



# LAUREL PARK

## HANDICAPPING GUIDE for SUNDAY, JUNE 7

### TODAY'S SELECTIONS FROM THE LAUREL PARK TEAM



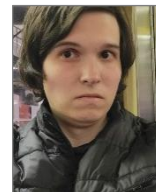
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RACE 1:	1-5-7-2	1-4-7-3	7-10-2-1	11-4-2-6	1-7-4-10	7-1-10
RACE 2:	1-2-6-4	2-6-4-5	2-4-6-1	6-2-4-1	2-4-6-1	5-1-2
RACE 3:	11-7-1-2	6-10-1-11	10-1-11-2	5-2-6-11	11-1-7-6	6-10-2
RACE 4:	2-3-4-7	3-5-4-7	3-2-5-1	4-2-5-1	1-5-4-2	2-1-3
RACE 5:	10-6-2-12	6-12-2-5	12-6-2-10	6-2-9-8	6-2-5-9	2-9-4
RACE 6:	1-5-3-4	4-5-1-3	1-3-2-5	1-2-4-3	5-1-4-3	4-2-3
RACE 7:	5-1-11-6	1-11-8-5	14-2-11-4	6-11-5-1	6-2-11-14	5-2-12
RACE 8:	6-5-4-2	5-2-4-6	5-4-6-2	6-5-2-3	5-6-4-2	2-5-6

First post is Noon ET with 12% takeout on Value Pick 5 wagers (first five races; last five races)

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## TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

### >> RACE 1

#### 1. DANCING BEAR

#### 2. ELON

#### 3. CALL ME A CAB

The first post time is 12 pm ET, and there are two "Value Pick 5" wagers, each with a LOW 12% takeout rate. **DANCING BEAR** tracked a quick pace from the two path, split rivals turning into the stretch, then finished evenly last month. Swaps out cheekpieces for blinkers this afternoon, and might work out a pace-tracking, ground-saving trip from the inside post. **ELON** likely gained a good amount of fitness when finishing behind the top pick in his first start following a 176-day layoff. Set those fast fractions before tiring in the stretch, and might not have to work as hard to make the early lead for a barn that went 2 for the last 10 (20%, \$3.66 ROI) when removing blinkers. **CALL ME A CAB** was bumped at the start, saved ground in midpack behind the quick pace, advanced up the inside, and finished evenly to place ahead of six of these, including the top-two picks. Lightly-raced runner showed some interest when galloping out after that race, and retains upside potential for a barn that sent out Ecumenical to win here last Sunday. FRYE ISLAND deserves a long look if able to escape the Also Eligible list.

### >> RACE 2

#### 1. WATCH YOUR TONE

#### 2. MISSY BOSS

#### 3. BABY SOX

**WATCH YOUR TONE** tracked the pace while four wide, made a three-wide bid under urging on the turn, then popped back to her left lead through the long stretch. She's won moving from route to sprint in the past, and is expected to kick on in the stretch for a new barn that went 8 for 34 (24%, \$2.48 ROI) between 5/1 and 6/4. Uncoupled stablemate **MISSY BOSS** set fast fractions of 23.98 and 23.30 seconds when wiring them going a one-turn mile. She was desperate to last when switching to her left lead, but deserved to be tired after exerting lots of early energy. She should be squarely in the thick of things when they turn for home. **BABY SOX** pressed the pace while three wide, battled outside the 7-1 last-finisher, took over with three-eighths to run, then changed back to her left lead when tiring. Think she'll revert to the stalking tactics that worked for her two back. Rosario lands here instead of Always Forward.

### >> RACE 3

#### 1. TOO LOOSE LA TREK

#### 2. CHRISTMAS JONES

#### 3. QUALITY SWAG

**TOO LOOSE LA TREK** found a solid spot near the back two starts ago, stalked in between horses on the backstretch, raced over in behind rivals turning for home, altered course to the fence, and finished evenly with a decent gallop-out. Expected more last time, but she broke awkwardly, then was wired in a slow-paced race. Stalked outside, made a three-wide bid on the second turn, and finished evenly. Looking for more pace to attack here. Stamina has been the issue for **CHRISTMAS JONES** throughout her career, but she should show good speed once again, and think moving back to the turf will help. **QUALITY SWAG** made an early move to press the slow-paced winner last time, then stayed on well to place ahead of four of these, including the top pick.

## >> RACE 4

### 1. QUINCANNON

### 2. CUT GLASS

### 3. IT'S SIZZLING TIME

**QUINCANNON** broke well, prompted the pace from in between, made a three-wide bid, then swapped leads several times when second best to a razor-sharp, odds-on favorite (Kerness K returned to win his fifth straight in an \$8,000 starter at Delaware with a 79 Beyer). Wonder if he's more effective at slightly longer distances, but he looks like a solid late threat. **CUT GLASS** was rated back to prompt a four-ply pace from the rail eight days ago at Delaware, settled into the pocket, eased out into the stretch, then finished evenly with a promising gallop-out. Figures to get close to the pace while racing outside and in the clear for a barn that sent out a 13-1 winner last Sunday. **IT'S SIZZLING TIME** stalked three wide at the back in a slow-paced, two-turn affair, then never made an impression against the likes of Striking Sparks, who returned to hit the board in his next two with Beyers of 75 and 83. The cutback in distance works, but he'll need the right pace and trip setup. **DAUFUSKIE ISLAND** is eligible to show positional speed from the rail after chasing Kerness K at Delaware. Getting back to faster going helps. **NORMANDY HERO** hasn't raced on dirt since facing four next-out winners on New Year's Eve, with the runner-up returning to win a \$50,000 optional claimer at Parx with an 84 Beyer. Expect him to try to snatch the early lead in his second start of the year.

## >> RACE 5

### 1. TOOCOOLFORSCHOOL

### 2. ABUNDANT LOVE

### 3. GUM

**TOOCOOLFORSCHOOL** set the pace along the fence in her turf and route debut, tried to tuck them into bed with a quick third quarter in 23.90 seconds, then just couldn't seal the deal in the waning strides. Think she'll try and secure the early lead again for a barn that went 5 for 14 (36%, \$3.45 ROI) between 5/16 and 6/4. **ABUNDANT LOVE** must overcome a lengthy layoff, but she ran some solid figures last year going longer, and was close to a quick pace while wide in her most recent appearance. Doesn't have to fall too far off the lead for a barn that went 3 for the last 14 (21%, \$2.86 ROI) with turf runners returning from 180-365 day layoffs. **GUM** settled back off the pace, tried to advance as the top pick sped clear through the third quarter, then finished willingly in her first start back after a 336-day respite. Looms a strong late threat for a barn that went 4 for 19 (21%, \$2.51 ROI) between 5/16 and 6/4. **IMPROBABLE TALE** (\$90,000 RNA yearling) is out of multiple stakes-placed turf router Seanchai (won debut; 87 turf Beyer). **ROCK TALK** switches surfaces as a half-sister to Grade 3-placed turf sprinter After Five out of stakes-winning turf miler Idle Talk (84 turf Beyer).

## >> RACE 6

### 1. KITTY'S SON

### 2. GALLO

### 3. MANSEEYASWAY

**KITTY'S SON** ran well sprinting when wired in a live race four back, and she was in too tough going two turns last week. Tracked the pace while three wide, seemed a bit rank early on the backstretch, was outpaced while three deep on the second bend, and steadily retreated. He's a better fit at this class level and should finish up well in the stretch. **GALLO** found a good position stalking a quick pace, made a three-wide bid into contention under urging, then drew clear to graduate. Won't be surprised if he's closer to the pace this afternoon for a barn that sent out a 6-1 winner on 5/23. **MANSEEYASWAY**, listed as a Penn National vet scratch (sick) on 5/21, pressed the 9-5 winner from the inside through reasonable fractions, was taken back to rebid from the outside on the turn, then was easily second best despite being late to change leads. Expecting a speed try from the rail for a barn that sent out a 4-1 winner on 5/29. **CLAVIN** has some upside, and should appreciate dropping in class.

## >> RACE 7

### 1. GREAT HEAVENS

### 2. FIRMANTOWN

### 3. ELVIS HIMSELF

**GREAT HEAVENS** was pinched back at the start, saved ground at the tail end of the pack, cut the corner into the stretch, then finished evenly with a promising gallop-out. He doesn't have much speed, so he will have to work out a clean trip from the inside post. **FIRMANTOWN** was steadied twice before settling into a loose pocket, eased outside turning into the long stretch, then finished gamely despite changing back to his left lead. Finished ahead of four of these, including the top pick when second to the odds-on favorite, and his tactical speed is a powerful asset. Sanchez lands here instead of Jigger. **ELVIS HIMSELF** shook loose on the lead, then stayed on nicely for the runner-up spot. He is quick from the gate and repeats the third off the layoff angle that resulted in his maiden win. Perez departs for G Q WORTHY, who switches surfaces out of Grade 2-placed turf router Katara.

## >> RACE 8

### 1. PUDGE BOY PALACE

### 2. PIT STOP MAN

### 3. SEVEN'S ELEVEN

**PUDGE BOY PALACE** wasn't away the best, saved ground near the back, angled three wide into the stretch, altered course inside the drifting winner, and ran on for second. The fourth-finisher then won a \$7,500 "beaten" claimer with a 66 Beyer. This barn went 3 for 10 (30%, \$4.04 ROI) on dirt between 5/22 and 5/31. **PIT STOP MAN** tracked outside at the back, was urged along on the turn, eased outside into the stretch, then only gave an even finish at Thistledown. Think he'll stay closer to the pace as he returns to his preferred racetrack for a barn that went 4 for 18 (22%, \$2.13 ROI) between 5/22 and 6/4. **SEVEN'S ELEVEN** was taken in hand to track from in between, eased out into the stretch, then failed to change leads. He has some back class. WOODLINE drops in class with speed after facing odds-on Kerness K, who returned to win his fifth straight at Delaware with a 79 Beyer. NORFIE would benefit if this pace is faster than expected.

## MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

R1: Call Me a Cab returned for his 4 y/o campaign and picked up right where he left off. This setup could be similar to his maiden score, where he notched the win in his 3rd start off the bench. With an abundance of speed, he looks the most compelling case to stay within range and offer a finish. Should the pace melt down, Paul's Guitar may benefit. First on the turf since adding lasix, the class relief has him well placed.

R2: With several need the lead types, Watch Your Tone may find the perfect stalking trip here. The recent company is compelling. Skip Thru Da Fire could find a similar opportunity but her last outing leaves me uncertain, perhaps it was more to do with the distance.

R3: Christmas Jones gets one more chance from me, she has shown plenty of speed and a willingness to carry it while stretching out in her last start. Second time routing could benefit while she takes class relief here. Quality Swag is one I have been waiting to bet back, I thought the turf would wake her up, but she finds a tougher group today. Question of whether she can bridge that gap in this company.

R4: Quincannon may need to be a bit faster to edge out Normandy Hero in here, but his willingness in recent starts might suggest he is up for the challenge. The recent company bodes well. Normandy Hero is very much the horse to beat, just a question of whether the other pace players can put the pressure on him.

R5: Abundant Love, a half to Ultimate Love, may need a race off the bench but looks to benefit from the change in company. If Ruiz can use the outer post to find close early position, she looks the type who will keep running on. Cleopatra Selene could be overlooked while stretching back out, a reasonable value in her third start off the bench.

R6: Manseeyasway has found career best form in recent starts, with his early speed and inside post he may be able to dictate terms early on here. Neverworkedaday takes significant class relief after two troubled starts, he's a hard type to bet, especially at a short price.

R7: Kohoutek is 3/5 when sprinting on the turf, reason to believe he would be 4/5 if he hadn't found trouble last out. The outer post may help avoid a similar problem here, his winning stalk and pounce trip seems within reach. Benny Havens won in his second off the bench last year, perhaps he is sitting on a similar trip here at 30-1 ML.

R8: Some question of whether Pit Stop Man shows up while returning to Laurel, I look to the other sped in Woodline, who could distance himself early if given the chance. Pudge Boy Palace has proven himself dangerous at this level, the 7f distance likely leans in his favor after facing the razor sharp Searcy last out.

## TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

### RACE 1

#### #4 - Elon

Trainer: Fenneka Bentley

Blinkers Off: 2 for 10 (20%, \$3.66 ROI)

### RACE 2

#### #2 - Watch Your Tone/#6 - Missy Boss

Trainer: Ferris Allen

Between 5/1 and 6/4: 8 for 34 (24%, \$2.48 ROI)

### RACE 5

#### #2 - Gum

Trainer: Graham Motion

Between 5/16 and 6/4: 4 for 19 (21%, \$2.51 ROI)

### RACE 5

#### #6 - Toocoolforschool

Trainer: Michael Stidham

Between 5/16 and 6/4: 5 for 14 (36%, \$3.45 ROI)

### RACE 5

#### #12 - Abundant Love

Trainer: Michael Trombetta

First After 180-365 Days, Turf: 3 for 14 (21%, \$2.86 ROI)

### RACE 8

#### #2 - Pit Stop Man

Trainer: Anthony Farrior

Between 5/22 and 6/4: 4 for 18 (22%, \$2.13 ROI)

### RACE 8

#### #5 - Pudge Boy Palace

Trainer: Jose Corrales

Between 5/22 and 5/31, Dirt: 3 for 10 (30%, \$4.04 ROI)

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

Will Humphrey's TRIPS AND TIPS will return on Friday, June 12.

## FUTURE HORSES TO WATCH

### **POWER GRID** (*Breezed 3F - :36.00 at LRL on 5/31*)

**Trainer:** Jerry Robb

**Last Race:** Dec. 27, 8<sup>th</sup> race

**Finish:** 5<sup>th</sup> 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:** 8<sup>th</sup> by 6 3/4

Class drop might be in order after filly tired badly in a first-level allowance sprinting on the grass. She was bumped during the opening furlong while pressing the winner from the rail before giving way. She is quick from the gate, and that speed would play well at a lower class level.

### **PARIS BY NIGHT**

**Trainer:** John Robb

**Last Race:** May 22, 2<sup>nd</sup> race

**Finish:** 3<sup>rd</sup> by 1 1/2

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

**Trainer:** Greg Sacco

**Last Race:** Jan. 16, 7<sup>th</sup> race

**Finish:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **ITHADTOBEBLU**

**Trainer:** Hugh McMahon

**Last Race:** May 22, 9<sup>th</sup> race

**Finish:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 7<sup>th</sup> race

**Finish:** 1<sup>st</sup> by 2 3/4

Noteworthy debut for the Golden Lad filly from the John Robb barn. Acted a bit green and playful in the post parade, broke a step slow, sent up between runners, then settled for third as a beaten favorite.

#### **RERUN TABLE**

**Trainer:** John Salzman Jr.

**Last Race:** May 30, 4th race

**Finish:** 2nd by 3/4

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

#### **DOLICE VITA**

**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.

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: #9 - Box of Rockets; #10 - Paul's Guitar >>> **Ortiz rides PAUL'S GUITAR**

Race 2 - Emanuel Rosario: #4 - Baby Sox; #5 - Always Forward >>> **Rosario rides BABY SOX**

Race 7 - Mychel Sanchez: #10 - Jigger; #11 - Firmantown >>> **Sanchez rides FIRMANTOWN**

Race 7 - Xavier Perez: #8 Elvis Himself; #12 - G Q Worthy >>> **Perez rides G Q WORTHY**

Race 7 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #5 - Cactus; #9 - Built by Khozan >>> **Hazlewood rides CACTUS**

## THE ROUND-UP - by John Piasek, *The Racing Biz*

A recap of **SATURDAY, JUNE 6** action at **Laurel Park**. Visit [theracingbiz.com](http://theracingbiz.com) for John Piasek's FREE full analysis of today's Laurel card.

**Race 1: Golden Descent** made his third start off the layoff, and his first start against winners, a victorious one. He pressed early leader Superlastingsecret from the outside and wore him down in the last eighth. No one made up much ground; the horses running 1-2-3 after a quarter mile finished 2-1-3. Favored Dad Joke dwelt at the start and was eased.

**Race 2:** First-time starter **Futile Gesture** and the experienced early leader Baru battled for command in the final eighth. Ultimately, Futile Gesture got the win.

**Race 3:** Second choice **Boss Lily** worked out a midpack trip off a hot pace and took advantage, hitting the front at the top of the stretch and holding clear from there. He's the second next-out winner out of the third race on May 9, along with the winner of that race, West Mountain. Rock You Babe ran a big race; he managed to hold second despite racing wide on the hot tempo.

**Race 4: Lookin at Mac** was a dominant winner at Parx last out for the Jamie Ness/Yedsit Hazlewood dream team, and he was just as impressive here. He inhaled early leader Tethered Soul on the turn and drew away from there, never giving the rest a chance.

**Race 5:** 24-1 Kiss Them Deadly set the pace and ran a big second, but ultimately proved no match for **Noah Chance**, who mowed him down in the last eighth.

**Race 6:** Heavily favored Hylla opened up a clear lead at the top of the stretch, but her strides quickly shortened. Rail-skimming **Hey Alexa** steadily gained ground up the inside and won in a 17-1 upset.

**Race 7:** 21st time proved the charm for **Oxford Union**, who rallied towards the inside to become the third next-out winner from that May 9 race. Two more horses in that race came back to finish third in their next starts.

**Race 8:** Jorge Ruiz gave **Bella Queen** a heads-up ride. He asserted early control and kept heavily favored Intrepid Mo away from the lead. That one came up empty and faded to last, and Bella Queen kept the rest at bay. Sheilahs Warcloud chased with interest and finished a clear-cut second.

**Race 9: Acheron** was somewhat headstrong in the early stages, and managed to work out a grip rating off of Taco Cat Backwards. She took control at the top of the lane and held on despite drifting out.

**Race 10:** 1-5 chalk **Bruno** may have had to work a bit harder than he (or his backers) might've liked, but he eventually wore down Ocean Sound in the final sixteenth to win.

## 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

🏆 May 15 – Fair

🏆 May 16 – Fair

May 22 – SPEED BIAS

May 23 – Fair

May 29 – SPEED BIAS

May 30 – Fair

May 31 – Fair