



LAUREL PARK

HANDICAPPING GUIDE for SUNDAY, NOV. 1

TODAY'S SELECTIONS FROM THE LAUREL PARK TEAM



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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. LUCKY ESTHER

2. SMOKESHOW

3. CARA'S DREAMWEAVER

The first post is 12 pm ET, and there are two "Value Pick 5" wagers, each with a LOW 12% takeout. **LUCKY ESTHER** battled the 9-5 third-finisher from the rail, seemed outpaced a bit entering the second turn, re-engaged that one turning into the stretch, and finally tired. The fourth-finisher then won the Maryland Million Turf Distaff Starter with an 80 Beyer. Perhaps we'll see more patient tactics this time for a barn that went 4 for the last 14 (29%, \$4.20 ROI) in the first after the claim. **SMOKESHOW** finished ahead of six of these when placing second to Dream Overture, who returned to win a \$12,500 "beaten" claimer with a 72 Beyer. Set a legitimate 23.71 opening quarter going nine furlongs while inside the 5-1 eleventh-finisher, came three paths off the fence into the stretch, and hopped back to her left lead. The shorter distance helps, and she should show early gas again, this time with blinkers on. **CARA'S DREAMWEAVER**, the beaten favorite in her last two, didn't have the easiest trip in either of those races, and should display a late kick for a barn that went 19 for the last 73 (26%, \$2.39 ROI) between 10/12 and 10/29. **DARRENS DELIGHT** drops in class after chasing a quick pace in a Penn National allowance that went to closers. The runner-up, an eighth-time winner, then won a \$10,000 starter at Delaware with a 76 Beyer.

>> RACE 2

1. MY DEAR ANTONIA

2. RUNSWEETLY

3. IAMDEPENDINGONYOU

MY DEAR ANTONIA was bumped from both sides at the start, stalked outside at the back, made a four-to-three wide move on the second turn, then held second behind a runaway winner. The third-finisher returned to win a \$5,000 conditioned claimer at Penn National on Thursday. Late-runner desperately needs some pace aid. Rosario lands here instead of Tea Rose. **RUNSWEETLY** set legitimate fractions when never threatened at Delaware. Perhaps she's found her niche around two turns, and she should get close to the expected moderate pace. Note that she won "third off the layoff" last year. **IAMDEPENDINGONYOU** raced near the back behind a hot pace, finally got to the outside in the stretch, and made a mild late bid when sprinting over a muddy track. This extra distance benefits her chances. This barn sent out a couple of winners in late October, including 9-1 Clowning Around at Charles Town. **TEA ROSE** drew an excellent post position and is quick enough to get close to the pace in her first start since an August layoff.

>> RACE 3

1. LET'S BE FRANK

2. DARING GRACE

3. IRISH NUNSENSE

Grade 2-placed **LET'S BE FRANK** gets some class relief after racing in some tough maiden spots out of town. Sat a nice pocket trip at Belmont when wired by the favorite last time. He seemed a bit green trying to get outside and into the clear, then changed back to his left lead in the stretch. Kicks late for a barn that went 9 for the last 32 (28%, \$2.33 ROI) in the first after a trainer switch. **DARING GRACE** sold for \$178,600 as a yearling, and makes her turf debut after three synthetic tries overseas last year. Broke well last time, set the pace along the fence, then swapped leads a couple of times in the stretch. This barn went 5 for the last 23 (22%, \$2.02 ROI) with experienced horses adding Lasix for the first time. **IRISH NUNSENSE** sat the pocket in a race where they ran 1-2 around, couldn't quicken with the leaders through a solid third quarter in 24.25, then failed to threaten. **COACH MICHAEL** was wired at Delaware. Sat the pocket, eased outside, and finished evenly. The runner-up next placed in a \$35,000 maiden here with a 71 Beyer. Should show good positional speed with new blinkers. Barbosa departs for **HARD FREEZE**.

>> RACE 4

1. NAITONAL LAW

2. MAJORCA

3. LOST MY SHOE

NATIONAL LAW has won with blinkers in the past, and gets them again after an even performance going two turns following a 157-day layoff at Parx. Prompted the pace three-wide and made a four-wide bid into the stretch in a race where they ran 1-2 around the track. The third-finisher then captured a high-level allowance there with an 88 Beyer. The barn went 3 for the last 13 (23%, \$2.22 ROI) when moving from route to dirt sprint.

MAJORCA also cuts back in distance and receives new blinkers. No real excuses at Delaware last time after setting reasonable fractions before tiring. He won moving from route to sprint earlier this year, and should show decent early foot. **LOST MY SHOE** attempted to rally into moderate fractions at Delaware last month when beaten by an odds-on winner. He has upside potential and makes his third start of the form cycle with improving Beyers on display. **ALL THE HARDWAYS** should be forwardly placed after facing even-money winner Paco the Taco Man.

>> RACE 5

1. AWARDS CEREMONY

2. PRETTY LAVISH

3. GRANUAILE

AWARDS CEREMONY might have found a home on this circuit. Bumped lightly at the start last time, she soon made the lead and the rail, and looked comfortable all the way around the course. Up in class this afternoon, but figures right there when they turn into the long stretch. **PRETTY LAVISH** pulled hard in the early stages of the two-turn route at Saratoga two back, raced in between rivals after a half-mile, swung five wide into the stretch, and passed some tired horses late. The winner of that race hit the board in her next two starts with Beyers of 79 and 76. Curious to see how she handles this shorter distance for a barn that went 5 for the last 20 (25%, \$3.47 ROI) with route-to-sprint runners. **GRANUAILE** raced outside in midpack two back on turf, swung wider into the stretch, and hopped back to her left lead right on the wire. The runner-up then ran third in a ratings/optional claimer with a 75 Beyer. **THIRST FOR HOPE** gets a mulligan for the lone turf start, as she broke slowly against tougher competition (winner returned to place twice in second-level allowances with a 79 Beyer top).

>> RACE 6

1. TASTY TIME

2. COUNTY ECONOMICS

3. SHARE SUCCESS

TASTY TIME was wired over "good" going last time out. Hopped slightly at the start, tracked three wide, attacked outside on the turn, and couldn't go with the runaway winner. The runner-up then placed third in a \$12,500 "beaten" claimer at Parx with a 56 Beyer. Drops a notch and can kick in the stretch for a barn that sent out an 18-1 debut winner here last Sunday. **COUNTY ECONOMICS** immediately grabbed the lead at Delaware, relaxed through a second quarter in 24.37, and scooted home without much fuss. Expect similar tactics this afternoon. **SHARE SUCCESS** exits a good try. Battled with two of these through solid fractions, won that pace duel, and held well for second. Might opt for the rating tactics that worked well for her at Timonium.

>> RACE 7

1. REGGIE RUNS ROGUE

2. BRIGHTSHININGLIGHT

3. ENDURING GOLD

Lots of challenges for **REGGIE RUNS ROGUE**, who returns from a whopping 477-day layoff while racing on turf for the first time. A half-brother to one turf winner, he's by a sire that wins 29% with turf sprinters. He showed some ability earlier in his career and has been working steadily since the summer for his return. **BRIGHTSHININGLIGHT** finished ahead of three of these when pipped by unbeaten favorite Supercruiser. Pressed the 4-1 third-finisher's pace, made the lead, and was just kicked down on the wire. Underrated sort should be in the thick of things when the real running commences. **ENDURING GOLD** couldn't go with Brightshininglight in his most recent turf start. Wonder if he'll sit back and try to make one run this time around. **BISCUITWITHTHEBOSS** broke inward slightly, tracked from in between horses, made a three-wide bid on the turn, and only finished evenly at Colonial. The winner then ran third in the Grade 3 Glen Cove Stakes at Belmont with an 83 Beyer. Tackles males today, and think she's most effective when attempting to grab the early lead.

>> RACE 8

1. SOMETIME

2. INTOGAGE

3. J C'S BOYS

SOMETIME went up to press the 6-1 fourth-finisher from the outside through moderate fractions, took over the lead and the rail on the turn, then drew away to win by open lengths. That big race was on wet going, but he's capable on faster ground, and has the tactical speed to stay close to the pace. **INTOGAGE** finished ahead of two of these last month. Tried to rally over a speed-friendly track that afternoon, but think he can tuck in behind the pacesetters today. **J C'S BOYS** set a three-ply pace from in between rivals, pressed the odds-on winner from the fence, was bumped in the upper stretch, and changed back to his left lead when jumping a shadow near the wire. Expect good early speed for a barn that went 7 for 23 (30%, \$2.34 ROI) between 10/4 and 10/29.

>> RACE 9

1. CAN GROUP

2. REGALO

3. NAPTOWN

CAN GROUP settled outside at the back, eased out into the stretch, then never threatened in between horses when attempting to rally into a slow pace at Colonial. Ran well in his most recent try over this course and seems well-entered at this level. **REGALO** sat the pocket behind a moderate pace, was steadied in tight on the rail in the upper stretch, then hopped back to his left lead when racing over in behind horses in the stretch. Think he'll get forwardly placed this time around. **NAPTOWN**'s form seems dirtied up. Ran pretty well to place ahead of the top pick three back, was overmatched in a Woodbine stakes race three weeks later, then didn't do much on dirt last time. He has back class and a stretch kick. Barbosa departs for VAYA JEFFE.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 1

#3 - Lucky Esther

Trainer: Richard Sillaman

First After Claim: 4 for 14 (29%, \$4.20 ROI)

RACE 1

#1 - Cara's Dreamweaver

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Between 10/12 and 10/29: 19 for 73 (26%, \$2.39 ROI)

RACE 3

#10 - Let's Be Frank

Trainer: Ned Allard

First After Trainer Switch: 9 for 32 (28%, \$2.33 ROI)

RACE 3

#5 - Daring Grace

Trainer: Arnaud Delacour

Experienced Horses, First Lasix: 5 for 23 (22%, \$2.02 ROI)

RACE 4

#5 - National Law

Trainer: Jorge Duarte Jr.

Route to Dirt Sprint: 3 for 13 (23%, \$2.22 ROI)

RACE 5

#5 - Pretty Lavish

Trainer: Phil Schoenthal

Route to Sprint: 5 for 20 (25%, \$3.47 ROI)

RACE 8

#3 - J C's Boys

Trainer: Robbie Bailes

Between 10/4 and 10/29: 7 for 23 (30%, \$2.34 ROI)

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

Will Humphrey's TRIPS AND TIPS will return for 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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: Jeiron Barbosa: #12 Hay Grace Brennan; #13 Zen Dreams >>> **Barbosa rides HAY GRACE BRENNAN**

Race 2: Emanuel Rosario: #1 - Tea Rose; #5 My Dear Antonia >>> **Rosario rides MY DEAR ANTONIA**

Race 2: Jean Briceno: #2 Margaret P; #3 Spice Gal >>> **Briceno rides MARGARET P**

Race 3: Jeiron Barbosa: #4 - Hard Freeze; #8 - Coach Michael >>> **Barbosa rides HARD FREEZE**

Race 3: Vincent Cheminaud: #3 - Friendship Sloop; #6 - Mister Patapsco >>> **Cheminaud rides FRIENDSHIP SLOOP**

Race 6: Emanuel Rosario: #4:- County Economics; #6 Elsie's Girl >>> **Rosario rides COUNTY ECONOMICS**

Race 6: Gerardo Rabadan: #3 - Instagram Girl #7 - Stroll Trippin >>> **Rabadan rides INSTAGRAND GIRL**

Race 9: Jeiron Barbosa: #3 - Vaya Jeffe #5 - Naptown >>> **Barbosa rides VAYA JEFFE**

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