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### TODAY'S SELECTIONS FROM THE TMJC TEAM



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**DAVE RODMAN**



**TIM TULLOCK**

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

## TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

### >> RACE 1

#### 1. BAD TEMPER

#### 2. LEVISA

#### 3. GOLD TIME VIXEN

First post is 12:10 ET with low 12% takeout on "Value Pick 5" wagers. **BAD TEMPER** was a bit unlucky when finishing ahead of three of these earlier in the month. Traced a quick pace four wide, dropped in a couple of paths on the turn, split rivals in upper stretch, then was forced to alter course sharply to the far outside in the final eighth. Once straightened out, she came with a good run to just miss. This seven-furlong distance should be more to her liking.

**LEVISA** was very aggressive leaving the gate to set a sharp opening quarter of 22.51, then had little left in the stretch. Don't think she'll have to work as hard to grab the lead this afternoon. **GOLD TIME VIXEN** might benefit from recent 93-day layoff as it was the first time in her 60-race career that she had a break of more than 45 days. Returns with blinkers off, but might need a bit of pace help from the back of the pack. Like horses cutting back to this distance, and **SWEET TALIA** was wired by favored Haleigh B going a mile last time. Kicks on in the stretch.

### >> RACE 2

#### 1. TUFF LUCK

#### 2. IT'S NOT OVER YET

#### 3. UP IN FLAMES

**TUFF LUCK** looked good in blinkers when graduating against bottom maidens. Tracked a slow pace three to five wide, made a five-wide bid into the long stretch, bumped with the odds-on runner-up, then stayed gamely. Barn won three races earlier this month at odds ranging between 5-2 and 5-1. Hoping he can save more ground and receive more pace in this tougher spot. **IT'S NOT OVER YET** has angles dropping in class and stretching out in distance with the speed to make the early running. Might have needed his last race - his first in four months - as he faced **Ballad of Warrior**, who returned to win a restricted first-level allowance at Colonial with a 74 Beyer. Barn sent out 9-2 "allowance to claiming" ship-in winner **Cuz Ur Pretty Here** over the winter. **UP IN FLAMES** was wired by the odds-on favorite over a speed-friendly track when dropped to this level. The third-finisher then just missed for \$12,500 with a 41 Beyer. Barn sent out 10-1 winner **Stickwiththecolors** here on 3/8. **MILLIBAR**, the lone two-time winner in the field, drops in class after being wired around two turns last month. Overcame speed-friendly track to score at Penn National two back.

### >> RACE 3

#### 1. EL DE LARRY

#### 2. EVERETT'S SONG

#### 3. FROSTY THE GIANT

**EL DE LARRY** set an uncontested lead, took mild pressure from the 9-2 fourth-finisher, then came out and bumped the runner-up in late stretch to cause a disqualification. He's paired up Beyer tops and doesn't need the lead to succeed. **EVERETT'S SONG** seeks fourth consecutive victory after good trip win. Settled behind a three-ply pace battle, made a three-wide bid on the second turn, then gamely fended off the rallying runner-up. **FROSTY THE GIANT** took advantage of a speed-friendly track and an uncontested lead to wire conditioned claimers. Handled two next-out winners, and figures squarely in the thick of things when they turn into the long stretch. **QUINCANNON** won his last two starts over this course and distance, and stretches back out to the one-turn mile after a solid performance at seven-eighths. Stayed within range of a quick pace and finished evenly for a minor award. Expect him to get close to the lead. There's a chance this pace heats up, and that helps **MASTER OF NONE**, who rallied to score on 3/2. Big drop in class helps 15-time winner **BODE'S MAKER**, who last ran on dirt against **Tops the Chart**, who returned to place in a \$40,000 optional with an 90 Beyer.

## >> RACE 4

### 1. SHE'SAROLLINGSTONE

### 2. MAVILUS

### 3. JESS'S GYPSY GIRL

**SHE'SAROLLINGSTONE** was bumped at the start, tracked from the pocket, split rivals in upper stretch, was herded in a bit by the eventual third-finisher, then was second to her odds-on entry mate. The sixth-finisher next scored a first-level allowance by 5 3/4 lengths with a 68 Beyer. Expect a strong kick for barn that went 8 for the last 19 (42%, \$2.86 ROI) with dirt runners going second after layoffs between two and four months. J-Rod lands here instead of **MAVILUS**, who halves in claiming price with the back class to make a strong dent against this group. Stalked outside over sloppy going, was urged along on the turn, then failed to threaten. **JESS'S GYPSY GIRL** pushed moderate fractions when beating weaker at Penn National. She's a proven sort over this circuit, however, with the tactical speed to sit a nice tracking trip for barn that went 3 for the last 12 (25%, \$3.73 ROI) with dirt horses going second after layoffs between 61 and 120 days. **HOT DANCE** was wired by an odds-on winner in a Charles Town heat where they ran 1-2-3 around the track. The sixth-finisher then placed in a nickel "beaten" there with a 41 Beyer. Think she'll try and make the early lead from the rail.

## >> RACE 5

### 1. MAP TO THE MOON

### 2. MARMARIS

### 3. LAZY DAYS

Curious to see what we get from **MAP TO THE MOON**, who was listed as a Laurel vet scratch (unsound) on Sept. 21, and now returns from 212-day layoff. Not too interested in the recent Timonium try, but thought she ran well at Delaware two back. Broke okay, tracked the 60-1 lone pacesetting runner-up, then tired in a race that produced two next-out winners. The winner returned to take a \$16,000 claimer there with a 53 Beyer and has since won twice more. **MARMARIS** doesn't boast a ton of blacktype in her pedigree, but her dam won sprinting on dirt, and her sire was pretty quick. Barn often gives them a race before they strut their best stuff, but they went 6 for 16 (38%, \$2.54 ROI) between 3/1 and 3/20. **LAZY DAYS** is out of an unraced three-quarter sister to Grade 2-winning dirt sprinter Dancing House. That dam is also a half to Grade 3-placed dirt router Journeyman and stakes-winning turf router Too Charming. The second dam was a multiple Grade 1-winning turf router. This is another barn that does better with second-time starters, but they've hit the board with four of their last six debut runners. **SABRA'S SONG** drops with speed after chasing favored gate-to-wire winner Lift the Lid, who returned to win a \$30,000 seller by six lengths with a 63 Beyer. Expect good speed. **WICKED MELISSA** drops after being wired in a race where they ran 1-2-3-4 around. Burnham departs for **FIRING THOUGHTS**, who adds blinkers after dull debut.

## >> RACE 6

### 1. LIFTING

### 2. SUPERPOWER

### 3. JUST A FAIR SHAKE

**LIFTING** set the pace outside in first start against winners, cleared off to make the lead and the rail on the backstretch, came off the fence into the stretch, then just missed holding the place on the wire. Expecting him to make the early lead for barn that went 6 for the last 21 (29%, \$2.12 ROI) going second after the claim. **SUPERPOWER** set a three-ply pace through relaxed fractions while slightly off the rail, made the fence after a half-mile, then stayed strong in the lane. The third-finisher then graduated by 5 1/2 lengths at Aqueduct with an 82 Beyer. J-Rod lands here instead of Change My World. Keep an eye on **JUST A FAIR SHAKE**, who returns from 176-day break after good performance in the off-turf Laurel Futurity. Tracked five wide over a rail-friendly track, was taken back to save more ground in midpack, raced in behind horses turning for home, angled widest, and finished well with a good

gallop-out. The runner-up then captured Aqueduct's Nashua with an 86 Beyer.

## >> RACE 7

### 1. ELVIS HIMSELF

### 2. HAILEYSFIRSTNOTION

### 3. WATCHOUTWORLD

**ELVIS HIMSELF** set the pace from the outside, cleared to the lead and the rail on the turn, then held firm to place ahead of two of these. He is very quick from the gate and should be right there when they turn for home. Also want to use **HAILEYSFIRSTNOTION**, who understandably flattened out after a wide bid in his first start following a 239-day layoff. Lightly-raced gelding has plenty of upside potential, and can work out a good trip behind the early leaders. **WATCH OUT WORLD** was freshened after being wired by 1-10 favorite Pork Chop Pete at Charles Town. Barn already has two winners this year, including 8-1 Crossland on 1/24.

## >> RACE 8

### 1. NO EASY DAYS

### 2. MR. ANTONELLI

### 3. ROMINSKI

**NO EASY DAYS** chased the loose odds-on favorite around the track three weeks ago, but perhaps he'll sit back and let others do the early dirty work this time around while tracking outside and in the clear. Ruiz lands here instead of **MR. ANTONELLI**, who drops in class after facing the super-promising Quint's Brew in the General George. The runner-up then ran third in a restricted handicap at Colonial with a 90 Beyer. Hard-trying sort has won three of his last four starts with Lasix for barn that went 6 for the last 23 (26%, \$3.36 ROI) going third after layoffs between 61 and 120 days. **ROMINSKI** showed no rust returning from 259-day layoff when wiring the top pick. Looms a strong pace factor for barn that went 6 for the last 15 (40%, \$2.08 ROI) with last-out winners going second after layoffs between six months and one year.

## >> RACE 9

### 1. MIDSUMMERS EVE

### 2. SHINING SPIRIT

### 3. MADDIE TEN

**MIDSUMMERS EVE** tracked a slow pace while four wide/six path, made a three-four wide bid on the turn, then flattened out behind the odds-on winner. Appears to be racing back into shape for third start of the form cycle, but could use a bit of pace and race luck. **SHINING SPIRIT** has a tendency to act up a bit behind the gate, but that didn't stop her from besting the top pick by five lengths last month. Has the tactical speed to get the jump on Midsummers Eve for barn that went 4 for the last 14 (29%, \$2.33 ROI) with last-out winners. **MADDIE TEN** bobbled at the start, stalked outside, made a three-wide bid into solid fractions, then tried hard in between foes to just miss. MOR MOR MOR drops in class after battling for the lead with the 13-1 runner-up. The third-finisher then placed in a quarter starter-optional at Penn National with a 68 Beyer. Figures up and on the pace once again.

## KALI'S KEY – by Kali Francois

### Race 7: #1 Heard On Thestreet

This is a (value) horse for course! While the likely main concern for everybody is the rail spot on the cutback in distance, that near heel-clipping check was enough to legitimately take this one out of the literal running last out. Both inside post runs onto page show that he loves it. You can make the argument for the gelding enjoying the mud two back, and I'll let you have the argument. I'll rebuff with zoning in on that 7f Saratoga win. This guy was right there at the top of the stretch already...just had enough gas at the time to go the extra distance.

## MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

Race 1: Levisa worked well from the inside last out but adding a bit of ground has me leaning towards the outside closer in Hateful.

Race 2: J. Rodriguez gets back on Up in Flames, they worked well together 3 back and may help smooth out trip difficulties we have seen in the 2 starts since then.

Race 3: The sharpest of the speed lands outside in Frosty the Giant. Cutting back to the mile from this post makes him dangerous, while setting up nicely for a few talented closers.

Race 4: She'sarollingstone absolutely figures after her game outing last time, she should work out a perfect stalking trip. Pace setup may be interesting here, Sadie the Goat comes in full of confidence and tactical positioning.

Race 5: Large field of maidens sprinting 5.5f, expect the start to be very important here. Perhaps a chance to lean proven to get away well.

Race 6: Should have an honest and strong pace among the group, I lean towards close tracking types. A few exciting and improving types here. Take an interest in Just a Fair Shake, he debuted a classy type in 2024 and posted a bullet work on 3/15.

Race 7: Speed, speed, speed...Elvis Himself continues to impress and benefits from this restricted allowance. He worked well on the inside last time, but may appreciate the breathing room from outside today.

Race 8: A bit of a 2 horse race with Rominski and Spikezone. I give a bit of an edge to Rominski as he isn't as much of a need the lead type, and likely improves 2nd off the layoff.

Race 9: Suspicious drop for Mor Mor Mor but connections are likely in the green since claiming her. Benefit of outside post after she was hounded against much tougher on the rail last out.

## TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

### Race 4

#### #6 - She'sarollingstone

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Second After 61 to 120 Day Layoffs, Dirt: 8 for the last 19 (42%, \$2.86 ROI)

#### #3 - Jess's Gypsy Girl

Trainer: Diane Morici

Second After 61 to 120 Day Layoffs, 3 for the last 12 (25%, \$3.73 ROI)

### Race 5

#### #8 - Marmaris

Trainer: Kieron Magee

Between 3/1 and 3/20: 6 for 16 (38%, \$2.54 ROI)

### Race 6

#### #7 - Lifting

Trainer: Kieron Magee

Second After the Claim: 6 for the last 21 (29%, \$2.12 ROI)

### Race 8

#### #1 - Mr. Antonelli

Trainer: Diane Morici

Third After 61 to 120 Day Layoff: 6 for the last 23 (26%, \$3.36 ROI)

### #6 - Rominski

Last-Out Winners, Second After 180 to 365 Days: 6 for the last 15 (40%, \$2.08 ROI)

### Race 9

#### #2 Shining Spirit

Trainer: Michael Gorham

Last-Out Winners: 4 for the last 14 (29%, \$2.33 ROI)

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

For Will Humphrey's Post-Race Trip Notes, please visit <https://inthemoneypodcast.com/maryland-jockey-club-trip-notes/>.

### Race 7: MD-Bred Allowance, 4YO+, 5 1/2f, Dirt

HORSE	RACE	TRIP NOTE
HEARD ON THE STREET	MD Alw, Lrl, 6f, fast, 02/23/25 – 5th	Broke cleanly but lacked speed, settled ~4L off pace in between horses early; checked sharply as outer rival came across 9/16 pole but recovered well & was not terribly affected; 2W far turn & ~4L off pace, responded to rider's urgings when nudged along ~3/8 pole & built some momentum before angling 5W into stretch; came under a strong ride stretch but could not sustain forward momentum & flattened, failing to land a blow; one paced to wire, tired gallop out. <b>Suffered a slightly troubled trip but it didn't really impact the result. Underwhelming.</b>

HAILEYSFIRSTNOTION	MD Alw, Lrl, 6f, fast, 02/23/25 – 3rd	Broke okay from outside gate, not rushed, content to settle in rear early; advanced under a hold in clear ~5W heading into far turn then rounded bend ~1L off pace 4W; traveled V well to ¼ pole & moved into clear 2 <sup>nd</sup> before coming under hand ride into stretch; vied for lead through stretch, coming under strong ride 1/8 <sup>th</sup> pole but flattened out inside final furlong. <b>Likable comeback effort off layoff. Was entitled to get tired late having given away so much ground making mid-race move on bend. Can improve.</b>
CAMULUS	OC25k, Pen, 6f, fast, 02/20/25 – 2nd	Showed decent speed from inside gate, taking share of lead early along rail; dueled for lead through back stretch before taking clear narrow lead heading into turn, was then squeezed to hold advantage; was going best 1L clear top of stretch, then came under a strong ride & had lead drastically reduced; lost lead 1/8 <sup>th</sup> pole & then stayed on one paced to wire, always holding 2 <sup>nd</sup> . <b>Looked a certainty top of stretch but found little off bridle. A good effort at 8/1 regardless. Possibly did too much too soon?</b>
WATCH OUT WORLD	N1X Alw, CT, 4 1/2f, sloppy, 12/11/24 – 2nd	Was sent V hard from gate & raced close to pace while being scrubbed on back stretch into turn; came under a strong ride when trying to stick with clear leader 2W turn; stayed on V well to wire but could not reach leader. <b>Clean trip. Solid effort.</b>
ADDY'S LADDY T N T	OC12k/SAL8k, Lrl, 7f, fast, 02/28/25 – 5th	Away okay from outside gate, showed decent speed under minimal urging; crossed to rail early & then settled nicely ~2L off pace in 3 <sup>rd</sup> heading into turn; was going best in between horses 5/16 pole ~1L off lead, before finding rail opening top of stretch; hard ridden from top of stretch but found disappointingly little off bridle & ran flat to wire. <b>Perfect trip. No excuse. Traveled well but was weak in the finish.</b>
ELVIS HIMSELF	MD Alw, Lrl, 6f, fast, 02/23/25 – 2nd	Showed great speed from gate & quickly established clear lead through back stretch under a V tight hold; rode the rail around the far bend & continued to travel well in front to top of stretch; had rivals under pressure & still ~1L clear when asked for run top of stretch; battled gamely through stretch & maintained strong strides but could not hold off a much the best winner. <b>Big career best, V likable effort. Ran a winning race in defeat – nobody was beating winner.</b>

**Race 8: Allowance, 4YO+, 6f, Dirt**

HORSE	RACE	TRIP NOTE
MR. ANTONELLI	Gen George S., Lrl, 7f, muddy, 02/15/25 – 4th	Broke cleanly, not rushed; was bumped without consequence ¾ pole before staying in clear 4W & showing good natural speed to settle ~1L off contested pace early; was gently nudged along to keep up heading into far turn before coming under a stronger hand ride 3W bend; was fully extended yet struggling to hold position ~1/4 pole, then weakened through the lane. <b>Clean enough trip. Was outpaced from a long way out &amp; didn't have an excuse.</b>
SEVEN'S ELEVEN	Not for Love S., Lrl, 6f, fast, 03/08/25 – 4th	Broke cleanly from inside gate, gently encouraged into stride; was kept to task on rail ~4L behind fast pace back stretch into turn before becoming a touch outpaced & losing ground ~3/8 pole, dropped ~6L off pace; with a clear rail trip, came under a hand ride 5/16 pole, then rider became more animated ¼ pole & tipped out 3W into stretch; stayed on well enough at one pace through stretch but lacked the pace to challenge. <b>Clean trip. Stayed on well enough late but was outpaced throughout.</b>
SPIKEZONE	OC100k, Prx, 7f, fast, 02/27/25 – 2nd	Broke cleanly & then worked forward into a soft lead under minimal urging early; under V tight hold, set a comfortable pace with clear lead to & was confidently ridden to ¼ pole but then made an early lead change while still on the bend & instantly came under a strong ride; maintained stride to wire & stayed on well but could not hold off fast closer. <b>Sat a clean trip setting uncontested pace. Made a questionable early lead change on bend &amp; was disappointingly defeated at 2/5 but didn't run badly at all.</b>
FACTOR IT IN	OC100k, Prx, 6 1/2f, fast, 01/28/25 – 8th	Broke okay but lacked early zip & ended up ~8L off pace early while being gently hustled to keep up; was ridden along when 4W around the far turn, lacked any response; made a late lead change in the stretch & weakened. <b>Clean trip. Outpaced throughout. Uninspiring.</b>
DEBIT CARD	OC55k, Lrl, 6f, fast, 03/02/25 – 5th	Lacked speed from the gate & quickly dropped back to a detached last early, was scrubbed on to keep up; under a strong hand ride rounding home turn, began to make some headway but was still ~6L off pace when swinging 5W into the stretch; made a late lead change stretch & then drifted in under R-handed asking but did stay on well to be closest at the finish. <b>Clean trip though slightly wide into stretch. Was outpaced throughout but did stay on well.</b>
ROMINSKI	OC55k, Lrl, 6f, fast, 03/02/25 – 1st	Broke sharp from outside gate, quickly established ~1L lead under minimal urging & crossed to rail; maintained clear lead on rail under snug hold back stretch into turn; still under tight hold & traveling best ¼ pole, had rivals on back foot; shaken up 3/16 pole before coming under strong ride shortly after, stuck to task V well & was always doing enough. <b>Sharp &amp; authoritative comeback effort, never gave the others a chance. Not an overly strong gallop out, can step forward for the run?</b>

NO EASY DAYS	OC55k, Lrl, 6f, fast, 03/02/25 – 2nd	Broke well & showed good early speed under minimal urging, settling in clear ~1L off pace 2W heading into bend; dropped to 2P rounding bend & was then asked to apply pressure to leader; had almost drawn level with leader when coming under a strong ride top of stretch; showed a V game attitude to fend off closers & did not tire through stretch but was not able to reach winner. <b>Clean trip. V likable effort but was never getting to re-opposing winner.</b>
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#### Race 9: Claiming 12k, 4YO+F, 5 1/2f, Dirt

HORSE	RACE	TRIP NOTE
MIDSUMMERS EVE	Clm12k, Lrl, 6f, fast, 02/28/25 – 2nd	Broke cleanly, not rushed; 5-6W back stretch into bend, traveled well ~3L off pace; ~4W bend, advanced under minimal urging; nudged along ¼ pole then came 5W into stretch; under a strong ride stretch, stayed on willingly for 2 <sup>nd</sup> but lacked the pace to challenge winner; decent gallop out. <b>Wide trip. No chance with winner but a big effort, nonetheless. Looked as if could go further?</b>
SHINING SPIRIT	Clm12k, Lrl, 6f, fast, 02/28/25 – 1st	Broke sharp, good speed under minimal urging; crossed to ~3P & disputed lead back stretch into turn, traveled well; 2W bend, remained head-to-head until nudged along to take lead 5/16 pole & did; drifted 4W into stretch with slim lead, came under strong ride; gradually drew away from rivals stretch, hand ridden final 100yds. <b>Bet like the best horse &amp; was. Ridden positively, outclassed rivals. Nice effort.</b>
BUCCHANERA	Clm12k, Lrl, 6f, fast, 02/23/25 – 6th	Broke well & showed good early speed under minimal urging, settling ~2L off pace 2-3W heading into far turn; was nudged along to hold position ~3/8 pole but failed to do so & lost ground rounding into the stretch, looked to be getting out slightly too; came under a strong ride stretch but did not change leads until 1/8 <sup>th</sup> pole & weakened. <b>Clean trip but could not maintain early speed. Late lead change. Uninspiring.</b>
NAUGHTY NAN	Clm5k, CT, 4 1/2f, muddy, 02/08/25 – 5th	Broke out, hit gate, away slow; was sent forward early to chase dueling leaders into home turn; responded well to a strong hand ride around bend & moved into a share of 2 <sup>nd</sup> at the top of the stretch but could not sustain forward momentum & flattened late. <b>Tried hard after a poor start but lacked the ability to get involved, despite a clean trip, &amp; was weak through the stretch.</b>
MADDIE TEN	Clm12k, Lrl, 6f, fast, 02/23/25 – 3rd	Slight bobble & bump break, away slow, not rushed; was patiently ridden towards rear back stretch before being asked to move closer around horses entering turn; 3W turn, made a fast & eye-catching move around horses under minimal urging to take share of lead ¼ pole; came under strong ride top of stretch & took slim lead but then flattened out, despite showing a V game attitude in between horses, & lost 3-way bob. <b>Slight bobble break &amp; wide trip. Ran a winning race in defeat. Understandably flattened out having made a huge mid-race move. V game.</b>
HAZELMOOR BEACH	Clm5k, Pen, 6f, fast, 03/07/25 – 4th	Broke cleanly & showed decent natural speed but then had to be encouraged to hold tracking position ~2L off pace 3W back stretch; was asked to get closer when 3W on turn & did gradually so, moving to within 1L of pace top of lane; came under a strong ride stretch but could only plug on one paced & lost 3 <sup>rd</sup> late. <b>Clean trip. Did not look to try overly hard.</b>
HARMONIZING	Clm12k, CT, 6 1/2f, fast, 01/30/25 – 7th	Was ridden hard from the gate & managed to settle close up in the 3P heading into the first turn but was then forced off stride & pushed way out into the 10P as inside rivals scrummed, lost significant ground & momentum; in rear ~10L off pace back stretch, was ridden to keep up but failed to do so & continued to continuously lose ground to wire. <b>Significantly hampered first turn but then offered nothing &amp; was unimpressive visually. V uninspiring.</b>
MOR MOR MOR	Clm40k, Lrl, 6f, fast, 02/21/25 – 5th	Broke sharp from rail & quickly established lead under minimal urging; traveled well while setting a pressured pace until coming under a ride ¼ pole; looked to try hard under a strong ride stretch but had nothing more to offer & weakened. <b>Traveled well while setting pace but was weak in the finish. Disappointing effort without visible excuse as 6/5 fav.</b>

#### Horses to Follow

#### R6: LIFTING (6/1 ML)

In today's sixth race, a wide-open two-turn allowance, LIFTING stands out as a contender not to be overlooked, especially for those playing vertical wagers. This gelded son of CURLIN, now under the tutelage of Kieran Magee, announced his presence with a commanding 15 ¼-length victory in his debut before stretching him out to a mile in just his second career start on February 28. As highlighted in [In The Money Media's 'Post-Race Trip Notes'](#), LIFTING put up an impressive performance: eager from the start, he set a blistering pace that eventually took its toll, yet he fought tenaciously for the lead deep into the stretch, only narrowly losing the place spot at the wire. For just his second outing and first attempt at a longer distance against winners, it was a remarkably valiant effort. Returning to the track today for his third career start and



first around two turns, LIFTING should benefit from that recent experience and if he can break free on the lead early, he may prove difficult to overtake in the stretch, with this race concluding at the first wire. Jockey Kocakaya, boasting an enviable record of two wins and two seconds when riding for Magee, takes the mount for the first time and with room for improvement at this early stage of his career, LIFTING appears poised for another strong showing.

#### **R7: HAILEYSFIRSTNOTION (8/5 ML)**

A talented group of Maryland-bred sprinters will face off in today's seventh race, a 5 ½-furlong allowance, where Daniel Crowley and Non Stop Stable's HAILEYSFIRSTNOTION emerges as a standout worth singling. The gelded son of GREAT NOTION made a striking return on February 23 after a 239-day layoff, as noted in the trip notes above. Following a clean break, he was then rushed up outside of horses heading into the turn before cruising into a clear second while four wide around the bend. He then battled gamely for the lead through the stretch, but having expended so much energy and gone so wide on the turn, his lack of match fitness told, and he couldn't sustain the drive, falling short come the wire. A more measured ride might have conserved his reserves, yet it was still a highly impressive comeback. Now, with that rust-shedding run under his belt and Briceno taking the mount for the first time, HAILEYSFIRSTNOTION is poised to build on that effort and turn the tables on his main rival, ELVIS HIMSELF. Drawn favorably inside, he possesses the tactical speed to adopt an ideal forward/stalking trip and is primed to find the winners' circle. Note trainer Gary Capuano's stellar 41% win rate (9-for-22, 59% in the money, \$3.07 ROI) with horses making their second start off a layoff after a in-the-money finish last out.

#### **R9: MADDIE TEN (3/1 ML)**

While the morning line favorite MOR MOR MOR may be hard to topple in today's nightcap after a steep class drop, don't overlook Linda Albert's MADDIE TEN, especially in vertical wagers. This 4-year-old daughter of MITOLE earned a mention in [In The Money Media's 'Post-Race Trip Notes'](#) after a striking defeat on February 23. She stumbled slightly at the start and took a bump soon after, dropping her toward the back, but then launched a bold mid-race charge, swinging wide around the field to surge from sixth at the half-mile pole to a share of the lead by the quarter pole. She edged ahead in the final strides but, having burned much of her energy on that sweeping move, couldn't hold on in a three-way photo finish, falling just short at the wire. A more measured ride might have sealed the win, yet her effort was victory-worthy, nonetheless. Back on the track today at a slightly shorter distance, a cleaner break and more ground conserving trip should allow MADDIE TEN to go well once again. With little early speed in the field, she can settle into a cozy forward or stalking spot that should see her to good effect, and it's encouraging to see that Albert's barn continues to remain in good form, having hit the board with four of their last six starters, including a 10/1 upset. MADDIE TEN should be right in the mix at the finish.

## FUTURE HORSES TO WATCH

### **PERSIAN**

**Trainer:** Linda Albert

**Last race:** Nov. 3, 4th

**Finish:** 4<sup>th</sup> by 7 1/4

Shuffled back to last on the rail behind a tiring pacesetter, she finished evenly along the fence in a race that produced three next-out winners.

### **LIL SEBASTIAN *(Breezed 4F – 48.00 at TAM on 3/8)***

**Trainer:** Justin Nixon

**Last race:** Dec. 20, 8th

**Finish:** 2<sup>nd</sup> by 1/2

### **JASIEL *(Breezed 3F – 38.00 at LRL on 3/15)***

**Trainer:** Katy Voss

**Last race:** Jan. 24, 8th

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

Stepping up to face multiple winners at 17-1 from his maiden run, the half-brother to stakes winner Galerio (\$687,000) overcame a rocky start, then fanned 7 wide into the stretch.

### **PACO THE TACO MAN**

**Trainer:** Annette Eubanks

**Last race:** Dec. 13, 1st

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

Broke well going a one-turn mile over muddy going but rated four wide and lost ground through the turn and into the long stretch. Never stopped trying, however, and just fell short to an odds-on winner.

### **SPIRIT AND TRUTH**

**Trainer:** Donald Barr

**Last Race:** Feb. 22, 6th

**Finish:** 5<sup>th</sup> by 7

Protected in a maiden special weight in first after long layoff, she chased a solid pace while saving ground in a loose pocket, was handled conservatively on the inside on the turn, then finished with sneaky-good interest and a decent gallop-out. Expect her to be sharper for her next assignment, potentially on turf.

### **KILO ROAD** *(Breezed 5F – 1:02.80 at LRL on 3/14)*

**Trainer:** Hugh McMahan

**Last Race:** Feb. 22, 6th

**Finish:** 6<sup>th</sup> by 6

Lost her positional opportunity with a slow break. She regained her composure when angled off inside in the stretch run, only to encounter traffic at a pivotal juncture. Deserves another chance in a dirt sprint.

### **SPEEDYNESS**

**Trainer:** Jamie Ness

**Last Race:** Mar. 8, 8th

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

Cut back three furlongs for the Not For Love and never got a breather dueling outside through fractions of 22.68 and 22.84. Only tired very late in the game while in between horses and should appreciate stretching back out in distance.

### **DOUBLE AIRO**

**Trainer:** Robbie Bailes

**Last Race:** Mar. 14, 8th

**Finish:** 6<sup>th</sup> by 4 1/4

Sent to engage a speedy rival in hot fractions, bid forward to lead with confidence mid-turn, then burst away to win as much as the best March

Might have been too aggressive in the early stages of recent \$30,000 “beaten” seller as he battled for the lead in a race that went to closers. He’s a proven commodity from off the pace and might opt for those tactics next time.

### **LOVE ME TENDER**

**Trainer:** Michael Trombetta

**Last race:** Nov. 30, 8th

**Finish:** 7<sup>th</sup> by 6 3/4

Raced 4 wide in the City of Laurel, stalking a duel (22.43, 44.97), then made a slight run with one furlong to go. Should be able to score with slight step back in class.

### **TWICE GOLD** *(Breezed 4F – 50.00 at LRL on 3/15)*

**Trainer:** Hugh McMahan

**Last Race:** Feb. 21, 2nd

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

Making his third start for the barn, Twice Gold’s performance was possibly better than looks owing to a very wide trip. Broke touch slow and dropped to rear early. Taken 3-4W entering bend while traveling well, he made steady ground around horses under tight hold. Nudged along ~1/4 pole, lost significant ground when floated into the 7P top of stretch, minor bump with rival; came under strong L-hand drive stretch & finished well into 3rd; galloped out well.

### **BEE A SKY BEAM**

**Trainer:** Elliot Sullivan

**Last Race:** Mar. 8, 2nd

**Finish:** 2<sup>nd</sup> by 4/1/4

Beaten at 9-5 or less in three of his last four starts, but appears to have found his proper class level at the maiden \$12,500, and appears to be racing himself back into shape after a lengthy layoff.

### **OURDAYDREAMINGGIRL**

**Trainer:** Lou Linder

**Last Race:** Feb. 22, 7th

**Finish:** 4<sup>th</sup> by 2 1/2

Steadied in opening stages of the Wide Country Stakes, angled out six wide entering the stretch, then closed willingly while drifting out.

1st at Laurel Park. Jostled at the start 14 days later in her next run at Colonial, costing her a contending position as third wagering choice.

## JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 1 - Alexander Crispin: #4 - Out of Luck; #6 - Beach Island >>> **Crispin rides BEACH ISLAND**

Race 4 - Jaime Rodriguez: #6 - She'sarollingstone; #7 - Mavilus >>> **Rodriguez rides SHE'SAROLLINGSTONE**

Race 5 - Xavier Perez: #3 - Miss Serafina; #4 - Born Charmer >>> **Perez rides BORN CHARMER**

Race 5 - Matilda Burnham: #1 - Firing Thoughts; #6 - Wicked Melissa >>> **Burnham rides FIRING THOUGHTS**

Race 6 - Jaime Rodriguez: #8 - Change My World; #10 - Superpower >>> **Rodriguez rides SUPERPOWER**

Race 8 - Eliseo Ruiz: #1 - Mr. Antonelli; #9 - No Easy Days >>> **Ruiz rides NO EASY DAYS**

Race 9 - Weston Hamilton: #4 - Naughty Nan; #4 - Hazelmoor Beach >>> **Hamilton rides HAZELMOOR BEACH**

## PAST TRACK TRENDS

Dec. 1 - CLOSERS BIAS

Dec. 6 - Fair

Dec. 7 - Fair

Dec. 8 - Fair

Dec. 13 - Fair

Dec. 14 - Fair

Dec. 15 - Fair

Dec. 20 - Fair

Dec. 21 - Fair

Dec. 22 - CLOSERS BIAS

Dec. 27 - Fair

Dec. 28 - Fair

Dec. 29 - Fair

Jan. 17 - Fair

Jan. 18 - Fair

Jan. 24 - Fair

Jan. 25 - Fair

Jan. 26 - CLOSERS BIAS

Jan. 31 - SPEED BIAS

Feb. 1 - SPEED BIAS

Feb. 2 - CLOSERS BIAS

Feb. 7 - SPEED BIAS

Feb. 8 - CLOSERS BIAS

Feb. 9 - Fair

Feb. 14 - Fair

Feb. 15 - SPEED BIAS

Feb. 16 - Fair

Feb. 21 - Fair

Feb. 22 - Fair

Feb. 23 - Fair

Feb. 28 - Fair

Mar. 1 - Fair

Mar. 2 - Fair

Mar. 7 - CLOSERS BIAS

Mar. 8 - Fair

Mar. 9 - Fair

