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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. VENTUROUS

2. IMPERIAL CHARTER

3. CASS NINE

The first post is 12 pm ET, and there are two "Value Pick 5" wagers, each with a LOW 12% takeout. Wish there was a bit more turf and black-type closer up in **VENTUROUS'** pedigree, but the sire does win with 17% of turf runners, and the second dam won on grass. Pressed three wide over a speed-friendly Delaware track in the debut, battled outside the favored runner-up on the turn, then tired to finish behind the two favorites. Didn't run nearly as well in the local debut on dirt. He can get close to the pace for a barn that went 6 for the last 22 (27%, \$4.04 ROI) when moving from dirt to turf and from sprint to route. **IMPERIAL CHARTER** battled for the lead with the 20-1 runner-up and tried to quicken the pace with a sharp third quarter, but tired from the move. Might try outside tracking tactics for a barn that went 7 for the last 20 (35%, \$3.81 ROI) when dropping from maiden special to maiden claiming. **CASS NINE** is a half-brother to stakes-winning turf router Crisper (87 turf Beyer) out of multiple stakes-placed router (turf/synthetic) Je Suis Enchantee (81 turf Beyer). Oct. 9 work matches the barn's 4-year-old filly High View (72 turf Beyer). Perhaps they breezed in company. NO LAW was steadied while racing midpack behind a quick pace in New York two starts back, swung five wide into the stretch, then flopped back to his left lead. Kicks late in his first turf run over this circuit for a barn that sent out a 17-1 winner at Charles Town on 10/9. Lots of angles for READY SET, who races as a gelding for the first time and drops from a maiden special into a maiden claimer. The runner-up from the debut then placed in a Delaware special weight with a 56 Beyer. LETSBEATTHETRAFFIC (\$10,000 June Juvenile) is a half to Grade 3-winning dirt router Accidental Hero out of juvenile stakes-placed dirt sprinter Pardonmecomingthru (won debut; 63 dirt Beyer).

>> RACE 2

1. PLENTYOF ROGUE

2. CARD SHARK

3. MYTHICAL MAGIC

PLENTYOF ROGUE (\$4,500 yearling) is the first foal out of a placed half-sister to stakes-placed turf sprinter Fawning (79 synthetic Beyer). The second dam was a Grade 2-winning turf router. Wonder if this one is prepping for a longer race, perhaps on grass, but the workouts look solid. Ho lands here instead of uncoupled stablemate Mythical Magic. **CARD SHARK** was wired in his Colonial debut. Tracked a quick pace (22.18; 22.66) while three wide, attacked outside under urging, then tired on the fence. Overtime Rules then repeated in a first-level Keeneland allowance with a 92 Beyer. Million-dollar yearling breezed an easy solo half-mile at Fair Hill on 10/10, and should show rail speed as the horse to beat for a barn that has four second-out maiden winners over the past two months. **MYTHICAL MAGIC** adds Lasix and blinkers after debuting against Hometown Bound, who repeated in the Turfway Prevue Stakes with a 76 Beyer The barn does very well with second-out maidens. BEACH LANDING (\$45,000 weanling) is a half to stakes-placed synthetic sprinter Altered Shot (80 dirt/turf Beyer).

>> RACE 3

1. MEZCAL MAMA

2. THE MAGIC OFMOVIES

3. SWEETERTHANWHISKEY

MEZCAL MAMA broke a beat slow, found a good spot at the back behind a fast pace (21.57), cut the corner into the stretch, altered course to split foes three wide, and drove home as best despite being very late to change leads. Not sure this late-runner gets the same race flow against this tougher company, but should kick late for a barn that went 3 for the last 10 (30%, \$2.30 ROI) with last-out maiden winners in the first after layoffs greater than 61

days. **THE MAGIC OFMOVIES** raced near the back behind a quick pace, split rivals entering the turn, altered course to the outside, and rallied well to score. Toss out the most recent start on dirt, and I'll take it as a good sign that she's back in less than two weeks. **SWEETER THAN WHISKEY** sat a nice pocket trip, attacked outside turning into the long stretch, then stayed strong despite popping back to her left lead. Her tactical speed allows her to get the jump on the two top selections. **BIG EARN** didn't have an easy trip on turf two back against Come to Mama (hit the board in her next two starts with Beyers of 87 and 78), then ran better than expected on dirt last month. Expect good speed.

>> RACE 4

1. ELITE WARRIOR

2. BOSTON GREY

3. LAST CALL BARR

ELITE WARRIOR is a half-brother to three turf winners, including two that earned 92 Beyers on the surface. The dam won on debut on grass, and she is a half to Italian Group 3 turf winner Malossol. Gained experience in the dirt debut when finding traffic against a runaway. Might want more ground, but the barn went 6 for the last 21 (29%, \$2.52 ROI) with second-out maidens. **BOSTON GREY** (\$275,000 yearling; \$350,000 May juvenile) is a half to Grade 1-placed dirt router Cocktail Moments (won debut) out of Grade 2-winning synthetic sprinter River Maid, herself kin to five other blacktype earners. Solid work tab. Rodriguez lands here instead of Longfield. **LAST CALL BARR** is a half to multiple stakes-placed turf router Fionnbharr (79 turf Beyer) out of multiple stakes-winning turf router Embarr (88 turf Beyer). Lopez departs for MATT'S VENTURE. **AFTER ALL** showed speed on turf two back as the only experienced horse in the field, then held second behind odds-on Montour. Should display zip after a tough trip on dirt. **DO THE RIGHT THING** pushed the pace at Colonial against Futile Gesture, who then ran third twice in first-level allowances here with 60 and 57 Beyers. Perhaps he'll try late-running tactics. **LONGFIELD** is a half to juvenile stakes-winning dirt sprinter Catahoula Moon (88 dirt Beyer).

>> RACE 5

1. PENCIL ME IN

2. VENETO

3. ORB ALPHA

PENCIL ME IN was bumped at the start last month, saved ground behind a quick pace, couldn't keep up on the turn, then only finished evenly in between rivals. He still finished ahead of two of today's rivals, and stretching out a furlong lets him show improved positional speed for a barn that went 3 for the last 11 (27%, \$4 ROI) in the second after 61 to 120-day layoffs. **VENETO** cleared off to set a slow and uncontested pace, came off the inside into the stretch, and drew clear despite characteristically failing to switch leads. That early lick plays well here. Briceno lands here instead of both In Honor of Jeff, and **ORB ALPHA**, who pulled off a 38-1 upset around a one-turn mile at Gulfstream on New Year's Day. He received a sweet setup that day, however, and now must overcome a lengthy layoff (listed as Colonial vet scratch on 7/5).

>> RACE 6

1. PENELOPE'S GIFT

2. DIVINE MOUSSE

3. CONTINENTALDRIFTER

PENELOPE'S GIFT dueled outside the 31-1 seventh-finisher, then tired along the inside when the beaten favorite last month. She ran well three back (off slow, split three wide in upper stretch, good gallop-out) when attempting to rally from off the pace, and might adopt those tactics for a barn that sent out a maiden winner here on 10/3. **DIVINE MOUSSE** finished ahead of the top pick despite spotting experience to that one. Tracked three wide, bid from that path, then swapped back to her left lead. Can step forward for a barn that went 4 for 14 (29%, \$4.71 ROI) between 9/28 and 10/10.

CONTINENTALDRIFTER is a half-sister to stakes-placed dirt sprinter Mattitude (80 turf Beyer) from the family of Grade 2-winning dirt sprinter Court Folly.

The last few breezes look promising. Expect speed from MISCHIEF STORM, who pressed the 3-1 third-finisher in the turf debut before succumbing to the favored winner, a runner that then placed in a first-level Meadowlands allowance with a 68 Beyer. SOTA SUMMERS drops in distance after facing two next-out winners (Dandy Vandy hit the board in her next two starts with 79 and 73 Beyers). Think she'll kick strongly late. HELLO HOPPERTUNITY is a half-sibling to multiple stakes-winning dirt sprinters Hello Beautiful (96 dirt Beyer) and Hello Hot Rod (94 dirt Beyer).

>> RACE 7

1. NAPTOWN

2. FUERTEVENTURA

3. WRITE OFF JERRY

Taking a guess with **NAPTOWN**, who never picked up his feet last time out against stakes foes at Woodbine. Broke sharp, tracked outside, was outpaced while three-wide and in between on the turn, then never factored. Thought he ran okay here two back when rallying into slow fractions, and he has a good amount of back class. **FUERTEVENTURA** might have hung in the stretch when finishing ahead of the top pick two back, then sat a good trip at Colonial, grabbing the pocket, easing out into the stretch, and placing behind the favorite. He drew a comfortable inside post and can work out a pace-tracking, ground-saving trip. His stablemate, **WRITE OFF JERRY** was outrun along the rail behind a quick pace in New York, steadied in the upper stretch, then rallied decently through some traffic in the final furlong. Nice fit at this level after earning a stakes-placing two starts back. Well-bred DYNACITO pulled to prompt a quick (23.12 quarter) three-ply pace from the rail, rated into the pocket at the half-mile pole, attacked again outside, and gamely fought off the closers. Up in class, but he should show speed.

>> RACE 8

1. UPTOMOM

2. FOLLOW MY HART

3. JACK RABBITNESS

UPTOMOM didn't do much in a two-turn sprint debut around those tight turns at quirky Timonium, but he was wired in a slow-paced race by a runaway winner. This looks like a class drop for a barn that won two races here last Friday. **FOLLOW MY HART** is a half-sibling to three winners, including Afleet Arlene, who captured her debut. This is the family of Irish champions El Prado and Entitled. The 10/6 breeze matches the barn's 2-year-old Rainonthescarecrow (52 turf Beyer; a winner routing on synthetic). Perhaps they worked in company. **JACK RABBITNESS** might be the controlling speed as he stretches out in distance for the first time. Finished behind The Answer last time, and that one returned to win a \$12,500 maiden claimer at Delaware with a 41 Beyer. The barn went 6 for the last 16 (38%, \$2.30 ROI) when adding blinkers to third-out maidens. SPEED FOCUSED took a nice step forward when wired by a 2-1 shot over this course and distance. Expect a late bid. WAR REPORT drops and stretches out after chasing two next-out winners (Aruba Ariba graduated by 9 3/4 lengths in a waiver maiden with a 76 Beyer).

MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

R1: Awesome Law returns to a level where we saw him competitive on debut, with a bit of a troubled trip. Now with two turf routing efforts underneath of him, it looks like the pieces may all come together.

R2: Frustrated comes from a family that screams win early. Both half siblings and the second dam won at first asking, while the mare narrowly missed and returned to win at second asking. The work tab suggests he may follow in the family footsteps.

R3: The Trombetta barn looks to have plenty of chances here with three runners. Big Earn is where I find myself landing, her tactical speed and recent company lines speak volumes. Mezcal Mama has plenty to do in her first try against winners here but her first try on the turf was impressive enough that she warrants serious consideration.

R4: Lake Martin is the first foal of a winning Into Mischief Mare, who looks to have plenty of speed in the pedigree. Ruiz and Motion team up well together, and we can always trust the barn to have them well prepared. Playin for Gin doesn't look to be short of speed based on the morning work tab, now we find out how it transfers to the afternoon.

R5: Even with the slight cutback, Veneto looks to be the controlling speed in this group. Poor Peanut is not devoid of speed, but looks to have been overfaced in recent starts. Class relief could benefit if he gets confident here.

R6: Divine Mousse was impressive on debut when caught in between horses and refusing to back down. Now with a race under her, she has reason to improve here. Pay attention when Boyce and Bailes team up, Continentaldrifter has a win early pedigree with plenty of class in the family.

R7: Dynacito battled impressively to prove himself in allowance company last out, he might have the chance to be the controlling pace while stepping up here.

R8: His Friesan Fire may look a bit light on the figures but he has run into two highly competitive groups. Now stepping down a level, the distance and company look to suit him well. Speed Focused seems likely to keep improving with the added ground but he never seemed to have a chance behind a gate-to-wire winner last out.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 1

#2 - Venturous

Trainer: Horacio De Paz

Dirt to Turf, Sprint to Route: 6 for 22 (27%, \$4.04 ROI)

RACE 1

#8 - Imperial Charter

Trainer: Rodolfo Sanchez-Salomon

Maiden Special to Maiden Claiming: 7 for 20 (35%, \$3.81 ROI)

RACE 3

#8 - Mezcal Mama

Trainer: Jorge Duarte Jr.

Last-Out Maiden Winner, First After 61+ Days: 3 for 10 (30%, \$2.30 ROI)

RACE 4

#9 - Elite Warrior

Trainer: Justin Nixon

Maidens, Second Start: 6 for 21 (29% \$2.52 ROI)

RACE 5

#2 - Pencil Me In

Trainer: Tim Keefe

Second After 61 to 120 Days: 3 for 11 (27%, \$4.00 ROI)

RACE 6

#7 - Divine Mousse

Trainer: Madison Meyers

Between 9/28 and 10/10: 4 for 14 (29%, \$4.71 ROI)

RACE 8

#4 - Jack Rabbitness

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Maidens, Third Start, First Blinkers: 6 for 16 (38%, \$2.30 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 25k, 2YO, 1 1/16 Miles, Turf

Other notes:

- Unlike on debut when he was drawn wide and forwardly placed, **#2 VENTROUS** was in behind horses and taking kickback which he didn't look to face too happily last time (possibly explains his regressive effort); switches to turf and stretches out today.
- Although a little green and wide off the turn, **#4 TO ETERNITY** ran a nice race on debut, staying on and galloping out well; it wouldn't surprise to see him take a step forward now stretching out and switching surfaces.

Race 2: MSW, 3-6YO, 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Other notes:

- **#1 CARD SHARK** made a nice debut at Colonial, staying on for 3rd behind a talented next out winner after forming part of a taxing early pace (22.18, 44.84); he's entitled to step forward from that run cutting back to a flat 6F today; player.

Race 3: N1X Allowance, 3YO+ (F), 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#4 QUADRA	Allowance, MED, 5F, Firm Turf, 10/02/26 – 3rd	Stumbled and pinballed start, away slowly; chased even pace from ~4L back into the turn; crept closer inside turn, then tapped on brakes briefly ~3/8; regrouped and came under a strong ride entering lane, then finished very well but ran out of real estate.	The head-on replay clearly shows that she had a rough start in this race which consequently left her much further behind than usual and racing out of her preferred position; she then tapped on the brakes and was also running over a flat 5F, which is maybe a little shorter than ideal. Getting back to 5 1/2F today with lasix still on (hasn't run 5 1/2F with lasix since positing a 76 Beyer last November) could see her to great effect following this troubled effort.

Other notes:

- **#1 BLESSED CANDY (MTO)** was afforded a very comfortable lead that she took full advantage of (easily set slow fractions of 23.32, 47.60) when winning an off-turf starter two weeks ago.
- **#2 STICKER SHOCKED** has shown better early speed and aggression since blinkers went on two-back, but she's failed to stay the two-turn distances; cutting back with blinkers on today could see her to better effect. Note: she was in a little tight at the top of the lane at Delaware last out, but she was already on the back-foot at that point; she also lugged in through the lane.
- **#3 BRIKELI** was arguably a little better than the winning margin last time considering he'd set fast fractions in front on the 'good' listed turf track; feel he could have more to offer again if rationing out his speed a little more efficiently.
- **#6 BEST GIRL MAGIC** actually stayed on with credit when returning off the bench at a flat 5F last time; she can improve with an extra 1/16 to work with second back, and with just 115 pounds on her back.
- **#8 MEZCAL MAMA** benefited from an excellent trip and pace setup when winning last time (saved ground while closing into red-hot fractions of 21.57, 44.32) – possible downgrade.

- The chart comment makes **#9 BIG EARN**'s most recent turf start (08/27/26) sound much worse than it was: sure, she was headstrong and a little rank in behind the modest pace early, but she then worked outside and had every opportunity to go on and score from the 5/16 pole home but instead, she failed to switch leads and faded; we shouldn't blame the trip for her subpar effort at all; demands respect today whatever the case getting back to turf following a respectable effort on dirt last time.
- With blinkers added, **#10 THE MAGIC OFMOVIES** benefited from an excellent trip and pace setup when winning her last turf start two-back (closed into re-hot fractions of 21.60, 44.23) – possible downgrade.
- **#11 WISE AND ELEGANT** might simply have been below par last out, period; however, she also steadied out of position early, then lacked a setup while also widest on the turn, so things certainly didn't go right for her either; possibly capable of bouncing back.

Race 4: MSW, 2YO, 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#4 DO THE RIGHT THING	Restricted Stake, CNL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 08/29/26 – 5 th	Broke sharp from outside gate; pressed honest pace while 3W to upper stretch, then was finishing evenly until put in tight ~1/8 pole and forced to check hard, ending all chance.	He was in an unideal spot early, pressing the honest pace while losing ground out wide, and then he had his race essentially ended at the 1/8 pole; he can offer much more than this with a better trip and is respected back in MSW company.
#9 ELITE WARRIOR	MSW, TIM, 6 1/2F, Fast Dirt, 09/07/26 – 3 rd	Brushed gate, away half step slow; chased leaders until he was put into a terrible position by the rider passing the wire first time and forced to check; chased leading duo to far turn, then he was put into another terrible position by the rider who ran him straight up onto a retreating rival's heels; steadied again far turn, then stayed on on left lead for 3 rd .	Not sure the trip cost him a position in this race, but it wasn't a good ride, and he can likely offer much more second out under Ho, now switching to the grass.

Other notes:

- **#2 BET ME** finished with good energy on debut last month; while his effort did suggest he may want further than today's trip, he left the impression that there's more to come from him.

Race 5: Claiming 7.5k, 3YO+, 7 Furlongs, Dirt

Other notes:

- After taking a notable bump at the start and lagging in behind early, **#2 PENCIL ME IN** stayed on and galloped out well last time; stretching out 7F should see him to better effect.
- **#3 VENETO** was allowed to set very controlled fractions on an uncontested lead before going on to score at a mile on the slop last time (24.75, 48.90; the running order did not change at all from the 5/8 pole to the wire); while he's still respected today, that form line mightn't be the most reliable.
- After being fractious in the gate, **#4 POOR PEANUT** always seemed to be out his comfort zone when forcing a fast pace last time; a more patient ride may help him finish better and see him to better effect today.

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

Other notes:

- **#3 SOTA SUMMER** broke sharp and was encouraged forward, then set an honest pace while pulling last time; although she then folded in the lane, she showed signs that today's 5 1/2F trip with a long stretch could suit her as a potential closing sprinter; returns off freshening.

- **#4 MAD MISTY** didn't quite offer enough of a late punch to earn an upgrade last time; however, she was boxed in and prevented from advancing or building momentum from the 5/16 to the 1/8 pole which mightn't have helped her chances; she has a game attitude and is entitled to respect today.
- There was plenty to like about **#7 DIVINE MOUSSE**'s debut second last month; major player second out.
- Although **#8 ULTRA CAMEO** did check slightly going into the far turn at Delaware last time, it's a stretch to say that that was the reason she was beaten 40L; suspect today's cut back in trip will be to her benefit, but she does have questions to answer.

Race 7: OC40k/N2X Allowance, 3YO+, 1 1/16 Miles, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#9 NEXT LEVEL	Handicap, CNL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 08/22/26 – 6 th	Unhurried; tracked even pace from ~7-9L back on rail racing to far turn; crept slightly closer under patient handling behind horses racing to upper stretch, then found himself in terrible traffic shortly after straightening and was forced to check hard ~1/8 pole when seemingly still full of run; got clear late but his chance was already gone.	His two-back effort preceding a nice win on the dirt last time: A very troubled stretch run; it's tough to say where he'd have finished with a clean trip, but he appeared to have run at the time of interference and one suspects he could have gone close to hitting the board at least; upgrade this effort; player.
#10 DYNACITO	Allowance, LRL, 1 1/16M, Good Turf, 09/26/26 – 6 th	Broke sharp; slim lead on rail rounding first turn, then lost the lead as rival went on with things entering back stretch; pulled hard chasing fast pace to far turn; regained slim lead between foes 2W far turn, then came under a strong ride ~1/4 pole when a head in front; gamely continued to respond to his rider's urgings through the lane and held on for a neck victory.	It was impressive that he managed to get the win here considering he wasted energy pulling while also forming part of a fast early pace (23.42, 48.10); he was very game in the lane and if settling/rationing out his speed a little more efficiently today, he may be capable of offering more again.

Other Notes:

- In his last start on turf (08/28/26), **#2 MY IMAGINATION** made an early move into a fast pace which resulted in him getting to within a length of the lead in upper stretch and then tiring again late on; a better-timed ride may see him step forward on that effort getting back to turf today.
- **#1A WRITE OFF JERRY** exits a muddling race at Belmont that featured a strong early pace; while the pace did play to his advantage, he still ran very well to snatch 4th after weaving through traffic in the stretch, and although he may be a little pace dependent back at 1 1/16 miles today, he has to be respected.

Race 8: Maiden Claiming 25k, 2YO, 1 Mile, Dirt

Other notes:

- **#1 SPEED FOCUSED** ran a much-improved race to finish second when stretched out to a mile last time and he's not discounted today; it should be noted, however, that he's broken from the outside post in his last two starts and not faced any kick-back, and he's likely to face a different set of circumstances with the rail draw today.
- **#3 HIS FRIESAN FIRE** stumbled badly at the start sprinting last time which didn't help his chances at all; he ran evenly but failed to recover thereafter; stretches out in trip with more to offer today.
- **#4 JACK RABBITNESS** appeared out of his comfort zone when setting a pressured early pace at Delaware last time and may be better suited by the more controlled nature of a mile distance race today; he also lugged out on the turn; blinkers on; respected.

Horses to Follow

R7: NEXT LEVEL (8/1 ML)

Prior to producing a very stylish win over the main track here three weeks ago, G1 placed performer NEXT LEVEL had suffered a troubled trip when making his debut for McMahon on the turf at Colonial. As he's proven in the past, he's capable of much more on grass than that 76 Beyer suggests, and with his confidence high, he should be able to outrun his odds in today's seventh.

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.

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

PLENTY ON TAP

Trainer: Tim Woolley

Last Race: Oct. 3, 3rd

Finish: 2nd by 2

Didn't break the best two back on turf, then raced three wide and in between rivals on the backstretch before being shuffled back. Cut the corner, then was over in behind horses for most of the stretch before rallying belatedly to just miss second. Ran well when washed off the green on 10/3, and deserves another shot on turf.

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: 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.

SIP OF MANHATTAN

Trainer: Eduardo Leiva

Last Race: Sept. 25; 6th

Finish: 2nd by 5

A bit wound up with pony during post parade, then a tad reluctant to load, but gave a top first-out effort as second-best to gate-wire winner Winslow.

NIAL AND PRAY

Trainer: Joseph Murphy

Last Race: Oct. 10; 6th

Finish: 2nd by head

Broke from the inside for the second consecutive race, then wound up a very wide rally through the turn and into the stretch. Seemed a bit more professional than in his previous start, and was just outkicked by a 3-1 debuter.

INTREPID'S LEGACY

Trainer: Gary Capuano

Last Race: Oct. 10; 10th

Finish: 2nd by 1/2

This is a huge horse that likely needed a race in his first start off a July layoff. Rushed up with a wide bid on the turn before being rebuffed by the even-money favorite.

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 4F - :49.40 at ELP on 10/12*)

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.

SEA ISLE CITY

Trainer: Keri Brion

Last Race: Sept. 26, 8th

Finish: 3rd by 1 1/4

Held her inside position over the "good" going, dropped back a bit near upper stretch, then made some ground late to finish third in the Selima Stakes. May prefer firm turf, short or long.

EMERGENCE

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Last Race: Oct. 10; 5th

Finish: 3rd by 1/2

Likely found the mile distance a tad too sharp when returning to turf. Saved ground for most of the way and came with a strong late bid. Think he'll be at his best going 1 1/16 miles or longer.

JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 2: Wesley Ho: #2 - Plentyof Rogue; #5 - Mythical Magic >>> **Ho rides PLENTYOF ROGUE**

Race 4: Carlos Lopez: #7 - Matt's Venture; #12 - Last Call Barr >>> **Lopez rides MATT'S VENTURE**

Race 4: Jose Vargas: #2 - Bet Me; #4 - Do the Right Thing >>> **Vargas rides DO THE RIGHT THING**

Race 4: Jaime Rodriguez: #6 Boston Grey; #10 - Longfield >>> **Rodriguez rides BOSTON GREY**

Race 5: Leandro Briceno: #1 - In Honor of Jeff; #3 - Veneto; #6 - Orb Alpha >>> **Briceno rides VENETO**

Race 7: Martin Chuan: #4 - Real Fast; #7 - Can Group >>> **Chuan rides CAN GROUP**

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
Sep. 25 – Fair
Sep. 26 – Fair
Sep. 27 – Fair
Oct. 2 – CLOSERS BIAS
Oct. 3 – Fair (Slight Inside Lean)
Oct. 4 – CLOSERS BIAS
Oct. 9 – SPEED BIAS
Oct. 10 – Fair

