



HANDICAPPING GUIDE for SATURDAY, OCT. 31 🎃

TODAY'S SELECTIONS FROM THE LAUREL PARK TEAM



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RACE 1:	10-2-6-4	10-2-7-8	10-2-7-1	10-8-2-7
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RACE 3:	10-7-8-4	1-10-7-8	7-10-8-4	7-1-10-8
RACE 4:	11-7-10-3	11-10-5-3	9-8-11-3	11-9-10-7
RACE 5:	8-5-4-6	8-1-5-4	4-1-8-5	8-1-5-4
RACE 6:	10-6-8-12	1-2-11-12	10-5-8-1	5-10-4-1
RACE 7:	10-3-6-1	4-1-8-10	3-1-8-6	4-10-1-6
RACE 8:	3-2-9-6	2-9-8-6	5-3-8-2	9-5-8-2
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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. MISCHIEVOUS TWINS

2. CAPRICHOSINFRONT

3. MOLLY THE GREAT

The first post is at 12:00 ET, and there are two "Value Pick 5" wagers, each with a LOW 12% takeout. **MISCHIEVOUS TWINS** stalked outside, made a three-wide bid under a confident ride, then sprinted home under a drive to graduate three weeks ago. Her tactical speed should have her close to the pace for a barn that went 39 for the last 144 (27%, \$2.23 ROI) with last-out maiden winners. Sanchez lands here instead of Khokela Miss.

CAPRICHOSINFRONT was likely overmatched in her last two turf starts, the most recent coming against next-out Maryland Million Ladies winner Mopo (82 Beyer). She ran well on turf at a similar class level back in June, and she usually offers value on the tote. **MOLLY THE GREAT** wasn't away the best on turf two back, then tried to rally into slow fractions (24.68; 25.36) while facing some traffic issues in the stretch. She has a nice kick and needs only a clean trip and a fair pace to make her presence felt. **BLUSHING PRINCESS** set solid fractions when graduating at Delaware, and figures up and on the lead from the rail post

>> RACE 2

1. MAKE IT QUICK

2. FAYES HEART

3. PEDIATRICIAN

MAKE IT QUICK broke ok, albeit a bit outward, and was brushed at the start before tracking three wide over a closer-friendly track. Made a three-wide bid on the turn, then drew off impressively against "non-two" claimers. He should get some pace to attack for a barn that went 3 for the last 13 (23% \$2.08 ROI) on dirt with last-out winners. Perez lands here instead of uncoupled stablemate **FAYES HEART**. The lone four-time winner, he was wired by the favorite in a slow-paced race. Tracked three wide, made an outside turn bid, then was second best after being late to change leads. The barn has had three winners since 10/23. **PEDIATRICIAN** battled for the lead with the 3-1 fifth-finisher over a closer-friendly track when attempting one mile. The runner-up, an eight-time winner, returned to place in a \$5,000 starter allowance at Penn National with a 64 Beyer. **PARTY ON RUFUS** adds blinkers after being wired at Delaware, and might show rail speed. The winner of that race then placed in a first-level state-bred allowance in New York with a 63 Beyer.

>> RACE 3

1. APOLLO TEN

2. JUNGLE GLOW

3. WHERE'S RAY

APOLLO TEN must deal with a seven-month break, but seems well-spotted for his circuit debut. Didn't break the best last time, saved ground at the back, cut the corner into the stretch, altered course up the rail, then finished evenly with a solid gallop-out. Faced two next-out winners (fifth-finisher grabbed a \$35,000 starter at Gulfstream with a 96 Beyer). He's won off a 166-day layoff in the past, and is quick enough to get close to the pace for a barn that went 8 for the last 33 (24%, \$2.04 ROI) on turf with horses returning from 180- 365-day layoffs. **JUNGLE GLOW** has won four of his last five, including an open-length score on Colonial sod two back. Taken off the rail to prompt the 13-1 eighth-finisher, he made an early lead change on the turn, then drew clear on the fence. This barn went 9 for the last 17 (53%, \$2.55 ROI) when returning from 6-13 day layoffs with a last-out winner. **WHERE'S RAY** tracked three wide on turf two back, swung five deep, then got up on the line despite hopping back to his left lead. This seems like a tougher group, but he's back on his best surface after being washed off on 10/18. **BUSHIDO** set a three-ply pace along the fence at Colonial two back, then tired after being late to change leads. Expect inside speed.

>> RACE 4

1. HURRICANE LYNN

2. ASHWEEE

3. DREAMS TO SELL

HURRICANE LYNN received no respite when dueling through solid fractions at Delaware. The fourth-finisher then graduated in an \$8,000 maiden there with a 55 Beyer. Might not have to work as hard to obtain the early lead. Cruz departs for Love You Love You. **ASHWEEE** tracked a quick pace (second quarter - 23.04) from the pocket, made an outside bid on the second turn, then tried hard to place behind the chalk despite being late to change leads. She's hit the board in her last four starts and can set up shop in the second flight. **DREAMS TO SELL** switches surfaces as a half-sister to stakes-winning dirt sprinter Futile Gesture (82 dirt Beyer). Drops in class after failing to threaten in career debut on turf. LOVE YOU LOVE YOU was wired over a speed-friendly track in her debut (third-finisher then scored an off-turf Delaware maiden special weight with a 49 Beyer), then broke from a tough outside post position going two turns off the layoff on turf. Good fit at this level.

>> RACE 5

1. WONDER GIRL

2. NAUGHTY FAVORS

3. PREPAREFORTAKEOFF

WONDER GIRL wasn't away the best, stalked outside, swung wider, then finished evenly behind the three favorites. The runner-up next ran third in a ratings-optional claimer with a 75 Beyer. Consistent mare should be in the thick of things when they turn for home for an overdue barn. **NAUGHTY FAVORS** settled outside in midpack two back, altered to the fence in the upper stretch, then made up late ground despite failing to switch leads. Dismiss the most recent start, as she appears to be better on the lawn. **PREPAREFORTAKEOFF** dueled inside the 13-1 fifth-finisher on turf two back, altered outside that foe late on the turn, the tried hard for second despite changing back to her left lead through the second-wire finish. Another returning to her best surface after being washed off the turf. **WORRIES UNFOUNDED** should show gate speed. Finished behind Holy Joanie in the most recent turf run, and that one captured two of her next three with a 67 Beyer top. **SUGAR BEE** drops a notch after finishing behind Golden Beach (next-out third with 61 Beyer in \$40,000 "non-two" claimer at Belmont. Bumped at the start, she raced outside at the back, swung widest, and flopped back to her left lead. Late-running **INSTPARTY** could use some pace help. Finished behind Don't Tell Deren last time, and that one returned to win the Maryland Million Turf Distaff Starter with an 80 Beyer.

>> RACE 6

1. MUSASHI

2. FOOLISH LOVER

3. SIDE HUG

MUSASHI is by a sire that has won with 12 of his last 44 (27%) debut runners. The second dam was a stakes-placed turf router (84 turf Beyer). I like to see this barn use longer workouts to get them ready, and they went 3 for the last 10 (30%, \$3.60 ROI) with juvenile debut runners. **FOOLISH LOVER** had the misfortune to face a more experienced runaway winner, but showed late life to move into the exacta. He's the one with experience this time. **SIDE HUG** was wired by the favorite in an open maiden special weight. The fourth-finisher then placed in an off-turf special weight with a 53 Beyer. This barn went 7 for 28 (25%, \$2.71 ROI) between 10/3 and 10/25 on dirt. **REPLICATE** pushed the winner's fast pace over a speed-friendly track before settling for second. He should show early zip. **TONY STARK** was wired in his debut and should move forward with that race under his girth. **KONRAD'S CORNER** is a half-sister to stakes-placed dirt sprinter Mattitude (80 turf Beyer). **SUNDAY LEGACY** is out of a stakes-winning turf miler (82 turf Beyer). Briceno lands here instead of

Jerry Inspires. BOURBONONTHEPORCH is a half to multiple stakes-winning turf router Talk Show Man (102 dirt Beyer), stakes-winning dirt sprinter Just Jack (won debut; 88 turf Beyer), and multiple stakes-placed turf router Jack's Legend (86 turf Beyer).

>> RACE 7

1. DEVASTATING

2. CAN'T FOOL ME

3. JUNIPER JUICE

DEVASTATING wasn't away the best, pulled a bit to race three-wide in midpack, made a four-wide bid on the second turn, and flattened out late. He might do better if allowed to get covered up in the early stages for a barn that went 6 for 20 (30%, \$2.36 ROI) between 10/4 and 10/25. **CAN'T FOOL ME** (wore a hood last time) was reclaimed by De Paz after chasing Don't Tell Deren (next-out 80-Beyer winner in Maryland Million Turf Distaff Starter). Won't be surprised if the hood is removed today, and the barn has three winners since 10/24. Boasts a strong late kick. **JUNIPER JUICE** sheds blinkers, drops in class, and returns on short notice after competing in the Maryland Million Ladies. She has several back races that would make her competitive. Boyce departs for SYNERGISM. MY RONDA cleared off to set a fast but uncontested pace over soft going at Delaware. No match for odds-on Mopo, who hit the board in her next two stakes starts, including a win in the Ladies, with stereo 82 Beyers. Expect her to be up and on the lead. Chuan lands here instead of Mrs. Katz. SLEEPWALKER saved ground in midpack, angled three wide into the stretch, then tired in the lane. Good fit at this level.

>> RACE 8

1. LAW SCHOOL

2. KISS ME MO

3. INEEDYOUTABABE

LAW SCHOOL disappointed as the odds-on favorite earlier in the month. Racing over a closer-friendly track, she stalked a quick pace from in between at the back, swung outside into the stretch, and only finished evenly. She shouldn't have any issues stretching back out in distance, and might get a bit closer to the pace for a barn that went 23 for the last 93 (25%, \$2.40 ROI) going sprint to route. **KISS ME MO** tracked a quick pace while three-to-four wide, attacked outside on the turn under urging, and drew away when bet down to odds-on against maidens. That field hasn't come back strong just yet (four next-out runners, none hit the board; 47 Beyer top). Think we'll see early speed as she stretches out in distance. Vargas lands here instead of Diamond N Dress. **INEEDYOUTABABE**, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 10/9, was wired by a 2-1 shot last time. Tracked from the pocket, moved through on the inside, and only finished evenly behind the two favorites. THE GODDESS FACTOR was wired in a slow-paced race two back. Finished ahead of Intrepid Mo, who returned to hit the board in her next two with Beyers of 83 and 76, and might get a stronger race flow to attack. MOON CACHE, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 9/20, drops in class after a poor start cost her valuable position. The winner then placed in a \$25,000 starter at Delaware with a 72 Beyer. She has more tactical speed than she showed that day. Mena lands here instead of Bugged Out.

>> RACE 9

1. CONTRIBUTION

2. MONGOLIAN APPLE

3. PATROL SQUAD SIX

CONTRIBUTION broke a beat slow on turf two back, saved ground at the back behind a hot pace, swung widest into the stretch, and made up late ground to finish ahead of two next-out winners despite hopping back to his left lead. He sold for \$100,000 at auction after his most recent dirt outing, and legged up for this by finishing sixth of nine in a 12-furlong point-to-point turf race at Foxfield on Oct. 4. Vargas departs for uncoupled stablemate Orator.

MONGOLIAN APPLE cleared off to set a fast pace along the inside, then gamely held second behind the favorite. Think he's fast enough to grab the lead while avoiding being hung out to dry from this outside post. **PATROL SQUAD SIX** saved ground while just behind the leaders in a fast-paced race, then

was in tight along the fence in the stretch in a race that was dominated by deep closers. Think we'll see an aggressive ride from this outside post for a barn that went 12 for the last 47 (26%, \$2.28 ROI) in the first after 61-120 day layoffs.

>> RACE 10

1. UNIQUENESS2. BAGLEY CUT3. IGAMING

UNIQUENESS broke well despite getting out a bit, tracked five wide on the backstretch, made a four-wide bid on the turn, and finished evenly. He has enough pedigree to last this extra distance for a barn that went 31 for the last 122 (25%, \$2.28 ROI) when experienced horses made their first route start. **BAGLEY CUT** brushed the gate at the start last time, then was bumped when rushing up to set a three-ply pace from in between horses. Grabbed the rail on the turn before tiring. Her dam was Grade 2-placed around two turns, and her speed plays very well in this spot. **IGAMING** was wired over a speed-friendly track. Broke a beat slow, tracked from the pocket under urging, and tired against a runaway winner. Plenty of stamina in this pedigree, and can kick on late for a barn that went 10 for the last 21 (48%, \$3.79 ROI) with second-out maidens that are routing for the second time. JACK BLUSHES was wired over a speed-friendly track in a race where they ran 1-2 around the track. MIGHTY MOO set a pressured and solid pace outside the favored winner, battled in between horses, then tired after being late to change leads. The winner next ran third in a first-level allowance with a 61 Beyer. Drop in class helps.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 1
#10 - Mischievous Twins
Trainer: Jamie Ness
Last-Out Maiden Winners: 39 for 144 (27%, \$2.23 ROI)

RACE 2
#7 - Make It Quick
Trainer: John Robb
Last-Out Winners: 3 for 13 (23%, \$2.08 ROI)

RACE 3
#10 - Apollo Ten
Trainer: Miguel Clement
First After 180-365, Turf: 8 for 33 (24%, \$2.04 ROI)

RACE 3
#7 - Jungle Glow
Trainer: Jamie Ness
Last-Out Winners, First After 6-13 Days: 9 for 17 (53%, \$2.55 ROI)

RACE 6
#10 - Musashi
Trainer: Hugh McMahon
2-year-old Debut Runners: 3 for 10 (30%, \$3.60 ROI)

RACE 6
#8 - Side Hug
Trainer: Ferris Allen
Between 10/3 and 10/25, Dirt: 7 for 28 (25%, \$2.71 ROI)

RACE 7
#10 - Devastating /#1 - Synergism
Trainer: Robbie Bailes
Between 10/4 and 10/25: 6 for 20 (30%, \$2.36 ROI)

RACE 8
#3 - Law School
Trainer: Jamie Ness
Sprint to Route: 23 for 93 (25%, \$2.40 ROI)

RACE 9
#11 - Patrol Squad Six
Trainer: Michael Stidham
First After 61-120 Days: 12 for 47 (26%, \$2.28 ROI)

RACE 10
#1 - Uniqueness
Trainer: Jamie Ness
Experienced Horses, First Route: 31 for 122 (25%, \$2.28 ROI)

RACE 10
#4 - Igaming
Trainer: Brittany Russell
Second-Out Maidens, Second Route: 10 for 21 (48%, \$3.79 ROI)

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

Will Humphrey's TRIPS AND TIPS will return on Friday, Nov. 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 – TODAY, 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 1: Mychel Sanchez: #7 - Khokela Miss; #10 - Mischievous Twins >>> **Sanchez rides MISCHIEVOUS TWINS**

Race 2: Xavier Perez: #3 - Fayes Heart; #7 - Make It Quick >>> **Perez rides MAKE IT QUICK**

Race 4: Angel Cruz: #8 - Love You Love You; #11 - Hurricane Lynn >>> **Cruz rides LOVE YOU LOVE YOU**

Race 6: Matilda Burnham: #4 - Captain O'Shea; #9 - Diminuito Burrito >>> **Burnham rides DIMINUITO BURRITO**

Race 7: Forest Boyce: #1 - Synergism; #6 - Juniper Juice >>> **Boyce rides SYNERGISM**

Race 7: Martin Chuan: #7 - My Ronda; #8 - Mrs. Katz >>> **Chuan rides MY RONDA**

Race 8: Jose Vargas: #2 - Kiss Me Mo; #7 - Diamond N Dress >>> **Vargas rides KISS ME MO**

Race 8: Raul Mena: #1 - Bugged Out; #6 - Moon Cache >>> **Mena rides MOON CACHE**

Race 9: Jose Vargas: #5 - Contribution; #7 - Orator >>> **Vargas rides ORATOR**

PAST TRACK TRENDS

Apr. 3 – Fair
Apr. 4 – Fair
Apr. 10 – Fair
Apr. 11 – Fair
Apr. 12 – Fair
Apr. 17 – Fair
Apr. 18 – SPEED BIAS
Apr. 19 – Fair
Apr. 24 – Fair
Apr. 25 – SPEED BIAS
Apr. 26 – Fair
May 1 – SPEED BIAS
May 2 – Fair
May 3 – Fair
May 8 – CLOSERS BIAS

May 9 – Fair
May 10 – CLOSERS BIAS
May 14 – Fair
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May 22 – SPEED BIAS
May 23 – Fair
May 29 – SPEED BIAS
May 30 – Fair
May 31 – Fair
June 5 – SPEED BIAS
June 6 – CLOSERS BIAS
June 7 – Fair
June 12 – Fair

June 13 – Fair
June 14 – SPEED BIAS
June 19 – Fair
June 20 – Fair
June 21 – Fair
June 26 – Fair
June 27 – Fair
June 28 – INSIDE SPEED BIAS
Sep. 11 – INSIDE BIAS
Sep. 12 – SPEED BIAS
Sep. 13 – Fair
Sep. 18 – Fair
Sep. 19 – Fair
Sep. 20 – Fair
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