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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. LINETTE

2. PAYNTED BY NANCY

3. QUALITY SWAG

First post time is 12 pm ET, and there are two "Value Pick 5" wagers, each with a LOW 12% takeout. There isn't much turf in **LINETTE**'s pedigree, but the dam won eight times and has already foaled three prior winners. The second dam was a stakes-placed dirt router (90 dirt Beyer). The 8/25 gate work matches up with the barn's 3-year-old gelding Putter Man (finished second in a \$16,000 maiden claimer on turf at Colonial on 9/3 with a 57 Beyer). Perhaps they breezed in company for a barn that sent out 6-1 debut winner High View (one-mile maiden claimer on turf) here last year. **PAYNTED BY NANCY** figures close to the pace as she stretches back on in distance. Just missed going short two back, and boasts competitive Beyer Speed Figures. There just wasn't any pace for **QUALITY SWAG** to attack last time out (24.87, 25.38; 25.68), but she still showed some life to rally from last to place behind the favored winner. Barn won with three of four starters between 9/7 and 9/9. Expect an aggressive early ride from FEATHER WISH as she stretches out in distance from the inside post. WATCH ME SPARKLE seems well-entered. Chased Romelia two back, and that foe then ran third in a Monmouth special weight with a 60 Beyer. WOMAN ENTICED switches surfaces as a half-sister to multiple stakes-winning turf router Way to be Marie (90 turf Beyer). Perhaps it's too early to give up on ROLE'S MISCHIEF (wore hood in all three starts), who was wired against special weights at Colonial.

>> RACE 2

1. CELESTIAL MOON

2. RAPIDITY

3. FAN CLUB

CELESTIAL MOON never picked up his feet at Parx 11 days ago, but he was likely overmatched against a tougher field, and can display improved speed and racing ability as he double-drops to this conditioned claimer. This barn went 6 for the last 23 (26%, \$2.37 ROI) when going third after layoffs of one year or greater. **RAPIDITY**'s running style usually doesn't play well at Timonium, and he failed to threaten after lagging at the back of the pack. He hit the board in his previous two outings, however, but must work out a trip from this tough outside post. Don't be surprised if he takes back to save ground going into the first turn and tries to wind up a one-run late rally. **FAN CLUB** hit the board in his last five dirt races, and he just missed when returning from a four-month layoff at Timonium. Another that is expected to contend with a late run. Expect early speed from NEW PLEX, who stretches out to a more comfortable distance after sprinting in his first start following a layoff line.

>> RACE 3

1. RECKLESS

2. FLY NOW

3. WALKING IN MEMPHIS

RECKLESS prompted the 7-2 third-finisher from the outside, advanced on the second turn, and got the job done despite hopping back to his left lead. He has excellent tactical speed and figures squarely in the mix when the field swings for home. **FLY NOW** worked out a perfect trip when scoring with new blinkers. Saved ground in the pocket, angled three wide into the stretch, and was too good for that group. This race is tougher, and it might not set up as well, but he has upside, and the barn has been on a nice roll. **WALKING IN MEMPHIS** stalked three-to-four wide at the back, made a four-wide bid into the stretch and was lightly bumped, then passed some tired horses after changing leads several times. That distance might have been too short for him, and he should show improved early speed here. FREEDOM GLIDER received a quick pace to attack (23.50, 24.35), and a lovely ride when scoring at Delaware. Broke slow, seemed a bit rank when entering the second turn, soon split rivals, altered course outside to find a seam, and drew clear despite flopping leads several times. His late kick must be respected.

>> RACE 4

1. RAMPAGIUS

2. TENEBRIS

3. PARTY AT SAM'S

RAMPAGIUS did not have an easy trip in his most recent start. He was rated all the way back to last in a slow-paced race over a speed-friendly track, eased outside to split rivals with a four-wide bid, then gave a solid finish and gallop-out in a race where they ran 1-2 around. That race produced two next-out winners (Suremeanttobe repeating in a high-level Colonial allowance with an 86 Beyer). He's run well fresh and goes out for a barn that went 5 for the last 12 (42%, \$4.52 ROI) when returning from 61- to 120-day layoffs. **TENEBRIS** has back ability, and it was nice to see him display some of his old speed in the recent two-turn sprint at Timonium. Not sure he's fast enough to grab the lead, but he's won from stalking range in the past. **PARTY AT SAM'S** likely gained fitness when returning from a 196-day layoff. Battled the sharp winner before understandably tiring. Pride's Prince returned to win a ratings handicap at Delaware with an 81 Beyer. Figures close to the pace for a barn that went 7 for 21 (33%, \$2.93 ROI) when returning from 61 to 120 day layoffs on dirt. FIVE DREAMS hooked up in a speed duel last time at Penn National. The third-finisher next ran third in a \$30,000 optional at Timonium with a 73 Beyer. Expect aggressive handling. GORDIAN KNOT, listed as a Penn National vet scratch on 7/31, was wired going two turns at Penn National, and might receive a better race flow here. PETINGAS TWIN disappointed at Thistledown when facing next-out winner Moreau (90 in high-level allowance there), but he has several races good enough to win this. Sanchez lands here instead of Medagooch.

>> RACE 5

1. PIPPIN THE WARRIOR

2. LOVE YOURSELF

3. SCRUINATOR

PIPPIN THE WARRIOR was wired by the odds-on favorite in a slow-paced race over a speed-friendly Colonial surface. Outpaced for the lead and taken off the rail to track outside, he stayed on to finish a clear second. Expecting an outside tracking trip while clear of traffic for a barn that went 4 for 14 (29%, \$2.59 ROI) in the first after 61 to 120-day layoffs. **LOVE YOURSELF** hit the board in all four starts, and he turns back to the distance of his fastest Beyer. Might have come back a little quick when the beaten favorite at Delaware around two turns, and has been given plenty of time to recover from that effort. Barbosa lands here instead of Sha Boo Boo. **SCRUINATOR** could be the one to catch and beat from the rail. Battled with the 9-1 winner over a speed-friendly track last time and held strong for second. The barn went 20 for 44 (45%, \$3.40 ROI) in the third after 180- to 365-day breaks on dirt. Kentucky shippers generally do well here, and LASTING LEGACY was claimed and gelded by a capable outfit. Rallied well sprinting in his debut, then chased Private Show (next-out runner-up in a \$50,000 maiden claimer at Ellis with a 69 Beyer) over wet going. TOTAL MISCHIEF switches surfaces as a half-brother to stakes-placed dirt sprinter Ka Gee Gee (80 dirt Beyer).

>> RACE 6

1. ELON

2. ELVIS HIMSELF

3. CACTUS

Searching for a price with **ELON**, who put it all together to win his last two starts before going to the sidelines for 74 days. He pushed a reasonable pace outside the favored runner-up last time, then dug in gamely to prevail. This spot looks tougher on pace and class, so make sure the value is there. **ELVIS HIMSELF** could be the speed of the speed, and he returns to turf after being outsprinted going a sharp half-mile at Timonium. Shook loose when going fast on the lead two back before tiring. Perez departs for Noah Chance. **CACTUS** has never finished out of the exacta over this course, and might work out a sweet trip sitting just off the early speeds. Taken in hand last time to track three-wide/four-path, he chased a quick second quarter of 21.84, then finished evenly. The winner then hit the board in his next two starts with Beyers of 78 and 87. NOTHING BETTER deserves strong consideration if able to

escape the Also Eligible list. If the pace heats up, keep an eye on NOAH CHANCE, who has hit the board in his last five turf races. BRIE'S IN TOWN might have aimed a bit high in the first after the claim.

>> RACE 7

1. BARU

2. DOLCE FAR NIENTE

3. MONSTER MITCH

BARU's speed didn't play very well at that sharp half-mile distance at Timonium, but he still showed some late life after a less-than-ideal wide trip. He can get close to the pace here, as he did two back at Delaware, and he ran a good second off similarly short rest on 6/14. **DOLCE FAR NIENTE** deserves strong consideration after getting an education in his debut. Broke slow, raced at the back of the pack, was steadied in between horses when beginning his rally in upper stretch, then finished well for third behind the two pacesetters. The fourth-finisher then graduated for \$30,000 at Colonial with a 54 Beyer. Don't be surprised if he's sharper from the gate today. **MONSTER MITCH** (\$35,000 yearling) is out of multiple stakes-winning dirt performer Las Setas (79 dirt Beyer), herself a half to Grade 3-winning dirt sprinter Cordmaker, and juvenile stakes-winning dirt sprinter Corvus (won debut; 81 turf Beyer). The 9/9 work matches the barn's 3-year-old gelding Pippin the Warrior (58 dirt Beyer). Perhaps they went in company. ARUBA ARIBA is a full to multiple stakes-placed dirt sprinter Al Loves Josie (94 dirt Beyer). ROLL ON ONYX is out of multiple stakes-placed dirt sprinter Past Perfect (74 dirt Beyer).

>> RACE 8

1. BILL OF RIGHTS

2. OUR NOTION

3. ROLL ON JESSE

BILL OF RIGHTS stepped up his game when wired in a one-turn route at Colonial. Wasn't away the best, tracked four wide and in between in the early stages, wound up in a nice spot behind dueling leaders on the bend, eased three deep into the stretch, and got up for second with a promising gallop-out. The race hasn't come back strong yet (4 next-out runners, none hit the board, 66 Beyer top), but this gelding likes Laurel Park and can get close to the pace. **OUR NOTION** set a pressured pace inside the 6-1 sixth-finisher, was ridden confidently turning into the stretch, then held firm over wet going. Don't be surprised if he's the quickest from the gate once again. **ROLL ON JESSE** gave a solid try when attempting to rally into moderate fractions at Colonial. Drew a comfortable inside post for this distance, and he ran his fastest race when attempting a similar "second off the layoff" move two back. Late-runner needs some pace aid.

>> RACE 9

1. SEGER SONGS

2. COMMON SENSE

3. TAI TAI RUSH

Starting to get a little tired of **SEGER SONGS'** act, but she'll get one more chance in the finale. Hopped slightly at the start last time, advanced to race three-wide in midpack after a half-mile, made a strong outside bid turning for home, then couldn't surge past the winner when it counted. Split two next-out winners (Tiz Complex took a \$16,000 "non-two" starter at Delaware with a 67 Beyer), and should offer a late bid for a barn that went 7 for 23 (30%, \$4.35 ROI) on the flat between 8/22 and 9/10. Also want to use **COMMON SENSE** in multiple-race wagers after a tough trip sprinting at Colonial. Raced in a tight spot in between rivals at the back, raced over in behind horses turning for home, then came with a solid rally once clear of traffic. The runner-up next ran third in a restricted special weight there with a 57 Beyer. Think she gets closer to the pace today. Not sure if **TAI TAI RUSH** is as effective at these longer distances, but she ran okay two back sprinting at Colonial. Steadied in between horses at the start, she raced well off the pace, altered course to the outside, and made up almost four lengths despite failing to change leads. This barn sent out a dirt-to-turf winner here on 6/12.

MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

R1: Quality Swag turned things around as soon as she found the turf course, without an abundance of speed here, she should be able to find her way into close stalking position. Linette may be one to watch, as she looks to have worked in company with recent allowance winner High View for the turf work. Hard to take a first time starter going 2-turns but the price is right.

R2: Fan Club ran a winning race just to miss out on the wire to the class dropping Aztec, an 8x winner. Second off of a summer freshening should serve him well, especially returning to Laurel. Celestial Moon is hard to take at 9-5 ML, but he is the class of the field. I give him one more chance with new company here.

R3: Reckless has found his best form since switching surfaces, with speed to the inside he is likely to repeat here. Keep an eye on Fly Now, who comes out for a barn that has been heating up, and ran a career best when adding blinkers last out.

R4: Rampagius arrives first off of a freshening for a barn that can be dangerous in that setup, and he himself runs his best races that way. Petingas Twin is the big question mark, especially after the company he faced in the De Francis, this may be his chance to jump back into form.

R5: Scrutinator looks to be a likely single on many tickets after he battled willingly last out. Having shown speed, he might not look back from the inside post here. One who might shake things up at a price is Total Mischief, both the pedigree and the works suggest he should handle the surface switch.

R6: Cactus comes out of a race where everyone seemed to be run off their feet, except the eventual winner...who came back to narrowly miss in allowance company next out. I give him a chance to jump back on top here. The same story goes for Where's Ray, who has faced some of the best turf sprinters throughout his '26 campaign, a tidier trip might be all it takes.

R7: Dolce Far Niente showed willingness to overcome trouble on debut and may sit a bit more forwardly with a race under him. Baru and His Friesan Fire are worth a mention as their last outing was behind a very impressive winner - the race may produce going forward.

R8: Our Notion may have the chance to be a lone leader here, a move that worked well in his last outing with a career best. Roll On Jesse looks to run his best races when going 2-turns here are Laurel, second off of the freshening suits as well.

R9: Seger Songs looks to be putting the pieces together since taking class relief in recent starts. Sticking around the level with a bit of pace to target should help her find the wire in time. Have a look at Kool Kay, who may run into tough company here but looks to have a chance while getting back to a firm turf course. Rodriguez in the irons doesn't hurt at 20-1 ML.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 4

#3 - Party At Sam's

Trainer: Mike Moore

First After 61 to 120 Days, Dirt: 7 for 21 (33%, \$2.93 ROI)

#5 - Rampagius

Trainer: Lacey Gaudet

First After 61 to 120 Days: 5 for 12 (42%, \$4.52 ROI)

RACE 5

#1 - Scrutinator

Trainer: Brittany Russell

Third After 180-365 Days, Dirt: 20 for 44 (45%, \$3.40 ROI)

#6 - Pippin the Warrior

Trainer: Hugh McMahon

First After 61-120 Days: 4 for 14 (29%, \$2.59 ROI)

RACE 9

#5 - Seger Songs

Trainer: Keri Brion

Between 8/22 and 9/10: 7 for 23 (30%, \$4.35 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 16k, 3-6YO (F), 1 Mile, Turf			
Horse	Race	Trip	Notes
#7 QUALITY SWAG	Maiden Claiming 16k, DEL, 1M, Soft Turf, 08/29/26 – 2 nd	Slow into stride; chased slow pace from ~7L last in 2P to far turn, then made a bold move 3-4W far turn; turned for home ~4L back in a share of 3 rd , then stayed on with credit for a clear 2 nd .	A small upgrade can be awarded here as she closed into SLOW fractions (24.87, 50.25, 1:15.93) that favored front runners, and she was a little wide too; eligible to step forward back on a sound surface.
Other notes: - #1 FEATHER WISH found herself in a little tight in upper stretch at Colonial last time and then was not hard ridden through the lane; she likely wouldn't have hit the board with a cleaner trip/stronger ride, but she <i>might</i> be able to improve a touch on that run stretching out today. - Although a little wide on the turns, #2 WHISKEY BREW's 3rd place finish at Timonium last month may flatter her a little as the 8/5 favorite unseated the rider at the start, and there was a strong SPEED BIAS present which maybe helped her hold her position.			

Race 2: Claiming 7.5k, 3YO+, 1 1/16 Miles, Dirt	
Other notes: - #2 CELESTIAL MOON put forth an odd effort last time in which he never took a hold of the bridle and almost ran like he was resisting the kickback (bizarre for a veteran); has questions to answer third back today. - #3 STRATEGIST's two back effort needs downgrading as he benefited from being able to set slow, uncontested fractions (25.38, 49.76, 1:15; 34) in front early early.	

Race 3: OC35k/SAL28k, 3YO+, 1 Mile, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#2 WALKING IN MEMPHIS	Allowance, GP, 1M, Firm Turf, 07/20/26 – 5 th	Sent; dueled through fast fractions on the rail while taking pressure all the way to upper stretch, then faded grudgingly.	His lasts start around two-turns, two-back: This effort is deserving of a small pace upgrade as he was beaten just over 4L, despite having set FAST, pressured fractions of 22.51, 45.32, 1:08.36; if he can ration out his speed more efficiently today, he may be tough to peg back.
#3 PROMISSIO	Starter Allowance, CNL, 1M, Firm Turf, 08/07/26 – 2 nd	Patently handled from outside gate; chased honest pace from ~5L back to the far turn; took slightly closer order while ~3W far turn, then tipped out ~5W in upper stretch and attempted to come with a run between foes but was shut off and forced to check ~1/8 pole; regrouped, then stayed on very willingly for 2 nd .	His two-back effort when he beat the re-opposing #6 RECKLESS: A troubled stretch run, we can mark this effort up slightly. Note: he sat a notably wide trip last out (08/28/26) – small upgrade.

Other notes:

- For the second time in a row, **#1 IN HONOR OF JEFF** finished and galloped out very nicely sprinting 6F on the dirt last time; provided he takes to the turf today, the stretch out to a mile could help him move forward.
- While accepting that he received a favorable pace setup, it should be noted that **#5 FREEDOM GLIDER** steadied a touch ~3/8 pole and brushed with a foe ~1/8 pole while on his way to a much the best victory at Delaware last out; neither of these factors were significant enough to earn him an upgrade, but they didn't aid him either; still, he was full of run crossing the wire under a hand ride, and appeared to have plenty in reserve; expecting him to improve on that effort, player.

Race 4: Ratings Optional Claiming, 3YO+, 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#5 RAMPAIGUS	Allowance, LRL, 6F, Fast Dirt, 06/14/26 – 4 th	Clean break; forward between horses early until shuffled right back approaching the far turn; entered the bend in last, ~5L off the slow pace; improved position steadily despite leaning out far turn, then stayed on gamely through the lane for 4 th ; galloped out strongly.	This effort can be upgraded in a big way as not only did he have a TROUBLED TRIP, but he also closed into a SLOW PACE while racing against the strong SPEED BIAS; big player following slight freshening.

Other notes:

- **#3 PARTY AT SAM'S** didn't disgrace himself in a tough allowance off the bench at Delaware last out, especially as he spent the entire race on the rail, which often is a slower part of the track at Delaware (and was on this day); eligible to step forward.
- **#4 MEDAGOOCH** (4th) and **#8 TENEBRIS** (2nd) both exit a race at Timonium that was run over a heavily SPEED BIASED track; the track arguably aided TENEBRIS (who was always forward) and negatively impacted MEDAGOOCH (mid-pack throughout, eligible to improve second back today).
- **#6 GORDIAN KNOT** might have simply underperformed last out, period; however, he did also hesitate badly at the start which resulted in him using energy early to obtain a forward position by the time the field entered the far turn; this was possibly a factor in why he then faded through the lane; cuts back today.

Race 5: Maiden Claiming 35k, 3-6YO, 6 Furlongs, Dirt**Other notes:**

- **#1 SCRUTINATOR** stayed on well at Colonial last month despite having made a premature lead change to his right lead mid-turn and then having flopped back to his left in the stretch.
- **#2 LOVE YOURSELF** wasted energy by running far too enthusiastically around two-turns at Delaware when last seen and should be more comfortable back at 6F today. Note: he sat a troubled trip two-back (checked 3/8; short of room on heels racing into the lane, allowing the winner to get first run), and that run can be marginally upgraded.
- **#5 TOTAL MISCHIEF** ran well sprinting on the turf at Colonial last month despite having been caught wider than ideal on the turn; contender switching surfaces today.

Race 6: Ratings Optional Claiming, 3YO+, 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf**Other notes:**

- **#1 FIERCE AND STRONG** didn't do enough to earn an upgrade last out, but he was pinched and shuffled back while wide ~3/8 pole, which didn't help his chances.
- **#2 CALL ME ANDY** stumbled a little at the start sprinting on the dirt last out, but it's hard to say that *that* was the reason for his sub-par effort; seems more likely that he doesn't enjoy Parx's unique surface (considering his effort three back also); switches back to grass today.
- **#8 NOAH CHANCE** ran well off a freshening last week despite a marginally wider than ideal trip; player right back.
- **#12 NOTHING BETTER (AE)** was part of a ferocious pace that ultimately collapsed at Saratoga last out (21.87, 44.72); he can be given something of a pass for that effort.

Race 7: Maiden Claiming 35k, 2YO, 5 Furlongs, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#2 DOLCE FAR NIENTE	Maiden Claiming 40k, CNL, 5 1/2F, Fast Dirt, 08/21/26 – 3 rd	Lacked speed; chased from a detached last into the turn; angled out into the 5P approaching upper stretch, then found himself on a struggling rival's heels entering the lane; spied a gap between horses shortly after but immediately had the door shut in his face and was forced to steady; ~5L down in 6 th passing the 1/8 pole, then stayed on really nicely for 3 rd but had too much to do.	A very troubled yet hugely likable debut effort; this run can be upgraded, and much more can be expected of this runner second out today.
#5 BARU	Maiden Claiming 40k, TIM, 4F, Fast Dirt, 09/08/26 – 4 th	Broke alertly but was out-spiced shortly after; climbed in kickback racing into turn, dropped back; angled out into the clear, then held position despite racing 5W on the turn; closed steadily lane.	We can potentially expect BARU to step forward from this run today owing to the fact he lost position when not handling the kickback early (detrimental in a 4F race), and he was notably wide on the turn too.
Other Notes: - #6 HIS FRIESAN FIRE galloped out well after finishing 4th going 4F at Timonium last week; today's extra distance combined with that debut experience can see him move forward today.			

Race 8: Allowance, 3YO+ ®, 1 1/16 Miles, Dirt**Other notes:**

- DRF PPs incorrectly list **#1 ROLL ON JESSE** as being 13L off the lead at first call last out; that's incorrect – he was never more than 3 1/2L back throughout.
- **#2 TUFF LUCK** was caught wider than ideal on the turn at Colonial last time.

Race 9: Maiden Claiming 16k, 3-6YO (F), 1 Mile, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#6 COMMON SENSE	Maiden Claiming 40k, CNL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 08/23/26 – 5 th	Settled tight between foes 2W, ~4L off the modest pace early; slightly tight quarters entering turn; remained under patient handling to the ¼, then found himself wedged in a traffic pocket and was shuffled back under a tight hold entering the stretch; finally got clear ~1/8 pole, then stayed on willingly but had too much to do.	A troubled trip; his finishing effort (into a modest pace) suggested that, with a clean run, he could have certainly hit the board at least in this race; gallop provided optimism about him staying today's distance; respected.
#9 GOTTA BE DA SHOES	Maiden Claiming 16k, CNL, 1M, Firm Turf, 08/23/26 – 5 th	Chased honest pace from ~4L back to far turn; angled out 3W and made smooth progress racing to the top of the lane; drew level for the lead 3/16 pole but then appeared to hang a little and couldn't get by ~1/8 pole; a fresh pair of challengers then ranged up outside him in deep stretch, sandwiching him tight between horses and forcing him to steady hard.	While one would really have liked him to have put this race to bed in the lane (looked the winner in upper stretch but hung) and he wasn't going to win when the interference occurred, he didn't have a clean trip in this race and could have finished closer, so he does have the potential to offer a little more today.
Other notes: - None.			

Horses to Follow**R4: RAMPAIGUS (5/2 ML)**

Freshened up since last seen running with credit against a speed bias and into a slow pace in June, RAMPAIGUS has the speed and class to outmatch his rivals in today's fourth, with regular rider Carlos Lopez getting back in the plate.

R6: WHERE'S RAY (9/2 ML)

Seven-time winner WHERE'S RAY might not have passed the post in front this year; however, the company he's been keeping has been very strong, and excuses can be made for a couple of his defeats. He now gets a little class relief in today's sixth and returns to his preferred course and distance, at which his form and figures dwarf his rivals'. At 9/2 on the morning line, he looks to be providing value.

FUTURE HORSES TO WATCH

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.

PINKY SWEAR

Trainer: Hamilton Smith

Last Race: Sept. 5, 4th

Finish: 4th by 7 lengths

Lost all chance at Timonium when pinched back at the start of a sharp half-mile sprint. Swung widest into the stretch and failed to threaten. She seems stronger when able to get close to the pace at slightly longer distances, and might even make some noise on the turf down the road.

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.

JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 1 - Martin Chuan: #1 - Feather Wish; #10 - Dancing Deanna >>> **Chuan rides FEATHER WISH**

Race 4 - Mychel Sanchez: #4 - Medagooch; #6 - Gordian Knot >>> **Sanchez rides GORDIAN KNOT**

Race 5 - Jeiron Barbosa: #2 - Love Yourself; #3 - Sha Boo Boo >>> **Barbosa rides LOVE YOURSELF**

Race 6 - Xavier Perez: #3 - Elvis Himself; #8 - Noah Chance >>> **Perez rides NOAH CHANCE**

Race 7 - Leandro Briceno: #3 - King Xisco; #4 - Engaged Is Better; #6 - His Friesan Fire >>> **Briceno rides ENGAGED IS BETTER**

Race 9 - Martin Chuan; #8 - Kool Kay; #9 - Gotta Be Da Shoes >>> **Chuan rides GOTTA BE DA SHOES**

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