



LAUREL PARK

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TODAY'S SELECTIONS FROM THE LAUREL PARK TEAM



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RACE 1:	6-2-9-1	6-7-2-13	6-8-2-13	6-8-2-4	6-2-1-11
RACE 2:	1-5-4-7	7-5-4-2	1-4-5-7	4-5-7-2	5-7-4-1
RACE 3:	3-2-5-9	10-3-5-4	5-10-3-8	4-3-2-10	3-7-2-5
RACE 4:	7-2-5-6	7-5-1-3	5-7-1-6	5-7-6-2	5-3-2-1
RACE 5:	6-10-3-2	10-6-4-8	6-10-4-3	3-4-10-6	3-10-6-4
RACE 6:	10-11-4-9	10-9-4-2	10-5-9-8	10-5-9-4	10-9-4-5
RACE 7:	8-1-4-9	5-1-2-9	6-8-1-9	9-1-2-3	9-6-1-2
RACE 8:	9-10-2-1	10-2-1-3	2-10-3-1	1-2-10-3	10-2-1-5
RACE 9:	2-6-7-3	1-5-2-6	5-6-1-3	6-3-4-7	2-4-5-6
RACE 10:	1-10-3-9	9-1-10-3	4-3-1-8	4-3-7-1	1-3-4-9

First post is Noon ET with 12% takeout on Value Pick 5 wagers (first five races; last five races)

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TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

>> RACE 1

1. SIN BOLDLY

2. CRAB MENTALITY

3. QUEEN OF WANDS

The first post is 12 pm ET, and there are two "Value Pick 5" plays, each with a LOW 12% takeout. **SIN BOLDLY** has been washed off the turf in her last two, and now gets a chance to move back to her preferred surface. Settled in midpack behind a moderate pace on grass three back, swung four wide, and couldn't threaten two next-out winners (Life's Dynamic hit the board in her next two, including a Grade 3 stakes in New York with stereo 86 Beyers). This trainer-jock combo sent out two turf winners last week, including 10-1 Parkes. **CRAB MENTALITY**'s last turf race resulted in a strong late-running victory over maiden claimers. Rained off the grass last time, she'll get a class test, but should kick late if the pace is solid. This barn had two dirt winners last week, including 9-1 Clowning Around at Charles Town. Lopez lands here instead of Satisfied Mind. **QUEEN OF WANDS** has the tactical speed to work out a pace-tracking, ground-saving trip, and adds blinkers with plenty of upside potential. Finished ahead of three of these when wired by the favorite last time, and should get a more favorable race flow. This barn sent out "blinkers on" Futile Gesture to upset a stakes race here last week at 10-1 odds. **LIGHT DE NIGHT** beat a weaker field going two turns at Meadowlands, but is in form and can display a stretch bid

>> RACE 2

1. PELICAN PIER

2. PARIS BY NIGHT

3. SHANGHAI ROSE

PELICAN PIER broke well despite being bumped at the start, was taken in hand to track the 2-1 loose pacesetter from off the inside, went on a hard chase, drifted wider into the stretch, and faded in the final furlong. Drew nicely outside of the main speed, and can work out a good tracking trip while clear of traffic for a barn that went 4 for 19 (21%, \$2.14 ROI) between 10/9 and 10/25. Uncoupled stablemate **PARIS BY NIGHT** finished ahead of a couple of these, including the top pick. Showed good speed on that closer-friendly track, then succumbed to a late runner who next finished third in an open \$25,000 claimer with a 40 Beyer. Looks like the speed once again. Briceno departs for Engage at Will. **SHANGHAI ROSE** didn't do much on turf, but she ran against arguably better competition in her three prior maiden special weight appearances on dirt. Had little chance in a sharp Timonium sprint three back, a race where they ran 1-2-3 around, with the favored winner next hitting the board in her next two starts (including the Maryland Million Lassie) with a 58 Beyer top. The barn went 6 for 14 (43%, \$2.80 ROI) between 10/10 and 10/25. **HAPPY ENCOUNTER** made a premature move into a slow pace around two turns at Delaware. Turning back in distance suits. **HER DECISION** chased the favored pacesetter's quick opening fraction before tiring. Slight class relief her perhaps.

>> RACE 3

1. CHITCHATCHITCHAT

2. AMERICANDREAMMAKER

3. DIVA READY

CHITCHATCHITCHAT didn't break the best last month, but recovered to stalk three-wide. Made a four-wide move into the stretch while traveling comfortably and drew away in the final sixteenth. Back up in class for a new barn, but she earned some competitive back numbers during the spring and early summer. **AMERICANDREAMMAKER** sparred for the early lead with the 23-1 fifth-finisher, then stayed on gamely when finishing ahead of Don't Tell Deren, who next won the Maryland Million Distaff Starter with an 80 Beyer. There's a chance she'll revert to the stalking tactics that worked well for her over the summer at Colonial. Boyce lands here instead of **DIVA READY**, who rallied well to hit the board in her last two starts. Earned a career-best Beyer

Speed Figure last time out, and seems very well-entered in this spot. **STICKER SHOCKED** tracked a quick pace outside, then seemed a bit uncomfortable in between horses when tiring and hopped back to her left lead. The winner of that race hit the board in her next two stakes starts with stereo 82 Beyers. We'll learn if this distance is too sharp. **COSTA AMALFITANA** was wired in her most recent turf start by Lady Ensign, who then placed in a restricted handicap with an 80 Beyer.

>> RACE 4

1. ÉCLAIR BLANC	2. MADONNA OF LORETO	3. DRINK THIS CUP
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ÉCLAIR BLANC was wired at Parx last month. Bumped lightly at the start, she stalked the pace from in between horses, split rivals three wide into the stretch, and finished evenly. The runner-up then placed in a high-level allowance there with an 82 Beyer. Should get some pace to attack for a barn that went 5 for 11 (45%, \$3.85 ROI) between 10/14 and 10/27. Kentucky shippers generally do well here, and **MADONNA OF LORETO** raced wide in a slow-paced Keeneland race. She has a nice combination of tactical speed and a closing kick. **DRINK THIS CUP** was wired in a slow-paced race by an odds-on winner at Timonium. The fourth-finisher then grabbed a "non-three" allowance at Delaware with an 81 Beyer. Toss the last as she didn't seem to care for yielding turf. This barn went 16 for the last 69 (23%, \$2.26 ROI) when moving from turf to dirt. **IN MY MEMORIES** might be set for her best in the third start of the form cycle after chasing Alani, who then won a high-level allowance with a 77 Beyer.

>> RACE 5

1. MO REWARDS	2. EL DE LARRY	3. SOUPER CRUNCHY
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MO REWARDS broke out a bit on Delaware turf two back, stalked a fast pace from in between horses, made a four-wide bid on the second turn, grabbed a short lead, then held second gamely behind the favored winner while racing in between rivals. Retained fitness with a dirt start earlier in the month, but turf is his better surface. This barn went 25 for 97 (26%, \$2.20 ROI) between 10/5 and 10/27. **EL DE LARRY** prompted the 16-1 last-finisher from the outside through quick fractions (23.10, 23.40, 23.85), then tired after being late to change leads. Wired them on dirt last time, and should race up and on the pace once again. **SOUPER CRUNCHY** has hit the board in his last four starts, and he was beaten by a perfect-trip winner at Meadowlands last time. A big drop in class helps **DRILLING FOR GOLD**, who was wired by the favorite in a key race at Colonial. The fourth-finisher then took an allowance at Meadowlands with an 83 Beyer.

>> RACE 6

1. DIVINE MOUSSE	2. APPEALING GIRL	3. GOTTA BE DA SHOES
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DIVINE MOUSSE finished ahead of a couple of these when earning a respectable speed figure in her lone turf try. Tracked three wide, then jumped back to her left lead in the stretch. Faced a runaway winner when trying dirt two weeks ago, but seems better on grass. This barn went 9 for the last 42 (21%, \$5.89 ROI) when moving dirt to turf. Gomez lands here instead of Take On the Jewels and For Keeps. **APPEALING GIRL** broke a beat slow, saved ground in midpack, raced in behind horses in the upper stretch, then changed back to her wrong lead after easing outside. Finished behind the top pick, but new Lasix might spur improvement. I want to use **GOTTA BE DA SHOES** in exotic wagers after a tough trip on turf two back. Raced wide on the first turn, was four-to-five wide on the second bend, and understandably flattened out. Toss the recent dirt try, and she's done well sprinting in the past. Expect a strong late kick. **HAIL NO** finished ahead of three of these last time when beaten by an odds-on favorite, and might try to show good early zip. Lopez lands here

instead of Forty Seven Smoker, who attracts Vargas from Final Moment. **BABY QUEEN** might have aimed too high when trying maiden specials at Colonial. The fourth-finisher returned to place in a special weight there with a 63 Beyer, and has since graduated from the maiden ranks. Rosario departs for **ALLABOUTSASSY**.

>> RACE 7

1. UNCLE GENE

2. PRINCE OF PEACE

3. HAREWOOD

UNCLE GENE showed some moxie when graduating on debut at Belmont. Prompted a 27-1 shot from the outside, was confronted by the more experienced and favored runner-up in the stretch, bumped a couple of times with that foe, and gamely fought back inside to win. **PRINCE OF PEACE** was wired by the favorite in the James F. Lewis III Stakes. Tracked that one through legitimate fractions, was urged along on the turn, and never stopped trying. Might sit back and let others do the early pace work this time for a barn that went 6 for 20 (30%, \$2.36 ROI) between 10/4 and 10/25. **HAREWOOD** tracked from the pocket in the Lewis, and finished evenly along the inside. Both dirt races have been solid. **FROST ROCKET** must prove his mettle on dirt, but he should get more pace to attack than in his previous run over Tapeta, a race that produced next-out winner What's Your Name (67 Beyer in \$62,500 optional). **WINSLOW** broke well despite being bumped at the break, set a pretty quick pace along the fence, then drew away despite racing greenly. He looks quick from the starting stalls.

>> RACE 8

1. HIGH ANXIETY

2. DEVILISH GRIN

3. AMAZING GRACER

HIGH ANXIETY pulled slightly in the opening stages to settle in midpack, made a four-wide move turning into the stretch, and stayed on for second. Finished ahead of a next-out synthetic winner that afternoon and can display a strong late bid. **DEVILISH GRIN** seems well entered for her circuit debut after rallying for second against a favored winner at Belmont. Drew a better post than the top pick, and might offer a bit more tactical speed. **AMAZING GRACER** had a potential claim voided by the vet after failing at odds-on over Belmont's Tapeta surface. This seems like a lateral class move, but she has the positional speed to work out a pace-tracking, ground-saving trip for a barn that went 5 for the last 10 (50%, \$2.62 ROI) in the first after a trainer switch. **TIZ MY STANDARDS** should show stretch-out speed after facing Mad Misty, who then placed in a special weight with a 63 Beyer. Sanchez departs for **LINETTE**.

>> RACE 9

1. KENTUCKY MULE

2. HURRAH

3. BLO BY THE FIELD

KENTUCKY MULE was part of a four-ply pace battle from the two-path through reasonable fractions, pressed three outer foes entering the turn, then couldn't go with them through the long stretch. The runner-up next placed in a first-level allowance at Belmont with an 88 Beyer. Drops in distance, is now in with restricted company, and has the speed to get close to the pace. **HURRAH** is lightly raced with upside potential, and she was freshened after finishing second to Disney Belle, who then placed in a \$32,000 starter allowance here with a 65 Beyer. This barn sent out a 2-1 winner here on 10/17. **BLO BY THE FIELD** might have been aided slightly by a closer-friendly and muddy track when rallying into second earlier in the month. Consistent sort has hit the board in 13 of 16 starts. **PROFOUND CHANGE** likely needed her last start, her first run in 251 days. Faced Big Earn, who returned to win an off-turf

first-level allowance with a 74 Beyer. BOURBON N LACE finished ahead of Miss Interpatation (next-out second in \$10,000 beaten claimer at Delaware) last time out, and kicks late if the pace is faster than anticipated.

>> RACE 10

1. NORFIE

2. SHERIFF RONNIE

3. WIN NO JOKE

NORFIE was bumped at the start, then stalked four wide in a race where the pace held up. Ran pretty well here four starts ago when making up late ground over an inside, speed-friendly track, and should get some pace to attack here. **SHERIFF RONNIE** battled with the 9-2 winner over a speed-friendly track, then couldn't go with that foe when it counted. Figures close to the pace once again for a barn that went 7 for the last 26 (27%, \$2.45 ROI) in the second after the claim. **WIN NO JOKE** tried to rally over a speed-friendly track 15 days ago. Think he's in better form than it looks on paper. Lopez lands here instead of Prom Knight. Expect good speed from PARALEGAL, who hasn't been headed in his last two starts. The third-finisher from his last start then placed in a nickel beaten claimer with a 70 Beyer.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 2

#5 - Paris by Night/#7 - Pelican Pier

Trainer: John Robb

Between 10/9 and 10/25: 4 for 19 (21%, \$2.14 ROI)

RACE 2

#4 - Shanghai Rose

Trainer: Michael Gorham

Between 10/10 and 10/25: 6 for 14 (43%, \$2.80 ROI)

RACE 4

#7 - Eclair Blanc

Trainer: Mike Moore

Between 10/14 and 10/27: 5 for 11 (45%, \$3.85 ROI)

RACE 4

#1 - Drink This Cup

Trainer: Michael Stidham

Turf to Dirt: 16 for 69 (23%, \$2.26 ROI)

RACE 5

#10 - Mo Rewards

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Between 10/5 and 10/27: 25 for 97 (26%, \$2.20 ROI)

RACE 6

#10 - Divine Mousse

Trainer: Madison Meyers

Dirt to Turf: 9 for 42 (21%, \$5.89 ROI)

RACE 7

#6 - Vekoma Moon

Trainer: Gary Capuano

Debut Winners, Second Start in Dirt Sprint: 7 for 13 (54%, \$2.60 ROI)

RACE 7

#1 - Prince of Peace

Trainer: Robbie Bailes

Between 10/4 and 10/25: 6 for 20 (30%, \$2.36 ROI)

RACE 8

#1 - Amazing Gracer

Trainer: Jamie Ness

First After Trainer Switch: 5 for 10 (50%, \$2.62 ROI)

RACE 10

#1 - Sheriff Ronnie

Trainer: Kieron Magee

Second After Claim: 7 for 26 (27%, \$2.45 ROI)

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

Will Humphrey's TRIPS AND TIPS will return Friday, November 6.

FUTURE HORSES TO WATCH

YOUR LORDSHIP

Trainer: Graham Motion

Last Race: May 30, 7th race

Finish: 1st by 2 3/4

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.

D J ABS *(Breezed 4F - :50.80 at MTH on 10/22)*

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.

SEA ISLE CITY *(Breezed 4F - :48.00 at FAI Tapeta on 10/25)*

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.

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.

FIERCE AND STRONG *(Entered at Laurel – Sat 10/31, Race 3)*

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.

GOLD SOVEREIGN *(Breezed 5F - 1:02.80 at FAI Tapeta on 10/9)*

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 *(Handily 4F - :49.00 at ELP on 10/27)*

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.

NIAL AND PRAY *(Breezed 4F - :52.00 at LRL on 10/24)*

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.

KWAN

Trainer: Michael Simone

Last Race: October 18, 2nd race

Finish: 2nd by 1 3/4

Expected to be among the pacesetters when the beaten favorite, he instead broke poorly and was last in the early stages. Made a strong wide move through the turn and into the stretch, and tried hard all the way to the wire. Juvenile filly fits well sprinting on dirt at the \$25,000 starter allowance level.

BUBBLING

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Last Race: October 25, 7th race

Finish: 3rd by 3

First-time starter didn't have the best break, but picked up steam with a wide move into the teeth of the pace before understandably flattening out in the final sixteenth. Expect more early zip next time.

CITRINE

Trainer: Graham Motion

Last Race: October 25, 6th race

Finish: 2nd by neck

Traveled smoothly into the stretch and looked on his way to victory, but was squeezed badly in between horses in the mid-stretch. Altered course to the rail and finished with a flourish, albeit too late.

PLENTYOF ROGUE

Trainer: Justin Nixon

Last Race: October 16, 2nd race

Finish: 2nd by 2 1/4 lengths

Caught a quality field of maidens for his debut, took some dirt in his face while saving ground, then kept on grinding to finish second behind a well-meant Repole/Russell first-time starter. Likely gained a ton of fitness from this effort.

PERFECT FORCE

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Last Race: October 25, 2nd race

Finish: 4th by 4 1/2

Didn't show much early speed in his first start of the barn, but built momentum at the three-sixteenth before being pinched back between horses at a key juncture.

JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 2: Leandro Briceno: #5 - Paris by Night; #6 - Engage At Will >>> **Briceno rides ENGAGE AT WILL**

Race 3: Forest Boyce: #3 - Americandreammaker; #5 - Diva Ready >>> **Boyce rides AMERICANDREAMMAKER**

Race 6: Kevin Gomez: #10 - Divine Mousse; #11 - Take On the Jewels >>> **Gomez rides DIVINE MOUSSE**

Race 6: Carlos Lopez: #4 - Gotta Be Da Shoes; #7 - Forty Seven Smoker >>> **Lopez rides GOTTA BE DA SHOES**

Race 6 - Jose Vargas: #7 - Forty Seven Smoker: #13 - Final Moment >>> **Vargasa rides FORTY SEVEN SMOKER**

Race 6 - Emanuel Rosario: #3 - Allaboutsassy; #12 - Baby Queen >>> **Rosario rides ALLABOUTSASSY**

Race 10: Carlos Lopez: #6 - Prom Knight: #10 - Win No Joke >>> **Lopez rides WIN NO JOKE**

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
Oct. 15 – INTENSE SPEED BIAS
Oct. 16 – SPEED BIAS
Oct. 17 – Fair
Oct. 18 – Fair
Oct. 23 – Fair
Oct. 24 – Fair
Oct. 25 – CLOSERS BIAS