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TODAY'S SELECTIONS FROM THE LAUREL PARK TEAM



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TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

>> RACE 1

1. DIVINE MOUSSE

2. MAD MISTY

3. MEADOWLARK DRIVE

First post time is 12 pm ET, and there are two "Value Pick 5" wagers, each with a LOW 12% takeout. **DIVINE MOUSSE** is the first foal out of an unraced full sister to stakes-placed dirt sprinter Wheres Mom (58 dirt Beyer). Some turf and synthetic are deeper in the female family. The 9/15 work matches the barn's juvenile filly Conventional (expected to debut at Delaware on Thursday). Perhaps they breezed in company for a barn that went 5 for the last 23 (22%, \$5.20 ROI) with debut runners on turf. Also want to use both **MAD MISTY** and **MEADOWLARK DRIVE** in multiple-race wagers. The former broke two lengths slow in the turf debut, saved ground every step, and finished evenly on the fence. The runner-up then graduated in a \$16,000 maiden claimer here with a 63 Beyer. Meadowlark Drive broke slowly on turf two back, saved ground at the back behind a moderate pace (25.77 2nd quarter), made a three-wide bid on the turn, and finished evenly behind the two favorites. The winner then placed in a restricted first-level allowance at Colonial with a 72 Beyer. The barn went 29 for the last 143 (20%, \$2.44 ROI) when moving from route to sprint. **APPEALING GIRL** was wired eight days ago, but should show stretchout speed here. **CLASSY LOOK** kicks late after facing Cool Hard Breeze, who then ran third in a \$16,000 "non-two" claimer here with a 58 Beyer. **TIZ MY STANDARDS** won a pace duel on turf two back in a race that went to closers. The runner-up then ran third in a restricted special weight with a 57 Beyer. **DREAMS TO SELL** is a half to stakes-placed turf sprinter Futile Gesture (52 turf Beyer).

>> RACE 2

1. WAR COMMANDER

2. TELL 'EM I'M COMIN

3. FAN CLUB

WAR COMMANDER, listed as a Parx vet scratch on 9/18, looked strong dusting off conditioned claimers at Parx. He tracked the pace while racing slightly off the rail, cruised past the leader under very confident handling, and was mostly ridden out in the stretch. He didn't appear to beat a strong field that day (three next-out runners, none hit the board, 51 Beyer top), but has won his last two fast-dirt starts by a combined 17 3/4 lengths, and can get close to the expected moderate pace. **TELL 'EM I'M COMIN** is a confirmed one-run closer, but he's in career form and showed a nice turn of foot last week. Didn't break the best, settled at the back, was urged along while bidding four wide on the second turn, then stayed strong in the stretch. Burnham lands here instead of Likebelivingnmagic. **FAN CLUB** is an eight-time winner who has come back strong from a spring layoff. The barn went 9 for the last 32 (28%, \$2.19 ROI) in the first after the claim.

>> RACE 3

1. DAVYJONZ

2. SUN ABOVE

3. ORATOR

DAVYJONZ is 2 for 2 when moving from dirt to turf, and he'll look for a hat trick in his second start off a seven-month layoff. Taken in hand to track a loose 12-1 fourth-finisher in most recent grass outing, then drew away late. **SUN ABOVE** has angles adding Lasix for the first time as he makes his third start of the form cycle. Received a fast pace to attack last time, and passed some tired horses for a minor award. This barn went 2 for the last 10 (20%, \$2.60 ROI) with experienced horses racing with first-time Lasix. **ORATOR** worked out a nice pace-tracking, ground-saving trip, slipped through on the fence, and was just outkicked by the odds-on winner, a horse that returned to place in a first-level allowance at Kentucky Downs with an 89 Beyer. **LEX'S GAME** seems to be improving, and he beat Zencat last time, a horse that then placed in a restricted maiden special at Colonial with a 67 Beyer. He can get close to the pace. **HANKSDIVININGROD** had some traffic issues at Delaware last time. Might try one big run from the back of the pack.

>> RACE 4

1. SOMETIME

2. ONE TRUE DUDE

3. MISTER ROSCOE

SOMETIME earned a career-best figure four starts back, but he just hasn't been up to par in his subsequent races, and now moves from turf to dirt. Wired by the favorite over an inside, speed-friendly track two back, he stalked from in between horses, was outpaced badly after a half-mile, then never made an impression. Needs a wake-up call, but attracts Hazlewood, and the barn has won with three of the last four "turf to dirt" runners. **ONE TRUE DUDE** has hit the board in his last four starts, and looks like the controlling speed from the rail. This jockey-trainer combo sent out a 19-1 winner at Laurel on 9/11. **MISTER ROSCOE** looks dirtied up coming into this race. Ran well twice in June, then caught a tough group at Delaware (two next-out winners; Band Camp won two in a row with Beyers of 84 and 80). He never runs well at Timonium, so draw a line through the most recent start.

>> RACE 5

1. ALBORZ

2. IMPERIAL CHARTER

3. MESHACH

ALBORZ (\$225,000 yearling) is a half-brother to Grade 3-winning dirt router Hill Road out of a stakes-placed turf router in Argentina (won debut). That dam is a half to multiple Grade 1-winning dirt performer City of Light, and stakes-placed turf sprinter Pointsman (100 wet-dirt Beyer). Wish there was more turf in the pedigree, but the barn went 4 for the last 17 (24%, \$3.24 ROI) with debut runners on turf. Ruiz lands here instead of The Wrath of David. **IMPERIAL CHARTER** swaps out cheekpieces for blinkers as he returns to turf. Raced outside in midpack in grass debut, made a three-to-four wide bid on the second turn, then finished evenly after being late to change leads. The winner of that heat then ran third in the Grade 1 Summer Stakes with a 70 Beyer. Expecting an aggressive early ride. **MESHACH** settled outside in midpack, made a four-wide bid into a slow pace to grab a clear lead in the upper stretch, then faltered in the final sixteenth. Tactical enough to stay closer to the pace here. ECCE QUAM BONUM (\$35,000 RNA yearling) is a half to Japanese Group 1-winning turf router Deep Brillante, and Japanese Group 3-placed Hubble Bubble out of French Group 3-winning turf router Love and Bubbles.

>> RACE 6

1. GRAYOSH

2. AWESOME CZECH

3. SO DARN PRETTY

GRAYOSH was wired in Saratoga's Grade 2 Ballston Spa. Settled at the back by herself, swung four-to-five wide into the stretch, then rallied nicely despite hopping back to her left lead. A little pace would go a long way for this confirmed late closer. **AWESOME CZECH** steadied early to race outside near the back. Remained inside behind a fast pace, then swapped leads a couple of times in the stretch when rallying through traffic. **SO DARN PRETTY** set the pace along the fence, then hopped back to her left lead when tiring just a bit. Figures up and on the pace once again.

>> RACE 7

1. READY AS EVER

2. FORREST CITY

3. HONOR MAGS

READY AS EVER trailed in the early stages in a slow-paced race (23.94 2nd quarter) at Colonial, made a wide bid on the turn, and finished evenly behind the two favorites. Although his three-race win streak was snapped that day, he earned a competitive Beyer Speed Figure, and seems adaptable to any sort of race shape. **FORREST CITY** prompted the 3-1 winner from the three path, pressed that one harder entering the turn, then changed back to his wrong

lead when trying hard in between rivals. Freedom Road then placed in a restricted stakes at Delaware with an 82 Beyer. He broke very well that day, and his speed should play nicely in this heat. **HONOR MAGS** repeats the turf-to-dirt move that resulted in his win two back. Tracked from in between horses, went on a hard chase while 2-3 wide, then drew clear late. The barn sent out a 3-1 winner at Delaware on 9/18. **NO MORE CALLS** was wired over a speed-friendly track, and would benefit if he gets some pace to attack.

>> RACE 8

1. MILLFORD LASS

2. SEA ISLE CITY

3. GYPSY LULLABY

MILLFORD LASS broke a beat slow, stalked a quick pace from the outside, eased out into the stretch, then wore down the late leader to graduate sprinting. She's bred to handle this extra distance, and should get some pace to attack once again for a barn that went 3 for the last 10 (30%, \$3.39 ROI) with last-out maiden winners on the flat. Stablemate **SEA ISLE CITY** has improved drastically on turf, and showed some class when handling that quirky Kentucky Downs course last time. She'll receive a distance test, but might work out a pace-tracking, ground-saving trip. **GYPSY LULLABY** prompted the 2-1 last-finisher through moderate fractions, made the lead into the stretch, then was kicked down by the favorite. Hazlewood departs for **CHEROKEE PURPLE**, who might be the best pure late-runner in the field. **HIDDEN OVERTURE** switches surfaces as a half-sister to Grade 3-placed turf router Bojaca Blessing. **SUN VALLEY** showed high speed in her turf debut and is expected to be sent hard from the gate from the inside post.

>> RACE 9

1. PERFECT DREAM

2. BROADCAST

3. HOWARD'S HOPE

PERFECT DREAM was wired in a short field at Saratoga. He brushed the gate at the start, but wound up in a good position tracking the loose pacesetter from the outside. He made a solid challenge on the second turn, then tired behind the two favorites. Looked good winning around two turns in his turf debut, and seems adaptable to any race flow. **BROADCAST** tracked a moderate pace (26.37 2nd quarter) from the outside, swung four wide into the stretch, and finished well despite seeming a bit green. **HOWARD'S HOPE**, listed as a Saratoga vet scratch on 9/5, took advantage of a hot pace to beat Captain George, who then graduated in a statebred special weight at Belmont with a 66 Beyer. Expect early speed from **FIRE MARSHAL**, who finished ahead of Raise the Room (next-out runner-up in statebred special weight at Belmont with a 64 Beyer). **FULLCUP** switches surfaces out of multiple stakes-placed turf router Flipcup (93 turf Beyer).

>> RACE 10

1. TONEACITY

2. BARU

3. ROSEBANK RED

TONEACITY switches surfaces out of an unraced half-sister to Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Aloha West. The second dam was a Grade 3-winning dirt sprinter. Gained fitness on turf for a barn that went 3 for the last 10 (30%, \$2.45 ROI) with second-out maidens. **BARU** stretches out in distance and projects to take advantage of his inside post by showing excellent early speed. The barn went 2 for the last 10 (20%, \$2.86 ROI) with horses routing on dirt for the first time. **ROSEBANK RED** drew well for his first start as a gelding, and seems well-entered after facing Nazeer, who then graduated for \$50,000 at Delaware with a 58 Beyer. **MOLITOR** was outrun behind a quick pace in his debut and can take a step forward with that race under his girth.

MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

R1: Meadowlark Drive cuts back in distance and returns to what looks to be her preferred surface. Her two sprinting efforts have had trouble, and she may end up a reasonable price if you can forgive her last out.

R2: The second wire finish is key for my top selection, Tell 'Em I'm Comin, who may be looking for pace to target. I don't mind the quick turnaround as he looked the best I have ever seen him last weekend when he won handily.

R3: I was a big fan of Pendar in his season debut, where he looked to maybe need the race. Now having experience against winners, and exiting a race that had the even money favorite rated in the rear while Pendar tracked the pace, he may be ready for the next step forward.

R4: Class relief looks to be the key for Sometime, who has back class and recent improvements since adding blinkers. He is slightly hard to trust off of the last two outings but the jockey booking could be a tell. Watch the board here.

R5: Alborz, half to Hill Road, will make his debut for Delgado and AMO Racing USA here. Interesting to note, the same connections who purchased and campaigned the full sibling as well. Ruiz takes the call and has teamed up well with Delgado at 27% from 2025-2026.

R6: Nick's Notion has proven her versatility and quality with successes from 8f-10f this season. With the barn on a hot streak, it seems the right time to back her in open stakes company. She was flattered by second place finisher from 8/2/26, Siouxse, coming back to finish in the money with an 82 Beyer in the Old Dominion Oaks.

R7: I find the pace to be somewhat questionable here, which may ultimately lead to a riders race. Ready as Ever found tough allowance company last out, running from further off the pace than his usual style. He seems likely to sit a great stalking trip here, despite the underwhelming price.

R8: Cherokee Purple has put together three very good efforts but has yet to notch the maiden victory. While Dance to Glory got the better of her last time they faced each other, the pace may heat up and added ground should benefit Cherokee Purple today.

R9: Coast Highway has pedigree, and a barn behind him to suggest the added ground shouldn't be much concern in his second career start. Of the group from out of town, Howard's Hope is the only one to win on the turf. Worth noting, connections shipped this runner down early to settle in and train here, something that could be advantageous for a young horse.

R10: I can't bring myself to toss Molitor entirely, despite a troubled start on debut, he ran along behind the field making progress every step. I just can't bring myself to lean on him heavily at the price. Toneacity may present a reasonable alternative, he has experience going long and looks to be bred for the main track.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 1

#7 – Meadowlark Drive

Trainer: Kathleen Demasi
Route to Sprint: 29 for 143 (20%,
\$2.44 ROI)

RACE 2

#4 – Fan Club

Trainer: Mike Geralis
First After Claim: 9 for 32 (28%,
\$2.19 ROI)

RACE 5

#3 – Alborz

Trainer: Jorge Delgado
Debut Runners, Turf: 4 for 17
(24%, \$3.24 ROI)

RACE 10

#2 – Baru

Trainer: Jose Corrales
First Route, Dirt: 2 for 10 (20%,
\$2.86 ROI)

RACE 1

#8 – Divine Mousse

Trainer: Madison Meyers
Debut Runners, Turf: 5 for 23
(22%, \$5.20 ROI)

RACE 3

#12 – Sun Above

Trainer: Madison Meyers
Experienced Horses, First-Lasix:
2 for 10 (\$2.60 ROI)

RACE 8

#2 – Sun Isle City

#10 – Millford Lass
Trainer: Keri Brion
Last-Out Maiden Winners, Flat:
3 for 10 (30%, \$3.39 ROI)

RACE 10

#7 – Toneacity

Trainer: Horacio De Paz
Second-Out Maidens: 3 for the
last 10 (30%, \$2.45 ROI)

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

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

Race 1: Maiden Claiming 35k, 3-6YO (F), 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Other notes:

- **#6 MAD MISTY** became worked up in the gate when last seen at Colonial (an often underrated negative and reason why horses can offer more on another day); she then stayed on well into just an even pace after a slow start (admittedly aided by a perfect rail trip); there appear to be obvious ways in which she can improve on that turf debut effort, and she should be suited to Laurel's long stretch run.
- In her last start on turf two-back, **#7 MEADOWLARK DRIVE** just tapped on the brakes slightly entering the far turn which just put her on the back foot and lost her a length or two; based on her good late finishing effort, this small steady – although seemingly insignificant – possibly cost her 2nd; cuts back and gets back to turf today; contender.

Race 2: Claiming 12.5k, 3YO+, 1 Mile, Dirt

Other notes:

- **#5 TELL 'EM I'M COMIN** put forth a really nice effort to win here last week; he didn't sit a bad trip per se, but we may still be able to expect more again from him as he was notably wide on the far turn, and the pace that he closed into after a slow start was just even (24.28, 49.21); a faster pace to run at and slightly more ground saving trip could help him step up again; player right back.
- **#8 WAR COMMANDER** looked to win with gas left in the tank at Parx last out, possibly suggesting there is more to come; player if holding form.

Race 3: Allowance, 3YO+, 1 1/16 Miles, Turf			
Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#10 HANKSDIVININGROD	Lewis Stakes ®, DEL, 1M 70Y, Firm Turf, 09/11/26 – 5 th	Settled in rear ~4-5L off the pace on the rail racing to the far turn; angled out 3W but still behind while building momentum racing to the top of the lane; muscled through horses, then stayed on well through traffic and tight spots in the lane; nearest finish.	This wasn't a terrible trip; however, the race wasn't run to suit him with the field being tightly bunched after a moderate half entering the far turn (he could have done with a faster pace); he also had to navigate traffic in the lane which wasn't terrible, but did slightly hinder his ability to level off properly; he finished like he'd benefit from today's extra yardage and he may now be capable of building on this solid recent effort.
Other notes: - #1 SE THAR BARR sat a perfect trip and received an excellent pace setup when posting a career best Beyer at Colonial last time, possibly making it harder for him to reproduce that exact level of form today; respected, nevertheless. - #3 JOLLY BOSS sat close to the hot pace that #1 SE THAR BARR took advantage of last time; he did well under the circumstances and can likely offer more in a more evenly paced affair. - #5 MASTER SCHEMER (MTO) ran very gallantly here two weeks ago, losing by just a half length (to the gate-to-wire winner) despite having raced wider than that foe on the turn and having closed against the slight speed bias – small upgrade. - #11 LEX'S GAME was very game last out, recovering the lead after losing it inside the final furlong; he also lugged out a little on the turn. - Other than being a touch wide on the turn, there wasn't any visible reason as to why #12 SUN ABOVE performed below par last out (maybe bounced); Lasix on first time today.			

Race 4: Claiming 12.5k, 3YO+, 6 Furlongs, Dirt			
Other notes: - While true that #1 ONE TRUE DUDE rode a strong speed bias in front on his return at Timonium last time, it should also be noted that he had his hind end clipped significantly rounding the first turn by a lose horse, which could well have played a role in his defeat; big player second back.			

Race 5: MSW, 2YO, 1 Mile, Turf			
Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#6 COURT NIGHT	MSW, CNL, 1M, Firm Turf, 09/06/26 – 6 th	Slow into stride from inside post; chased modest pace from double digit lengths back to the far turn; gradually crept closer inside racing to upper stretch; cut the corner into the stretch, then navigated a little traffic before finishing well; nearest finish, galloped out well.	The traffic he encountered in the stretch was negligible, but we can still upgrade this effort because of the fact that he closed from way back into modest fractions of 24.41, 50.01; he galloped out with energy and could well take a meaningful step forward today with blinkers added.
Other notes: - #2 STARS ON THE WATER sat a wider-than-ideal trip at Colonial on debut; seems he can only improve. - #5 MESHACH's last effort can be upgraded slightly owing to his wide trip, although he was still 3rd best. - #7 BELOV became quite worked up in the inside gate on debut, then took a lot of kickback in the race which, for a first out 2yo, isn't always ideal; he still showed a willing attitude in defeat and now switching to the turf, it wouldn't be a surprise to see him step forward.			

Race 6: The All Along Stakes, 3YO+ (F), 1 1/8 Miles, Turf			
Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#5 AWESOME CZECH	Yaddo Stakes ®, SAR, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 08/30/26 – 4 th	Unhurried early; pulled while positioned ~10L off hot pace racing to the ½; took closer order racing into the far turn, then advanced some more under hand urging behind	It's tough to say that this trip cost her the race and, trip aside, she was making hard work of things as the 6/5 fav; however, she did lack room in the lane which prevented her from leveling off properly and with a

		horses; turned for home under hand encouragement behind horses 2W, then lacked room shortly after straightening and was forced to angle out sharply; ran on again late but was still in tight and prevented from properly leveling off.	cleaner stretch run today, there is a chance that she can improve on this back at 1 1/8 miles.
#8 GRAYOSH	Ballston Spa Stakes (G2), SAR, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 08/22/26 – 4 th	Allowed to drop back early; settled ~6L off pace in last while riding the rail; took closer order approaching far turn, then angled out and made a big move while 3-7W racing to upper stretch; brushed with foe upon straightening, then finished well but had too much to do.	This wasn't a terrible trip; however, she was only beaten a length despite having lost ground racing widest of all on the far turn (three who beat her saved much more ground); also, although the pace was honest, speed held well with the 6/1 winner wiring the field and 9/1 runner-up never worse than 3rd, 2L back, so the 'flow' was somewhat against her; massive player down in grade and back out to 1 1/8M.
Other notes: - #2 NICK'S NOTION impressed again when winning at Colonial last time, rallying with good energy into just an even pace to win going away, despite having lost a little momentum when switching out from behind horses ~1/8 pole; she finished in a manner to suggest that she may be capable of more again with an extra 1/16 to work with today, especially is the pace is stronger. - #4 SHORE WAR benefited from being able to set a slow, uncontested pace when beating #2 NICK'S NOTION (who was pace compromised) two-back.			

Race 7: Allowance, 3YO+, 1 Mile, Dirt

Other Notes:

- Prior to losing the rider at the gate at Parx last week, **#1 COMPATRIOT** had run three races sprinting that suggested he'd benefit from today's stretch out to a mile; contender.
- Not sure it was the only reason he lost, but **#4 NO MORE CALLS** was racing against a speed bias here two weeks ago.

Race 8: The Selima Stakes, 2YO (F), 1 1/16 Miles, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#7 CHEROKEE PURPLE	MSW, KD, 1M, Firm Turf, 08/29/26 – 2 nd	Slight bump start; outpaced and well back off the pace in 11 th racing into the lane; under a drive, began building momentum racing to the 1/8 pole, then really kicked in the afterburners late, weaved through traffic and lunged but missed.	Speed held really well in this race with the winner, third and fourth place finishers (8/1, 3/1 and 26/1) positioned 1-2-3 for the vast majority of the contest; she was the only horse to make up ground from the back and was racing against the flow; UPGRADE this strong effort and expect more with plenty of pace signed on today, back on a conventional track.
Other notes: - #2 SEA ISLE CITY stayed on well late going 6 1/2F at Kentucky Downs last time; a nice big filly, she could well improve again for today's added distance. - While accepting that #5 MAYBE GOLD received a very favorable pace setup when winning on debut at Colonial, her effort was still full of promise as she looped the field with a 3W move on the turn and then stayed on strongly, despite not changing leads; still a little green, she's entitled to step forward today now stretching out to a mile. - #6 HIDDEN OVERTURE hardly came out of second gear and galloped out with her ears pricked when winning an off-turf MSW at Delaware; she seemingly has plenty more to offer. - #9 HOMEAWAYFROMHOME did really well to win at Ellis last out having done plenty of heavy lifting early and then fought back in the lane after bumping a foe ~1/8 pole (her own fault); contender.			

Race 9: The Laurel Futurity, 2YO, 1 1/16 Miles, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#3 BISHOP MOON	MSW, CNL, 1M, Firm Turf, 09/26/26 – 8 th	Broke out and back from wide post; chased slow pace from ~5L back in 2P to far turn; crept slightly closer racing to the ¼ pole,	He had no pace to run at, met traffic in the lane and was only given a half-hearted ride in the stretch; while he would still be a surprise

		then lacked room in upper stretch and was blocked; finally found room ~1/8 pole, then stayed on evenly under a mild drive.	winner today, it does seem he should be capable of more than this under the right conditions; blinks added.
Other notes: - #1 HOWARD'S HOPE made a very promising debut that he can build on at Saratoga last month: after taking a bump and the break and getting away slowly, he then pulled very hard into the first turn before running in snatches, on and off the bridle to upper stretch; it was only then that he leveled off and he did so in style, winning with authority; he can improve for the experience. - There was a strong speed bias when #2 FULLCUP last ran at Saratoga; switches surfaces and stretches out today. - Although never that far away, it should be noted that #5 BROADCAST was a little wide off the turn at Saratoga on debut, and he was also trying to run by three horses who were slightly better positioned throughout in what was a very slowly run race; it is possible to argue he was at least as good as anyone in that spot and he'll demand respect today. - #7 COAST HIGHWAY kicked clear nicely at Colonial last time, winning under just a hand ride; he seemingly has more to offer.			

Race 10: MSW, 2YO, 1 1/16 Miles, Dirt			
Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#5 DIVINER	MSW, MTH, 1M, Fast Dirt, 09/05/26 – 4 th	Broke a step slow, then checked and gave the field a large head start; chased the pace from ~12L back while being nudged on to the far turn, then began building momentum and made a 5W advance approaching the top of the lane before staying on gamely for 4 th .	He had his chance significantly hindered by the start here and actually did very well to sustain his advance all the way to the wire; with blinkers on today, he should be able to build on this effort.
Other notes: - #3 MOLITOR dwelt badly at the start on debut, then used his run up getting back to somewhere near contention but failed to sustain his bid in the lane; a sharper start second out should help him step forward.			

Horses to Follow

R6: GRAYOSH (2/1 ML)

Chad Brown's MGSW GRAYOSH did well to finish as close as she did in the G2 Ballston Spa last time considering she was wide on the turn and racing against the 'flow' of the race, which saw speed hold. Now getting a little class relief and adding an extra 1/16 with plenty of speed in the lineup, things should set up well for her to oblige as the favorite in the first leg of the 'Value Late Pick-5'.

R8: CHEROKEE PURPLE (5/1 ML)

Having not once in three starts had anything close to a good setup to suit her late run, it's remarkable that CHEROKEE PURPLE has hit the board in all three attempts, highlighting that she possesses a deal of talent. Kelsey Danner now ships her in for today's Selima Stakes as a maiden, possibly indicating the regard in which she's held, and with plenty of stretch-out sprinters in opposition to finally give her some pace to run at, a big effort could be on the cards.

R9: BROADCAST (9/5 ML)

As highlighted in the above trip comments, it's far from impossible to argue BROADCAST was equally as good as anyone on debut in a hot MSW at Saratoga last month, staying on strongly into the fast late pace despite a slightly wide trip. That experience should have done the son of INTO MISCHIEF plenty of good, and with a pedigree such as his—being out of Breeders' Cup F&M Turf winner SHARED ACCOUNT and a half to Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner SHARING—it would be no surprise to see him run mightily well in this afternoon's Laurel Futurity.

FUTURE HORSES TO WATCH

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.

BLO YOUR MIND

Trainer: Tim Keefe

Last Race: September 12, 3rd

Finish: 1st by 3 1/2 lengths

In a field full of first-time starters, this Blofeld filly proved best despite looking a bit green. She pushed the pace while three wide, took over into the stretch, and drew out despite failing to change leads.

LINETTE

Trainer: Tim Woolley

Last Race: September 13, 1st

Finish: 2nd by head

First-time starter stumbled from in between horses when racing in tight on the backstretch, and that forced her rider right out of the irons for several strides. The filly stayed to task, however, as she angled widest into the stretch, and rallied gamely to drop a photo to a logical and favored winner.

SCARLETT'S HALO

Trainer: Chad Brown

Last Race: September 19, 7th

Finish: 2nd by 3 1/2

Hung out to dry from the start of this one-turn mile, she raced extremely wide for most of the way and tried her best to finish second to the co-favorite. She's a big, strong filly capable on turf and dirt, and might appreciate stretching out around two turns for her next start.

PLENTY ON TAP (Entered SUNDAY 9/27 at Laurel – Race 4)

Trainer: Tim Woolley

Last Race: Sept. 11, 5th

Finish: 3rd by 2 3/4 lengths

Didn't break the best, then raced three wide and in between rivals on the backstretch before being shuffled back, cut the corner into the stretch, then was over in behind horses for most of the stretch before rallying belatedly to just miss second.

NOAH CHANCE

Trainer: John Robb

Last Race: September 13, 6th

Finish: 5th by 1 1/2

Tracked the pace from in between horses, was bottled up turning into the stretch, and was stymied in behind horses; finally altered course to the outside and made up some late ground.

FIERCE AND STRONG

Trainer: Michael Salvaggio Jr.

Last Race: September 13, Race 6

Finish: 4th by 1

Last on the rail for most of the way, he was stuck in behind rivals for most of the stretch, had to alter course several times, and still kicked on with interest.

D J ABS

Trainer: Lindsay Schultz

Last Race: September 19, 8th

Finish: 2nd by 4 1/4

Juvenile filly has some turf pedigree, and she gave a strong try in her grass debut. Showed decent speed from the start, but had the misfortune to face a sharp, gate-to-wire winner. Stayed on strongly to the wire, and it looks like she's found a home on the green stuff.

RIVER TAY

Trainer: Bruce Brown

Last Race: September 19, 10th

Finish: 3rd by 1 1/4

Brushed the side of the gate at the start of this turf sprint; she then stayed inside for most of the way and was stuck in traffic throughout the long stretch. Showed some life once clear late in the game and can win going short or long.

AJAX THE GREAT

Trainer: Ollie Figgins III

Last Race: August 29, 3rd (Charles Town)

Finish: 6th by 21 3/4 lengths

Probably too early to give up on this 2-year-old half-brother to Kenny Had a Notion (stakes-winner sprinting on both turf and dirt), and the feeling is that this gelding will enjoy switching to turf for his next start. The workout on September 10 matches up with the barn's 4-year-old filly Hale Bop, who earned a 66 Beyer when fourth in a \$12,000 starter on Delaware turf six days later. Perhaps they breezed in company.

GOLD SOVEREIGN

Trainer: Thomas Garner

Last Race: September 20, 3rd

Finish: 8th by 6 1/2

Likely purchased by his current connections for future races over hurdles, but this gelding showed decent turf form in longer-distance races in New York and had no chance in his local debut. Fell to his face at the start, then was wired in a paceless heat where they ran 1-2 around the track.

SUJO *(Breezed 3F - :46.20 at ELP on 9/25)*

Trainer: Greg Sacco

Last Race: Jan. 16, 7th race

Finish: 4th by 4 3/4 lengths

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

JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 2 - Matilda Burnham: #3 - Likebelivingnmagic; #6 - Tell 'Em I'm Comin >>> **Burnham rides TELL 'EM I'M COMIN**

Race 5 - Jorge Ruiz: #1 - The Wrath of David; #3 - Alborz >>> **Ruiz rides ALBORZ**

Race 6 - Jaime Rodriguez: #1 Storm Miami; #4 - Shore War >>> **Rodriguez rides STORM MIAMI**

Race 7 - Mychel Sanchez: #3 - Yamal; #6 - Ready as Ever >>> **Sanchez rides READY AS EVER**

Race 8 - Yedsit Hazlewood: #3 - Gypsy Lullaby; #7 - Cherokee Purple >>> **Hazlewood rides CHEROKEE PURPLE**

PAST TRACK TRENDS

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
June 19 – Fair

June 20 – Fair
June 21 – Fair
June 26 – Fair
June 27 – Fair
June 28 – INSIDE SPEED BIAS
Sep. 11 – INSIDE BIAS
Sep. 12 – SPEED BIAS
Sep. 13 – Fair
Sep. 18 – Fair
Sep. 19 – Fair
Sep. 20 – Fair