm Turf, 06/02/26 – 4 th	Lacked speed, trailed inside rounding first turn; remained under patient handling in a detached last racing into the far turn, then made swift progress before encountering minor traffic upper stretch; cut inside ~3/16 and squeezed through a small rail opening ~1/8 before leveling off nicely close home but in vain – the front three were well gone.	The chart comment makes her trip sound slightly worse than it was, but we can still award her an upgrade for this effort because it wasn't a 100% clean trip, and she was racing against the 'flow' of the race that saw speed hold very well (top three finishers were all within 2L of lead throughout including the 17/1 pace setter (2nd) and 16/1 show finisher). She left the impression that there's still more to come and she shouldn't be ruled out.
#9 LENDALFOOT	Maiden Claiming 35k, LRL, 1M, Firm Turf, 04/25/26 – 4 th	Away well; chased honest pace on the rail in 2 nd into the back stretch, then tipped out into the 2P and crept a little closer; took a narrow head lead while traveling well between foes in the 2P to upper stretch, then came under a ride and held the lead gamely to ~1/16 pole before losing positions in the final few jumps.	*Her last start on turf: The top three finishers in this race were 8, 12 ½ and 6 lengths off the lead after an opening ¼ of 22.94; she therefore ran a big race to be beaten just 1 1/2L, doing best of the speed in what was her first start for 164 days. Willing to give this effort a PACE UPGRADE; should be dangerous third back following a solid try on the dirt last time.
Other notes: - #4 VERDANT TONES stumbled badly at the break when making her debut in an off-turf event last time; eligible to step forward. - Quickly after losing a couple of positions in upper stretch, the rider on #7 MIDNIGHT PROWLER wrapped up on her when she was last seen on the synth at Gulfstream; this exacerbated the margin of defeat and her prior turf effort seems a better reflection of her ability. Returns from layoff today. - Although sent off at odds of 118/1, there was no fluke about #8 FIRESTREAK's likable debut at Delaware last September (her only turf start to date); aided by a nice trip, she showed a willing attitude to close into an even pace and be beaten just 1/4L before galloping out in front. If recapturing that sort of form returned to the grass today, she could go well for her new trainer.			

Race 5: Claiming 7.5k, 3YO+, 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#4 CLAVIN	Claiming 12k, LRL, 6F, Fast Dirt, 06/07/26 – 6 th	Hustled along pressing fast pace between foes in the 2P racing to the top of the lane, then faded grudgingly through the stretch and took a minor bump ~1/8 pole.	The pace he was pressing between foes (always an unfavorable spot to be in) completely collapsed in this race, with the two early trailers – at odds of 28/1 and 12/1 – coming through to finish 1-2. Seems highly likely he can improve on this effort with a different trip that allows him to ration out his speed more efficiently.

Other notes:

- **#5 VILALUZ** did not receive a good ride when last seen going a mile in September '25: having lacked speed and trailed early, he was then rushed up into the fast pace while wide before the field had even reached halfway (the move was massively premature) and having then taken a clear lead racing to the ¼ pole, he understandably tired again and faded back into 5th. He's capable of more than that, but whether we see it first off the bench at 6F today is a question mark.
- Regarding **#8 FAYES HEART**'s last start, the chart comment correctly highlights how he bobbled at the break and then bumped with a foe in upper stretch; while both these things did happen, neither cost him more than a length at most and we should definitely not upgrade his effort as a result; in fact, given there was a speed bias present, we might actually need to downgrade his effort somewhat. That being said, though, it still wasn't a bad effort from him, and he will require respect back sprinting down in class.

Race 6: Claiming 16k, 3YO+ (F), 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#11 HOT BOSS	Claiming 16k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 05/31/26 – 2 nd	Dropped down and chased lose leader through fast fractions into the turn; made an early bid to go after the leader and responded willingly; drew level for the lead ~3/16 pole, then opened up ~2L lead in deep stretch and stayed on gamely to the wire but could not fend off the eventual winner who closed.	The pace that she chased and then went after early in this race was hot (22.35, 45.03) and set up well for closers (winner rallied from 9L back; show finisher rallied from 10 1/2L back). Her effort is therefore deserving of a notable PACE UPGRADE. She could be very dangerous second back at 5 1/2F today, especially if rationing out her speed a little more efficiently.

Other notes:

- The last time **#3 ASKNOTWHATYOUcando** ran off a lengthy layoff at Pimlico last May, she endured a troubled stretch while running over what was a slightly short trip (flat 5F) and we can upgrade that effort; she then ran well going long before finding herself too far back in a race where it was beneficial to be forward at Colonial last time (she might also have had to tap on the breaks in the lane that day, but it's hard to fully see). Some things to like if ready off the bench.
- **#5 GREATWHITEFLEET** was able to get away with setting slow (24.65, 49.35) fractions when breaking her maiden in wire fashion on the dirt last time, potentially warranting a downgrade. Makes turf debut first off the claim today.
- **#7 HOLY JOANIE** did not have a fully clean trip last time as she checked when in tight along the rail entering the turn, costing her a length or so; while she does have the ability to possibly improve on that effort a little with a cleaner trip today, we should be reluctant to really upgrade that last run because it wasn't race ending interference, her momentum wasn't hurt that badly, and she received a great setup while scraping the rail thereafter; it did not cost her a position at the wire.
- **#8 HEY ALEXA (MTO)** received an exceptional trip and pace setup when breaking her maiden last time; we shouldn't take it for granted that she'll reproduce that exact level of form again today.
- **#9 WORRIES UNFOUNDED** looked to possibly be lugging in slightly through the stretch when staying on nicely into a hot pace for 3rd last time.

Race 7: OC 62k/N1X Allowance, 3YO, 1 1/16 Miles, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#3 NO MORE CALLS	Allowance, LRL, 1 1/16M, Fast Dirt, 05/31/26 – 6 th	Patently handled from gate; trailed slow pace under a hold from ~11L back into the far turn, then angled out 6-7W from the 5/16 and rallied with credit through the lane but had way too much to do.	He's actually done very well to be beaten just 4L in this race given he received a poor setup, trying to close into fractions of 25.11, 49.58 that favored those close to the pace. Combining that with the ground loss suffered by angling very wide off the home turn, and this effort is deserving of an UPGRADE. Seems capable of more given the right setup.

Other Notes:

- As well as being caught 4W on the first turn, **#2 MARCAN LOVE** didn't receive an adequate pace setup to be seen to best effect (like he did two-back) last time as he tried to close into fractions of 25.11, 49.58. He didn't do enough to earn an upgrade, but did stay on well enough to suggest there is more to come from him given the right setup.
- **#4 VERY VOLATILE** was very keen in his races last year, possibly raising concern about him getting two turns off the layoff today.
- **#6 LONG LEGGED LUIS** broke awkwardly and was away a beat slow when last seen, but we can't attribute his 13L defeat to that because he sat a perfectly fine trip and received a good setup thereafter, but lugged out on the turn and was weak through the stretch.
- **#1A BEALE STRET BOY**'s two back effort is deserving of some extra credit as he very nearly wired the field, despite a strong closer bias being present. Logical player following his strong recent victory.

Race 8: OC 40k/N2X Allowance, 3YO+, 1 Mile, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#4 READ ON	Claiming 20k, LRL, 1 1/8M, Firm Turf, 04/25/26 – 1 st	Set a fast, pressured pace on the rail into the far turn; came under a ride racing to the top of the lane, dispatched of his nearest pursuer and opened up by 3-4L in deep stretch, comfortably holding the closers at bay.	Even in victory, this effort is deserving of a small PACE UPGRADE as he was well on top at the line, despite having set pressured fractions of 23.51, 47.01 that proved too much for the other speed horses and set things up well for closers (horses positioned 5th, 6th & 7th at second call filled the next three places). Player right back.
#6 CAN GROUP	Allowance, LRL, 1M, Firm Turf, 10/24/25 – 6 th	Patently handled from the gate; settled in rear between horses 2W in behind a slow pace racing to the far turn; became slightly outpaced and dropped further back as the pace lifted racing to the top of the lane; turned for home ~8L behind, then stayed on with credit to be beaten 4 3/4L but had far too much to do.	He didn't actually do badly to only be beaten 4 3/4L in this race given the slow pace completely worked against him (49.03 half, speed held very well with the rails at 35 feet); he can offer more than this with the right setup; returns from layoff today.

Other notes:

- **#1 ANTISOCIAL** was arguably ridden too aggressively going 5 1/2F when making his comeback from a layoff last time; he'd have been seen to better effect if he'd tucked in behind the speed early and made one smooth run, but he was instead hustled up to get forward early while 3-4W. He didn't run a bad race though, and he can likely improve second out at a mile today.
- There was no fluke about **#3 ZEVON**'s big win off the layoff last time – first time Lasix seemingly moved him up and he may be capable of now offering more with that run under his belt.
- **#7 KING'S RIVER**'s last start is borderline upgradable because he wasted plenty of his own and his rider's energy racing very aggressively early, and speed held very well in the race (top three finishers filled those positions throughout, including 15/1 shot **#8 HITTHEROADJAK**, who set the pace through a 49.33 half – possibly downgrade 'HIT's effort?). Second back today with a more flowing, smoother trip, KR could make some noise.

Race 9: OC 40k/N2X Allowance, 3YO+, 1 1/16 Miles, Dirt**Other notes:**

- **#3 GO JOE WON** was DQ'd for interference in the stretch last time: he drifted (not helped by being floated out) ~1/8 pole, causing a number of horses to bunch tightly together and one to clip heels. Regardless of whether the DQ was justified or not, we should note that he too was hampered in this skirmish and had to steady notably, exacerbating his margin of defeat. With a clean trip, he can improve third back.
- **#4 PREACHA MEYERS** was much the best when facing three rivals last time, and there's no denying that; however, it might just be worth noting anyway that he was able to set slow fractions on an uncontested lead (25.18, 50.28), and there was a strong speed bias present.

Race 10: Starter Allowance, 3YO+, 5 1/2 Furlongs, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
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#3 TIZ NO CLOWN	Starter Allowance, LRL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 05/30/26 – 4 th	Showed speed between foes in the 2P early, then was shuffled back a little and lost ground on the far turn; came under pressure and responded; turned for home ~6L back in 8 th , then began to re-rally before tapping on the brakes and altering course when in tight ~1/16 pole; from there, he continued to stick on well for 4 th .	He didn't have a completely clean trip (we can UPGRADE his effort slightly) in this race yet still ran very well regardless; the gelding operation and surface switch looked to bring out major improvement and today's addition of blinkers may be the missing ingredient to getting him over the line at a big price.
#5 ISLAND D'LITE	Starter Allowance, LRL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 05/30/26 – 5 th	Chased even pace inside racing into the turn, then had to steady in traffic and little and was shuffled back; chased while tight along the rail from ~5L back racing to upper stretch, then tried to sneak through a rail opening upon straightening but lacked the room to do so and had to move to plan B; moved back out into the 2-3P ~1/8 pole, then threaded his way between horses and stayed on well but had far too much to do.	His tricky trip might have cost him 3rd in this race (beaten just a 1/2L and neck for that spot), and with a cleaner trip, he can probably improve a little third back.
#9 UPSIDEDOWN MAN	Starter Allowance, LRL, 5 1/2F, Good Turf, 05/30/26 – 2 nd	Squeezed back start, trailed early; made a sustained move 4-5W outside horses on the far turn, then rallied powerfully through the lane but missed.	The pace was just even in this race (no particular advantage to closers), so it was impressive to see him make the move he did, especially considering his very wide trip that earns him an UPGRADE. Not ruled out.
Other notes: - #1 TAKE ME TO CHURCH (IRE) deserves some extra credit for his last race going two turns in January as he did best of the speed (just), despite a 3W trip. He could be very effective back sprinting at Laurel if ready off the bench. - #4 CLAUDEE BOY hopped a little at the break and was then a fraction wide on the turn when last seen, neither of which necessarily helped his chances; however, he is a closing sprinter by trade (he was likely always going to sit that trip) and he had every chance to win in the stretch if good enough. - Although he was a little wide off the turn, we should be reluctant to upgrade #6 MY LIFE STORY's win last out because he also received a fabulous pace setup as a closer.			

FUTURE HORSES TO WATCH

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

Trainer: Jerry Robb

Last Race: Dec. 27, 8th race

Finish: 5th by 9 1/2

Appeared on the upswing, but threw in a puzzler in the Heft, 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.

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

Trainer: Greg Sacco

Last Race: Jan. 16, 7th race

Finish: 4th by 4 ¾ lengths

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

ITHADTOBELU (*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.

RERUN TABLE

Trainer: John Salzman Jr.

Last Race: May 30, 4th race

Finish: 2nd by 3/4

Maryland-bred displayed her tactical speed while rating 3 wide, bid between horses on the turn, then fought gamely with eventual winner Slewperitus to the wire. She continued with plenty of stamina on the gallop out.

TRULY AN HONOR

Trainer: Anthony Farrior

Last Race: June 13, 10th

Finish: 3rd by 5 3/4 lengths

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

COME TO MAMA

Trainer: Sarah White

Last Race: June 13, 7th

Finish: 7th by 10 lengths

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

YOUR LORDSHIP

Trainer: Graham Motion

Last Race: May 30, 7th race

Finish: 1st by 2 3/4

It could be a fun 4-year-old summer on the turf for the Graham Motion-trained runner. Racing as a first-time gelding, Your Lordship rated long with plenty of confidence throughout, waited to pounce in the upper stretch, and angled and swept clear for the win

FINN MCSORLEY

Trainer: Niall Saville

Last Race: June 13, 5th

Finish: 3rd by 4 3/4 lengths

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

JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 3 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #3 - Lucky Tin Tin; #5 - I'mamaterialgirl >>> **Hazlewood rides LUCKY TIN TIN**

Race 4 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #5 - Watch Me Sparkle; #6 - Kinda Clever >>> **Hazlewood rides KINDA CLEVER**

Race 9 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #2 - Secret Zipper; #4 - Preacha Meyers >>> **Hazlewood rides SECRET ZIPPER**

Race 10 - Horacio Karamanos: #8 - Find Faith; #10 - Boat's a Rockin >>> **Karamanos rides BOATS'S A ROCKIN**

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

A recap of SATURDAY, JUNE 20 action at Laurel Park. Visit theracingbiz.com for John Piassek's FREE full analysis of today's Laurel card.

Race 1: The Robby Bailes-trained pair of **Serene Spirit** and Gripen both worked out perfect trips stalking longshot early leader Blames Honey. Those two inherited the lead at the top of the stretch, and Serene Spirit kept Gripen at bay.

Race 2: Yedsit Hazlewood kept odds-on choice **Jolly by Golly** glued to the rail throughout, to great effect. When early leader Fightertown gave way, Jolly by Golly surged through and took command for good. He outkicked Pudge Boy Palace, who held second after racing off the inside all the way.

Race 3: Several "one times" may have been used in the process of getting **Let's Dance Again** home. The early leader looked like she was in deep water at the top of the stretch, as Put a Rock On It poked a head in front and looked like she would blow by. However, Let's Dance Again dug in and Put a Rock On It couldn't go by, and the former prevailed at 10-1. Put a Rock On It couldn't even hold third; Bay Street and Synergism closed with rushes for second and third, respectively.

Race 4: Biscuitwiththeboss led almost the whole way after setting ambitious fractions. However, fellow Brittany Russell trainee **Clawless Brit** managed to convert a fantastic ground-saving trip, getting up to win in the final yards.

Race 5: It's rare to see a horse go last-to-first in the final five-sixteenths of a mile, even down the long one-turn mile stretch. However, **Weekend Wife** pulled it off. She closed with interest and purpose down the center of the track and won clear. Enigmatic won a place photo over Sunflower State.

Race 6: **Chilly Girl** had horse on the far turn, but lacked racing room. Once she found it, she drew off to victory. Getting Closer ran the best of the early speeds, holding a clear second over Thisishowwedoit.

Race 7: It's safe to say **Mopo** has come into her own. After finishing second six times in nine starts last year, she's won twice already this season, including a win in the Jameela Stakes. She rated off the pace and led briefly in midstretch, but looked to be in trouble when Gift of Gab ranged up on her outside and poked a nose in front. However, Mopo showed heart and fought back to win.

Race 8: Ignore Gary Capuano-trained first-timers at your own peril. **Seven's Nitro** was sent off at 5-2 and it made it look like a gift. He ranged up three-wide on the turn and drew off in the stretch. Longshot Road Cat ran a big race on debut, racing on the pace and holding second.

Race 9: How gritty is **Witty**? The lovable 7-year-old gelding wore down Had to Have Him in the stretch to win the Ben's Cat Stakes. He's now won at least one stakes race every year for six consecutive years and has gone over \$1 million in career earnings. Hats off!!

Race 10: **Edelweiss** dueled for the early lead with Mose Smokin, dismissed that rival at the top of the stretch, and fought hard against the oncoming challenge of **World on Fire**. Ultimately, World on Fire proved too much, and that rival won in a photo finish.

PAST TRACK TRENDS

Jan. 9 – Fair
 Jan. 10 – Fair
 Jan. 16 – Fair
 Jan. 17 – Fair
 Jan. 23 – Fair
 Jan. 30 - (only 1 race)
 Feb. 4 – Fair
 Feb. 5 – Fair (speed lean)
 Feb. 6 – Fair
 Feb. 12 – CLOSERS BIAS
 Feb. 13 – Fair (slight speed lean)
 Feb. 14 – Fair
 Feb. 15 – Fair
 Feb. 20 – Fair
 Feb. 21 – Fair
 Feb. 22 – Fair

Feb. 27 – Fair
 Feb. 28 – Fair
 Mar. 1 – Fair
 Mar. 6 – Fair (slight outside lean)
 Mar. 7 – SPEED BIAS
 Mar. 8 – Fair
 Mar. 13 – SPEED BIAS (strong crosswind)
 Mar. 15 – Fair
 Mar. 20 – Fair
 Mar. 21 – Fair (perhaps outside lean)
 Mar. 22 – Fair (perhaps outside lean)
 Mar. 27 – Fair
 Mar. 28 – Fair
 Mar. 29 – SPEED BIAS
 Apr. 3 – Fair

Apr. 4 – Fair
 Apr. 10 – Fair
 Apr. 11 – Fair
 Apr. 12 – Fair
 Apr. 17 – Fair
 Apr. 18 – SPEED BIAS
 Apr. 19 – Fair
 Apr. 24 – Fair
 Apr. 25 – SPEED BIAS
 Apr. 26 – Fair
 May 1 – SPEED BIAS
 May 2 – Fair
 May 3 – Fair
 May 8 – CLOSERS BIAS
 May 9 – Fair
 May 10 – CLOSERS BIAS

May 14 – Fair
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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