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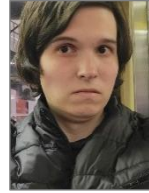
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TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

>> RACE 1

1. KORRONGO

2. COPERNIUM

3. BONSAI WARRIOR

The first post time is 12 pm ET, and there are two "Value Pick 5" wagers, each with a LOW 12% takeout. **KORRONGO** was hustled out of there to engage in a four-ply duel from the two-path, soon made the lead and the rail, and was just kicked down nearing the wire. Don't think she needs the lead to succeed, but should be in the thick of things when they turn for home. **COPERNIUM** benefited from that early battle when running past the top pick at Monmouth. Tracked from in between horses, refrained from swinging too wide, split rivals, and just got there. Claimed out of that heat, he should appreciate moving back to turf. **BONSAI WARRIOR** was the rail part of that Monmouth pace scrum, eased back to the pocket, angled three wide, and finished evenly. Tried to make two moves, never an easy task, but he's quick enough to grab the lead here for a barn that went 6 for the last 10 (60%, \$2.20 ROI) in the first after a trainer switch. Big drop in class for BENNY HAVENS who's been a bit unruly in the preliminaries recently. The runner-up from the last race returned to place in a first-level allowance with a 79 Beyer. LET FLY ran well here earlier this year and can contend with a late bid. Karamanos departs for WHENEVERUREMEMBER, who cuts back to his preferred distance after chasing Reckless, a next-out \$35,000 starter-optional winner here with a 77 Beyer.

>> RACE 2

1. COCO NO LOCO

2. PAYNTED LION

3. FURIOUS GEORGE

COCO NO LOCO swaps out cheekpieces for blinkers and repeats the turf-to-dirt move that resulted in a solid Beyer effort at Colonial two back. Stalked outside at the back that day, raced in between rivals after a half-mile, was urged along on the turn, and failed to menace. He doesn't have much early speed, so he might need some pace help to succeed. **PAYNTED LION** was outsprinted in the early stages of a sharp Delaware sprint, raced far back on the turn, then rallied belatedly behind the two pacesetting favorites. Ran pretty well going second off the layoff earlier in the year, and should get closer to the pace here. **FURIOUS GEORGE** has done well in all three starts this form cycle, including a win around two turns at Timonium. Might work out a nice stalking trip from the outside. VENETO missed the break earlier in the month, then raced outside over a rail-friendly track in a race where positions were unchanged throughout. With an alert break, he can control the pace. MAGNIFICENT RAGS drops in class after facing Zio Lino, who then placed in a quarter starter-optional here with a 59 Beyer.

>> RACE 3

1. WEST MOUNTAIN

2. LATIN REBEL

3. OWHATANITE

WEST MOUNTAIN was bumped lightly after the start, tracked from between rivals, seemed outpaced on the second turn, and didn't threaten the favored winner. Gets some class relief and should receive a fair pace to attack. **LATIN REBEL** set the pace inside the 32-1 fourth-finisher, tried to kick for home through a quick third quarter in 23.87, and tired late. He looks to be part of a crowded early pace. **OWHATANITE** was steadied at the start, saved ground while far back, made an early lead change when last on the rail, found a split three wide in the stretch, and showed late life. The runner-up then took a \$16,000 starter at Delaware with a 73 Beyer. Expect a late bid. RED SKY MORNING deserves a look if able to escape the Also Eligible list.

>> RACE 4

1. TARGET MARKET

2. BIG BOY LUKA

3. FIERY DEBUT

TARGET MARKET broke inwards, sat a loose pocket behind a fast pace, split rivals on the second turn, eased outside, and made up a length. The runner-up then graduated in a \$40,000 maiden claimer at Colonial with a 69 Beyer. Takes a big class dip for a barn that went 7 for the last 25 (28%, \$2.53 ROI) with third-start maidens. **BIG BOY LUKA** raced midpack and in between, swung outside and ran on to just miss second despite being late to change leads. The lightly raced gelding has upside and can kick late. **FIERY DEBUT** finished ahead of three of these at Colonial. Tracked three-to-four wide after a half, made a three-deep challenge on the second turn, then flopped leads several times, and just held second behind the favored winner. **ALL FRUITS RIPE**, **RED SEA**, **PLENTY ON TAP**, and **LONG STRAW** all contend if able to escape the Also Eligible list. Perhaps too early to give up on **TEDDY P**, as he stretches out in distance for the first time. Finished behind **Star Atlas** in his last, and that one then ran third in a \$12,500 maiden claimer here with a 62 Beyer. **CALL ME A TAXI** stalked outside in his lone turf start, made a three-wide bid, and hopped back to his left lead right on the wire. The runner-up hit the board in his next two starts with stereo 70 Beyers.

>> RACE 5

1. THINK PINK

2. SILVER STRINGS

3. STOIC RESERVE

THINK PINK broke outward and was bumped, then pressed the favored fourth-finisher through a quick (22.10) opening fraction. Loomed under confident handling on the turn, then stayed on for second. Interesting equipment change, as the barn usually doesn't remove blinkers, but they went 3 for 11 (27%, \$2.53 ROI) between 9/7 and 9/24. **SILVER STRINGS** might have raced on the deeper part of the track last month at Colonial. Set a three-ply pace from the inside, came off the fence into the stretch, and tired in the final furlong. The third-finisher then ran third in a special weight here with a 51 Beyer. Expect early speed once again. **STOIC RESERVE** broke a beat slow, raced in between horses in midpack, cut the corner under urging, and never threatened the front-running winner. The sixth-finisher then ran third in a special weight at Belterra with a 33 Beyer. Might get a quicker pace to attack here for a trainer-jockey combo that sent out 8-1 winner **Trinity** on 9/19. **SENSE THE MOON** was overmatched in her lone dirt start against the likes of **Talking Foolish** (next-out winner in a restricted special weight with a 52 Beyer).

>> RACE 6

1. TWISTED FILIGREE

2. PETCOFF

3. NEONATE

TWISTED FILIGREE boasts some competitive Beyer Speed Figures on the turf, and he returns to his preferred surface after being washed off at Saratoga. He has excellent tactical speed and might wind up just off the leaders, outside and in the clear. **PETCOFF** tracked four wide at Colonial, made an outside bid on the turn, and was game to prevail in his first start off a substantial layoff. Another with excellent tactical speed. **NEONATE** sat a beautiful pocket trip behind a fast pace, eased outside, and charged home at Colonial. He's lightly raced, and it's possible we've yet to see his best. **NORMANDY HERO** has more speed than shown in his last two starts. Expect aggressive handling from the rail. Sanchez lands here instead of Firmantown.

>> RACE 7

1. SPRING DECISION

2. VIRTUOSITY

3. START TAPPIN

SPRING DECISION might appreciate turning back in distance for his first run after 161 days on the sidelines. Wired going two turns in his turf debut, he pulled his way into the pocket, saved ground every step, and finished in a one-paced fashion. The fifth-finisher then placed in a first-level allowance with a 79 Beyer. Might attempt a similar pace-tracking, ground-saving trip for a barn that went 6 for the last 24 (25%, \$5.18 ROI) in the first after 120-day layoffs or greater. **VIRTUOSITY**, listed as a Saratoga vet scratch on 9/5, returns as a new gelding after prompting quick fractions while three wide at Colonial. Finished ahead of Firmantown, who then took a first-level allowance with a 79 Beyer. Expect good early speed. **START TAPPIN** stalked a quick pace from the outside, swung four wide into the stretch, then ground them down despite being late to change leads. The fourth-finisher next won a starter/first-level allowance at Colonial with a 78 Beyer. Seems adaptable to any race shape. **BARBADOS BUZZ** overcame a slow pace to post a late-rallying maiden win over Munny Problem, who then placed in a maiden special at Colonial with a 77 Beyer. Kicks late with upside potential.

>> RACE 8

1. KISS ME MO

2. MO LAKE TIME

3. ROCKER ROLLER

KISS ME MO pushed a three-ply pace from the rail, wound up in the pocket at the three-eighths, angled three wide into the stretch, and just couldn't surge past the winner. Think this filly will be ridden aggressively from the start. **MO LAKE TIME** set the pace on the rail in a lone dirt start, tried to steal away on the second turn under confident handling, then stayed on for second behind a more experienced winner. Breezed a comfortable five-eighths at Fair Hill on 9/17, and should appreciate moving back to dirt. **ROCKER ROLLER** was reclaimed by the Russell barn after tiring as the favorite in a Colonial turf sprint. Tracked a solid pace on dirt two back, went on a hard chase after the pacesetting winner, and tried her best for second. Shouldn't be too far away when the real running commences. **STONE COLD KELLY**, listed as a Penn National vet scratch on 3/20, was wired in a Gulfstream heat in a race where they ran 1-2 around the track. Likely gets a stronger pace flow here.

>> RACE 9

1. GIFT OF GAB

2. OBSTREPEROUS

3. SOMNIUM

GIFT OF GAB is in excellent form, and she looked good kicking them down in the Sensible Lady Turf Dash. She got some pace to attack that afternoon, traveled sweetly on the fence turning for home, altered course to the outside, and came with a determined run despite hopping back to her left lead nearing the wire. **OBSTREPEROUS** broke sharp, rated back to get off the rail to chase the 6-1 loose pacesetting winner, then tried hard to finish third. Perhaps she'll take back and make one run, as she did when winning at Monmouth in her seasonal debut. **SOMNIUM** is a super-consistent filly, and she just fell short to the top pick in the Sensible Lady. Kicks on in the stretch. **WISCONSIN GAL** has won three of her last four starts, and should show speed after that sharp sprint at Timonium. **CLAWLESS BRIT** set a pressured pace last time, then held gamely despite hopping back to her left lead. Doesn't need the lead to win, and can sit a good pace-tracking, ground-saving trip.

>> RACE 10

1. MIDAS FACTOR

2. HARD SWING

3. SENOR MONEY

MIDAS FACTOR switches surfaces out of a dirt-winning half-sister to stakes-winning dirt sprinter Laddie Liam (82 dirt Beyer). Takes a steep drop into a claimer for the first time and can get closer to the pace while outside and in the clear. The 9/20 work matches the barn's 3-year-old filly Rocker Roller (entered in the eighth race). Perhaps they went in company. MR SKINNY was wired in a two-turn sprint at Charles Town. Finished ahead of Birdy Whisper, who then graduated for a nickel maiden there with a 54 Beyer. This trainer-jock combination sent out a 4-1 winner here on 9/11. **HARD SWING** faced tougher competition in his most recent dirt start, as the winner returned to compile a record of 4-1-1-2 with a 67 Beyer top. Late-running sort needs pace to adequately setup his late bid. **SENOR MONEY** chased a quick pace on turf in his first start following a 132-day layoff, and might be the one to make the lead stretching out in distance. Overmatched against winners two and three back, but hit the board in his four prior starts against maidens. SEVEN'S GOOD is unexposed on dirt, as his lone start on the surface came around two turns over muddy going against better (the winner then placed in a "non-two" Delaware allowance with a 79 Beyer).

MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

R1: It's the time of year when dropping in class is the next logical step for turf horses who have struggled against tough company. Whenever you remember comes out for a barn that wins at 33% with the allowance to claiming move, in turf sprints.

R2: Veneto is a logical player based on his recent return to the races, but I find him hard to trust at such a short price while stretching back out in distance. If we find ourselves with a wet track, I would be keen to use Paynted Lion as a late running alternative for the second wire.

R3: West Mountain might be getting back to a preferred distance and level at a big price today. Last out he faced a solid group of horses who have held their form at the level throughout the season. With a larger field and several speed horses, the setup should be there for his late run we saw earlier in the season.

R4: Target Market has a few questions to answer with such a big drop in class, but we have seen this story before. Big Boy Luka looked green in his first try going 2-turns, but offered a nice finish when asked. With that race underneath of him, there should be room for improvement here.

R5: Stoic Reserve improved greatly in her second start, only to be run off of her feet last out. Returning to this level should be to her benefit today, along with the added ground.

R6: Knockanara might be the best price in the group, especially when you consider he only has two races underneath of him. He finds new faces in here but the tactical speed and consistency offer plenty of upside at 6-1 ML.

R7: Boastfully Irish returned a gelding last out when missing narrowly over a soft turf course. Now a second time gelding, he may be on the improve. Start Tappin may have a better record on the turf if he hadn't been forced to try and clear from way outside in his 2-back effort, either way, 2/3 on the turf is pretty strong.

R8: I find it encouraging that connections claimed Rocker Roller back immediately after losing her 2-back. With a brief freshening and opting to protect her, she could be ready for the next step here. Kiss Me Mo looks a likely opponent, one who has improved greatly since adding lasix and blinkers.

R9: Mopo needs no introduction after the season she has put together, but I wonder if she might be better placed with the cutback in distance today. A true stakes quality field, where the trip might matter more than anything.

R10: While Mr Skinny is technically a winner, I find him hard to trust here. Senor Money had enough speed to find his way towards the front in a turf sprint last out, not returning to the dirt and 2nd off the bench may improve.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 1

#3 - Bonsai Warrior

Trainer: Anthony Farrior

First After Trainer Switch: 6 for 10 (60%, \$2.20 ROI)

RACE 5

#1 - Think Pink

Trainer: Michael Matz

Between 9/7 and 9/24: 3 for 11 (27%, \$2.53 ROI)

RACE 4

#3 - Target Market

Trainer: Jorge Duarte Jr

Maidens, Third Start: 7 for 25 (28%, \$2.53 ROI)

RACE 7

#2 - Spring Decision

Trainer: Niall Saville

First After 120+ Layoff: 6 for 24 (25%, \$5.18 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: Claiming 16k, 3YO+, 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Other notes:

- **#1 STONE COLD JONES** benefited from a perfect trip and setup when posting a career best effort here last time, possibly reducing the likelihood of him reproducing that exact level of form today; still, it was a solid debut for Geralis and he's respected right back.
- **#5 LET FLY** sat a wider-than-ideal trip at Colonial last out.
- As inconvenient as it is that we don't have any fractions for the race, **#6 COPERNIUM** still might deserve some extra credit for his win two-back (his last on turf) as he was the only horse to make up any ground at all from the back.
- **#8 SINTEC** didn't do enough to earn an upgrade last out; however, he was squeezed out of position mid-turn, which didn't help his chances; lasix off today.
- **#9 WHENEVERUREMEMBER** was very headstrong and essentially pulled his chance away when stretched out to a mile last time; he should benefit from returning to sprint trips; player getting class relief.
- **#10 BENNY HAVENS** was unruly in the post parade and then became upset in the gate as well when last seen; an apparent off day for him, he may be more competitive dropping in class after a freshening today.
- **#11 ARCHIMEDES** showed a very likable attitude to win last out: he vied 3W early; dropped back off duel while 3W turn; brushed with foe upper stretch, then rallied very gamely between foes to get up. Makes debut for Farrior today.

Race 2: Claiming 7.5k, 3YO+, 1 Mile, Dirt**Other notes:**

- There are no visible reasons as to why **#1 MAGNIFICENT RAGS** has underperformed the last twice, but maybe he just doesn't like the bullring? Returns to a conventional track today.
- **#2 VENETO** didn't quite do enough to earn an upgrade last out; however, he did rear at the break which resulted in him racing a little further back than in his prior two starts, and he was also a touch wide when the inside was the place to be; stretches out today.
- **#3 UNCLE GREY** ran a nice 2nd at Timonium last out (four runner race) despite having been caught 3W on all three turns – small upgrade; respected.
- Making his first start since a gelding operation, **#4 PAYNTED LION** hardly picked up the bridle at all in the first half of his most recent race going 5 1/2F at Delaware (he looked to possibly be resenting the muddy kickback); however, he then kicked in the afterburners at halfway and made up an eye-catching amount of ground to be beaten just 1 1/2L in 3rd behind the two favs who ran 1-2 throughout; even with its imperfections, it was a promising return to action and now stretching out to a mile second back, improvement seems likely; player.

Race 3: Claiming 16k, 3YO+, 1 1/16 Miles, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#2 OWHATANITE	Claiming 16k, CNL, 1M, Firm Turf, 08/20/26 – 3 rd	Bumped 2x break, steadied, away slowly in last; chased honest pace from 8-9L back into the far turn, then began to creep a little closer on the rail; cut the corner into the lane, then rallied very willingly through traffic but had too much to do; nearest finish.	He's a closer by trade, so maybe it didn't make that much difference to the result; but based on his very strong finishing effort, one has to think that a cleaner break (and therefore more prominent early position) could have seen him go very close indeed; possible upgrade, definite player.
#9 SNEAKING SUSPICION	Claiming 16k, CNL, 1M, Firm Turf, 08/20/26 – 7 th	Lacked speed; 3W first turn; chased honest pace from ~9L back into far turn; crept slightly closer under a hand ride but remained behind racing to the top of the lane, then began to run on well but had a rival back up in front of him ~1/8 pole, forcing him to steady and losing him momentum at a pivotal moment; didn't recover.	Not picked up in the chart comment and only really visible on the head-on replay, he endured a slightly troubled stretch run here when staying on nicely and he was certainly a little better than his finishing result/speed fig suggests.

Other notes:

- **#1 ITALIANO KID** sat a notably wide trip last time and may be capable of more today drawn low.
- While accepting that he had a favorable pace to run at and the bug weight off his back, it should be noted that **#11 KEEN TALENT (AE)** lost more ground with his wide trip than the neck margin he was beaten in his most recent try on turf; he then made up an impressive amount of ground in just an evenly paced affair on the slop at CT prior to taking advantage of a good setup and determined ride back there last time.

Race 4: Maiden Claiming 16k, 3-6YO, 1 1/16 Miles, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#4 BEAUTIFUL QUALITY	Maiden Claiming 16k, CNL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 09/06/26 – 8 th	Showed speed, then settled into a stalking position 1-2L off the even pace; held position racing into and around the far turn until a rival backed up sharply in front of him ~1/4, forcing him to check and shuffling him right back; he failed to recover from there.	A troubled trip he can likely improve on back in at the same level; contender.
#16 PLENTY ON TAP (AE)	Maiden Claiming 16k, LRL, 1M, Good Turf, 09/11/26 – 3 rd	Step slow start; chased honest pace from ~5-6L back 3W rounding the first turn, then took a strong hold and dragged his rider a little closer racing to the far turn; continued pulling while tight between foes rounding the far turn, then worked inside and cut the corner into the lane; lacked room shortly after straightening and had to steady on the leader's heels; dropped back a couple of lengths ~1/16 pole, then found room again and ran on strongly but had too much to do.	The way he traveled into the race and then picked back up inside the final 1/16 to just miss 2nd left the impression that with a clean trip, he'd near enough have won this race; big player if drawing in.

Other notes:

- **#1 FIERY DEBUT** sat a slightly wider than ideal trip at Colonial last time.

- **#5 TEDDY P** stayed on well enough in his turf debut last time (5 1/2F) to suggest today's stretch out could be to his benefit.
- After angling out wide at the top of the lane, **#9 BIG BOY LUKA** then lugged in violently (green) through the lane which cost him 2nd (once corrected by his jock, he ran on well); seems there's more to come from him; contender.
- **#15 RED SEA (AE)** appeared a little unsettled last out, throwing his head around rounding the first turn and racing down the back stretch; maybe something was amiss with him or his tack and that could have played a part in his disappointing result.

Race 5: Maiden Claiming 25k, 2YO (F), 7 Furlongs, Dirt

Other notes:

- Not entirely sure how much difference it made to her finishing position, but **#3 DOE'S LEMONADE** steadied entering the turn when sprinting 4F at Timonium last time.
- The chart comment highlights how **#8 SENSE THE MOON** met traffic on the far turn at Colonial last time; while true that this did happen, it was not that significant and definitely not the reason as to why he was beaten ~15L; returns do sprinting on dirt today.
- **#9 ASHLEY H** made a promising second start at Timonium last out, staying on nicely after racing in mid-division; today's trip could be more to her liking.

Race 6: OC40k/N2X Allowance, 3YO+, 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#2 NORMANDY HERO	Allowance, DEL, 5F, Fast Dirt, 09/05/26 – 4 th	Stumbled start; sent to recover but couldn't get lead so chased from ~2L back instead; then found himself in tight between horses rounding the lane when he desperately needed to be maintaining/building forward momentum; turned for home ~2L down, then stayed on very willingly but was never doing better than 4 th .	For a speed horse who does his best work on the front end, this was not a good trip, stumbling at the start and then finding traffic on the far turn; probably best to toss this race and assess him on his game runner-up finish on turf two-back instead.
#5 KNOCKANARA	Allowance, CNL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 08/20/26 – 3 rd	Chased pace from ~4L back into the turn; advanced while 4-6W racing to the top of the lane, then finished willingly despite brushing with a foe at the 3/16 and then bumping with another foe ~1/8 pole; just missed.	This wasn't a terrible trip; however, the ground he lost racing wide on the turn and the bump he took in the stretch combined to cost him more than the neck margin he was beaten; seems capable of reversing form with FIRMANTOWN now racing of level weights with that rival.
#1A MIZNER	Allowance, CNL, 5 1/2F, Good Turf, 08/20/26 – 4 th	Lacked speed under patient handling start and dropped right back; chased modest pace from ~8L back into turn, then advanced 2W on the run to the top of the lane; angled out into the 4P upon straightening, then ran on well but had too much to do.	Speed held very well in this modestly run race and he actually did well to finish as close as he did; a stronger gallop and Laurel's long stretch can help him improve on this effort.

Other notes:

- **#4 NEONATE** benefited a perfect trip and setup when posting his career best figure last out, possibly reducing the likelihood he reproduces that exact level of form today.

Race 7: N1X Allowance, 3YO+, 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#11 BOASTFULLY IRISH	Allowance, DEL, 5F, Soft Turf, 08/29/26 – 3 rd	Bumped both sides start and slowly into stride; chased even pace from ~6-7L back into the turn; advanced inside, then angled out 8W in upper stretch before finishing well down the center, only to come up a head short.	This wasn't a horrendous trip; however, his finishing effort and narrow margin of defeat point to his troubled start (that prevented him from getting more forward early) and his wide move on the turn combining to cost him the race; a strong effort under the circumstances, he should be suited by today's 5 1/2F trip with a long stretch.
#12 BARBADOS BUZZ	MSW, CNL, 6F, Firm Turf, 07/31/26 – 1 st	Patiently handled early, lacked speed; chased in last to the turn, then made steady headway on the rail before taking advantage of a huge inside opening at the top of the lane;	While his trip was perfect, this visually appealing effort is still worth highlighting as he managed to close from last to first into fractions of just

		kicked in the turbo and spurted forward and passed all to gamely secure the win.	23.24, 47.15 which, especially at Colonial, are not fast; a stronger pace should unlock more in this unexposed runner.
Other Notes: - The chart comment correctly highlights how #1 PARKES was bothered at the break last time; however, as a closing sprinter by trade, it's hard to that <i>that</i> was the reason he performed below par; horses seemed to struggle to make up much ground from the back in that race, though, and that seems be a more realistic excuse (he finished evenly but couldn't get on terms). - #2 SPRING DECISION didn't look to quite stay in either of his route attempts; he should be more effective back down in trip today; returns of layoff with blinkers on. - #3 LUCA MACHINE lost ground last time when he raced awkwardly on the turn and lugged out before being floated even wider again in upper stretch; a low draw could be to his advantage today. - There was a strong speed bias present at Timonium when #5 HOLY MOLY MITOLE broke his maiden in gate-to-wire fashion there last time. - Other than losing his footing slightly at the break and getting away a touch slow (which was actually a blessing in disguise), #7 FRYE ISLAND (IRE) could not have asked for a better pace setup or ground saving trip than he did when posting a career best last time, possibly making it more difficult for him to reproduce that exact level of form for his new barn. - #8 ALEXIS ZORBA (GB) was a little wider-than-ideal when running a gallant 2nd at Colonial last out; player. - #9 VIRTUOSITY lugged out a little on the turn last out and consequently lost a little ground going wide; gelded since. - #10 START TAPPIN received an exceptional pace setup when winning last time - possible downgrade?			

Race 8: MSW, 3-6YO (F), 7 Furlongs, Dirt
Other notes: - After taking a bump at the start, #3 MO LAKE TIME was far too headstrong (and wide) to stay 1 1/16M on the turf last time; as her debut effort would also support, today's cut back should be in her favor.

Race 9: OC55k/C Allowance, 3YO+ (F), 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf			
Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#11 COME TO MAMA	Sensible Lady Turf Dash, LRL, 6F, Firm Turf, 09/12/26 – 3 rd	Slight bobble break, got away in mid-pack; rushed up between horses early to press the fast pace in the 2P; drew level for the lead rounding into the lane, going about best; came under ride ~3/16 and continued battling gamely but could not hold off eventual 1-2 finishers (who closed); held 3 rd well.	A huge career best at a monster price; she did best of the speed in this fast paced, closer friendly race, and her effort is deserving of a PACE UPGRADE; if holding this level of form, she could play another huge role back at 5 1/2F.
Other notes: - Although no match for JEAN VALJEAN (no disrespect in that), #2 FLAMINGO WAY still ran very well off the bench last time and could now be sitting on a big effort as she finally tries of 5 1/2F on turf with Lasix on; throughout the last year, she's consistently run in a manner to suggest this is going to be her best game; player. - #3 IN MY MEMORIES did herself no favors and ultimately had her lack of race fitness exposed when getting into a speed duel on her return off a layoff last time; expecting her to step forward for that run today. - #5 GIFT OF GAB ran a huge race in the Sensible Lady Turf Dash last time: tracked the hot pace from ~6L back on the rail into the lane; briefly waited in behind horses, then switched to the center mid stretch and rallied well. Although she did have to sit in traffic a little through the lane, we shouldn't upgrade her effort because the pace setup was very much in her favor; still, the result and speed fig seem fair, and she's obviously demanding respect right back. - Although no sectionals were officially recorded, it seemed as though speed held well in the Incredible Revenge Stakes at Monmouth on August 01, aiding #8 OBSTREPEROUS; Lasix on.			

Race 10: Maiden Claiming 12.5k, 3-6YO, 1 Mile, Dirt			
Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#4 MR SKINNY	Maiden Claiming 12k, CT, 7F, Fast Dirt, 08/21/26 – 2 nd	Chased honest pace from ~5L back while 3W racing to the ½; chased hard in 3 rd second turn, then stayed on well for 2 nd late; galloped out in front.	In first time blinkers, he closed against the SPEED BIAS present this night at CT for 2nd, then galloped out in front, suggesting today's added distance will be to his advantage.
Other notes: - #6 DIVINE SWAGGER was ridden far too aggressively in a furiously run mile race (22.51, 45.02) at Colonial last time; a more efficient ride should see him to better effect with the bug weight off today. - #7 SENOR MONEY was DQ'd for interference in the lane when returning off the bench in a 5 1/2F sprint last time, and it's not certain how that form translates to today's mile dirt affair; however, he did actually run respectably to be beaten just 2 1/4L considering he probably wasn't at full fitness and he raced close to the hot, closer friendly pace.			

Horses to Follow

R3: OWHATANITE (7/2 ML)

OWHATANITE took a large step back in the right direction at Colonial last time, staying on strongly from the rear after a troubled break to earn the show in a tough claiming 16k. Now taking on what appears to be a marginally softer group, the setup he's set to receive in today's third looks equally as favorable as in his last, and his trainer's strong recent form aids the case.

R7: BOASTFULLY IRISH (12/1 ML)

Following a recent gelding operation, BOASTFULLY IRISH returned over soft turf at Delaware last month with a narrow third-place finish that yielded his second-fastest lifetime BSF of 70. That figure was earned in spite of a troubled start, wide trip, and the flat 5-furlongs playing slightly on the short side for him, indicating that he's stepped forward for his recent gelding operation. Now getting back to 5 1/2-furlongs at Laurel Park with the long stretch to suit, another move forward could make him very competitive at a price.

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

PLENTY ON TAP (Entered TODAY 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

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.

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.

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.

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 - :36.20 at ELP on 9/25)*

Trainer: Greg Sacco

Last Race: Jan. 16, 7th race

Finish: 4th by 4 ¾ lengths

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

JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 1 - Horacio Karamanos: #5 - Let Fly; #9 - Wheneveruremember >>> **Karamanos rides WHENEVERUREMEMBER**

Race 4 - Leandro Briceno: #2 - Classic Martini; #6 - Phantom Gold >>> **Briceno rides PHANTOM GOLD**

Race 6 - Mychel Sanchez: #2 - Normandy Hero; #9 - Firmantown >>> **Sanchez rides NORMANDY HERO**

Race 7 - Kevin Gomez: #6 - Roommate Martin; #13- Bold Fact >>> **Gomez rides BOLD FACT**

Race 9 - Forest Boyce: #4 - Wisconsin Gal; #6 - Mopo >>> **Boyce rides WISCONSIN GAL**

Race 10 - Leandro Briceno: #2 - Five Minutes More; #6 - Divine Swagger >>> **Briceno rides FIVE MINUTES MORE**

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

 May 15 – Fair

 May 16 – Fair

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