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TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

⟩⟩ RACE 1

1. M D FIELDSTONE 2. NOTION IN MOTION 3. HOUSE OF DAVID

The first post is at 12 pm ET, and there are two "Value Pick 5" wagers, each with a LOW 12% takeout. **M D FIELDSTONE** tracked the pace from in between, pulled very hard through internal fractions of 22.81 and 23.43, grabbed the lead on the second turn, and understandably faded over the summer at Colonial. Faced two next-out winners, as well as Bayfront, who returned to place in a Kentucky Downs maiden special weight with a 79 Beyer. Hoping he relaxes better in the early stages at this shorter distance. Ruiz departs this one and Beautiful Quality for **NOTION IN MOTION**, who acted up in the preliminaries while wearing a hood and no shoes, then was wired by a sharp Kentucky invader. He's hit the board in his last four and can adapt to any race flow. **HOUSE OF DAVID** settled into the pocket behind a quick opening quarter, angled three wide, then tired in between foes after being late to change leads. He can get close to the pace for a barn that went 7 for the last 23 (30%, $2.76 ROI) when dropping from maiden special weight to maiden claiming. DANNER and SALTWATER CREW deserve consideration if able to escape the Also Eligible list. BEAUTIFUL QUALITY found traffic the last time he raced on turf, and will likely show early positional speed. AVIGLIANO switches surfaces out of a multiple stakes-placed mare in Chile.

⟩⟩ RACE 2

1. MAJESTIC BLUE 2. CAP COM 3. HURRY HURRY

MAJESTIC BLUE might have taken advantage of a speed-friendly track when wiring them over this course and distance two back, but he did run the fastest 1 1/16-mile dirt race of the meet that afternoon. The sixth-finisher then won a $20,000 starter with an 83 Beyer. Drew the advantageous inside post with the speed to get close to the pace for a barn that went 12 for the last 30 (40%, $3.25 ROI) when adding Lasix. **CAP COM** controlled slow splits at large odds when second to odds-on Kerness K, who is currently in the midst of an 11-race winning streak. Doesn't need the lead to succeed for a barn with two winners already this month. Kentucky invaders generally do well here, and **HURRY HURRY** seems well-entered after rallying for a minor award at Keeneland. Broke a beat slow, made a four-wide bid on the second turn, then got up for third after being very late to change leads. Kicks late for a barn that went 34 for the last 112 (30%, $2.38 ROI) in the first after the claim on dirt. SECRET ZIPPER should show speed after hooking up in a pace dispute with the 5-1 sixth-finisher in a race that went to closers. The runner-up then took a second-level allowance at Delaware with an 81 Beyer. REAL MACHO was wired by an odds-on favorite in a two-turn sprint at Charles Town. The fourth-finisher then ran third in a ratings race at Mountaineer with a 75 Beyer. Previously, he was competitive in some tough Kentucky spots.

⟩⟩ RACE 3

1. GOOD WISHES 2. AIR KISS 3. OPEN RANGE

GOOD WISHES switches surfaces as a half-sister to two turf winners, and she had the misfortune to face runaway winners in all three dirt starts. Plenty of stamina in this pedigree, and she can show good tactical speed in her first start against maiden claimers. **AIR KISS** has some route influences in her female family, and she can get close to the pace in her first start around two turns for a barn that went 3 for the last 14 (21%, $5.50 ROI) when moving from dirt to turf and sprint to route. **OPEN RANGE** has some angles as she adds blinkers and stretches out in distance for a barn that went 27 for the last 115 (23%, $2.10 ROI) from maiden special to maiden claiming. FRAZIL took advantage of a hot pace when rallying to finish ahead of four of these in her

route debut. Expect a strong late kick. LIAM REWARD switches surfaces as a half-sister to multiple stakes-placed turf router Adios Cole (89 turf Beyer). LA PERICO showed some interest in her first two turf starts, then bolted over yielding ground on grass two back. Good fit at this level.

⟩⟩ RACE 4

1. PERPETUAL NOTION 2. AYNI 3. RONNAROCK

PERPETUAL NOTION ($35,000 yearling) is a half-sister to multiple stakes-placed dirt performer Tappin Cat (92 wet-dirt Beyer), juvenile stakes-winning dirt sprinter Sacred Thunder (89 dirt Beyer) and stakes-winning dirt sprinter Exulpatory (won debut; 100 dirt Beyer) by an exceptional first-out sire (28% winners since 1/1/25). The unraced dam is a half-sister to juvenile stakes-winning dirt miler Tip Tap Tapizar (won debut; 74 dirt Beyer) and stakes-placed dirt sprinter Divine Music (103 dirt Beyer). Quick works for a barn that went 22 for the last 60 (37%, $2.60 ROI) with first-time starters on dirt. **AYNI** rallied nicely along the inside when the beaten odds-on favorite. That race hasn't come back very fast just yet (three next-out runners, none hit the board, 43 Beyer top), but she should show speed with new blinkers. **RONNAROCK** battled two others in the early going, won that pace duel, and held well for second behind a one-run closer that benefited from the race flow. Shouldn't be too far away when the real racing commences. ALTA VISTA CHAPEL, listed as a Colonial vet scratch on 8/13, faced two next-out winners in her debut (third-finisher won a special weight there with a 42 Beyer). Kicks late in the game.

⟩⟩ RACE 5

1. MOPO 2. LADY ENSIGN 3. QUIET CONFIDENCE

MOPO tracked the 14-1 last-finisher through a solid pace (24.14, 23.89), attacked from in between horses on the second turn, and held tough to grab the Maryland Million Ladies. She's comfortable at any distance, and might try late-running tactics as she turns all the way back to 5 1/2 furlongs for a barn that sent out a 10-1 winner here on 11/8. **LADY ENSIGN** broke very nicely at Colonial, cleared to the lead and the rail, set comfortable fractions, then dug in gamely to just miss the odds-on favorite, a filly that then ran third in Belmont's Grade 3 Glen Cove Stakes with an 83 Beyer. Figures close to the pace for a barn that went 5 for the last 18 (28%, $3.03 ROI) with horses returning from 61- 120-day layoffs. **QUIET CONFIDENCE** (wears cheekpieces) battled with the 7-1 third-finisher through quick splits (22.45; 22.31) before tiring in a tough second-level allowance in New York. She might be the fastest from the starting stalls for a barn that went 4 for the last 14 (29%, $2.57 ROI) in Maryland.

⟩⟩ RACE 6

1. BRIGHTSHININGLIGHT 2. BIG BOLTON 3. JESSICA’S EYES

BRIGHTSHININGLIGHT, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 11/1, finished ahead of three of these when pipped by unbeaten favorite Supercruiser on turf two back. 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, as he repeats the dirt-to-turf move that resulted in his win on 4/17. **BIG BOLTON** set a reasonable pace while racing outside the favored last-finisher, went after her on the turn, and stayed strong despite changing to his left lead right on the wire. That was the fastest 5 1/2-furlong turf race this meet, and he is likely to track the leaders while outside and clear of traffic. **JESSICA'S EYES** is a very solid turf performer, and he

ran well when wired in the Maryland Million Turf Sprint. Lasix is back on for a barn that has two winners since Halloween, including 7-1 Vekomamona on 11/6.

⟩⟩ RACE 7

1. WINNING TRIP 2. FRUSTRATED 3. SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN

While the outside seemed the place to be at Delaware on 10/14, **WINNING TRIP** might have been compromised by a very wide trip in a slow-paced race won by an odds-on favorite. He gets back to his favorite track this afternoon and might be set for his best in the third start since April. **FRUSTRATED** won the fastest six-furlong dirt race this meet when making his career debut. Tracked a reasonable pace while three wide over that speed-friendly track, made an outside bid under a confident ride, and drew off late. Seems like a promising sort for a barn that went 12 for the last 29 (41%, $2.31 ROI), with debut winners returning for their second start. **SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN**, listed as a Delaware vet scratch (sick) on 10/14, earned a huge debut Beyer at Santa Anita last year despite failing to change leads. In his second start, he set a three-ply pace along the rail on a speed-friendly Del Mar Track, then tired again when he refused to change leads. The winner of that heat repeated in a second-level allowance there with a 92 Beyer. Returns from a 469-day layoff as a new gelding, and could be the controlling speed.

⟩⟩ RACE 8

1. MAD MISTY 2. LUX 3. STEAL THE MOMENT

MAD MISTY received a fast pace to attack last month, then swapped back to her left lead when passing tired horses at big odds. Outkicked by the favorite for the win that afternoon, she has enough tactical speed to find position just behind the early leaders. **LUX** stalked that quick pace, settled briefly into the pocket, eased out to split rivals, then ran on evenly for third behind the top pick. She's fast enough to make the lead. **STEAL THE MOMENT** ($525,000 June juvenile) breezed a furlong in 10 seconds before selling as the second-highest-priced runner at that sale. She's out of a Grade 1-winning dirt router (won her first two starts). Gun Runner - Distorted Humor "nick" produced Grade 2-winning dirt router Intricate. MISCHIEF STORM dueled with the 3-1 third-finisher before succumbing to the favorite's late bid in a lone turf start. The winner then placed in an allowance at Meadowlands with a 68 Beyer.

⟩⟩ RACE 9

1. AMALFI DRIVE 2. WAVELESS 3. DAZZLING MOVE

AMALFI DRIVE seemed very unlucky when trying a one-turn mile two back at Colonial. Stumbled horribly at the start after breaking from the rail, set a fast (second quarter in 21.91) and contested pace, and understandably tired. Ran on at the end of her subsequent start around the quirky tight turns at Timonium, and finished ahead of Kissedbyanangel, a next-out 81 Beyer winner of a ratings-optional claimer. Expect good speed for a barn that went 12 for the last 50 (24%, $2.14 ROI) with horses returning from 61- 120-day layoffs. Also want to use **WAVELESS**, who finished ahead of the top pick in her first start for Russell. Tracked that quick pace three wide, was urged along on the turn, was bumped by an inner foe in the upper stretch, then finished gamely in between. Wired in the Twixt Stakes last month, she turned up the heat as the pace quickened and stayed on for second. She has no worries about this distance and has good tactical speed. **DAZZLING MOVE** showed good speed over Woodbine's Tapeta, and finished ahead of Fortyfiveseventy, who then ran second in the Grade 3 Maple Leaf Stakes there with an 87 Beyer. Grinded out the victory on dirt in Indiana two back despite hopping back to her left

lead, and has tons of back class. IVY GIRL upset the Weber City Miss Stakes over this track and distance earlier this year, and returns from a freshening after being wired in a slow-placed Grade 3 where they ran 1-2-3 around the track. The runner-up then won Parx's Grade 1 Cotillion with a 93 Beyer.

⟩⟩ RACE 10

1. ATLANTIC CAT 2. HOPEYGOT 3. COOL CUSTOMER

One might want to tread somewhat carefully with **ATLANTIC CAT** as the 5-year-old maiden halves in price in his first start following a 328-day layoff. Battled inside two others in his one start last year, put those horses away, and settled for second behind a deep closer. Placed ahead of two next-out winners and should show fresh positional speed. **HOPEYGOT** hit the board in all three dirt starts, and he was freshened after trying two turns on the turf to no avail. Respect his tactical speed for a barn that went 2 for the last 10 (20%, $5.44 ROI) route to sprint. The last time he raced on dirt, **COOL CUSTOMER** was wired over a speed-friendly track in a race where they ran 1-2-3-4 around. MIZNER then won his next two dirt starts with stereo 87 Beyers. Gained fitness on turf last time for a barn that went 8 for 17 (47%, $2.91 ROI) between 10/29 and 11/8. Expect good early speed. Too early to give up on RYDER, who might need one in his first start after a whopping 801 days on the sidelines. Wired in his lone dirt start, a race that produced Volt, a next-out 88-Beyer runner-up in a maiden special weight in New York.

MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

R1: Notion in Motion continues to knock on the door but struggles to find a bit of racing luck. Troubled trips seem to be the common theme. Keep an eye on scratches, if Danner draws in for Bailes, he could be the one to beat.

R2: Hurry Hurry arrives first off the claim, exiting a race that had the winner sitting on the early pace players hip every step of the way. With a tidier trip he should be a big player here.

R3: Good Wishes may finally have her wish of trying the turf. Class relief and experience going long may be her biggest advantage here. Panning for Gold was caught very wide in the far turn on debut but stayed on nicely to gain an education. Expect an improvement in her second start.

R4: Gary Capuano can be dangerous with debut runners, especially at this level, he is 52% with FTS in maiden claiming ranks. Perpetual Notion is likely to take plenty of action on this. Ayni has shown speed and adds blinkers, things look to be moving in the right direction.

R5: Mopo is the class of the race after winning the Jameela and the Maryland Million Ladies. With plenty of pace signed on, her late run should have a chance to show. Big Earn is every bit of a racehorse, she won't go down easily.

R6: World On Fire ran a big third in the Maryland Million Turf Sprint and looks well placed in this group. Marvelous Mo gets Ruiz back aboard after a convincing win in his first try on the turf 2-back, the price is right.

R7: Frustrated made a big impression on debut, despite a troubled start, earning a lofty 87 Beyer. He is further flattered by Plenty of Rogue returning a winner with an 84 Beyer just last weekend. Southern Gentleman was a high end purchase who returns here after a year layoff and gelding, the option to protect him here is encouraging.

R8: Mad Misty ran a big race at a price last out, Raging Bull on top and Munnings mare suggest she is well suited to the turf sprint. Expect heavy early money on Steel the Moment based on the ownership, worth a look in the paddock.

R9: Especially looks to be improving ever since adding blinkers earlier this year and switching barns. Returning to a slightly longer race looks well suited to her run style, and well timed based on the improvements. Another price worth the attention is Ivy Girl, who looks to have the most to gain from a pace meltdown.

R10: Cool Customer takes plenty of class relief for a barn that has been going very well this season. His second place finish in MSW company should best this field if he can run back to it.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 1
#4 - House of David
Trainer: Cal Lynch
Maiden Special Weight to Maiden Claiming: 7 for 23 (30%, $2.76 ROI)

RACE 2
#1 - Majestic Blue
Trainer: John Salzman Jr.
Lasix On: 12 for 30 (40%, $3.25 ROI)

#2 - Hurry Hurry
Trainer: Jamie Ness
First After Claim, Dirt: 34 for 112 (30%, $2.38 ROI)

RACE 3
#2 - Air Kiss
Trainer: Mike Trombetta
Dirt to Turf, Sprint to Route: 3 for 14 (21%, $5.50 ROI)

RACE 3
#9 - Open Range
Trainer: Mike Trombetta
Maiden Special Weight to Maiden Claiming: 27 for 115 (23%, $2.10 ROI)

RACE 4
#3 - Perpetual Notion
Trainer: Gary Capuano
First-Time Starters, Dirt: 22 for 60 (37%, $2.60 ROI)

RACE 5
#4 - Lady Ensign
Trainer: Hugh McMahon
First After 61-120 Days: 5 for 18 (28%, $3.03 ROI)

#5 - Quiet Confidence
Trainer: James Ryerson
Maryland: 4 for 14 (29%, $2.57 ROI)

RACE 7
#2 - Frustrated
Trainer: Brittany Russell
Debut Winners, Second Start: 12 for 29 (41%, $2.31 ROI)

RACE 9
#3 - Amalfi Drive
Trainer: Michael Stidham
First After 61-120 Days: 12 for 50 (24%, $2.14 ROI)

RACE 10
#4 - Cool Customer
Trainer: Robbie Bailes
Between 10/29 and 11/8: 8 for 17 (47%, $2.91 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. Will's selections for the full Laurel card are available free at In The Money each race day!

Race 1: Maiden Claiming 16k, 3-6YO, 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Notes
#2 BEAUTIFUL QUALITY	Maiden Claiming 16k, CNL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 09/06/26 – 8th	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.	**His last start on turf prior to two fine tries on dirt:** **A troubled trip he can likely improve on back on grass.** **Note: the pace he set last time (10/25/26) was hot and favored closers; we can be forgiving of that defeat.**
#3 REGENCY TALE (MTO)	Maiden Claiming 12K, LRL, 7F, Fast Dirt, 10/25/26 – 2nd	Broke well; pressed hot pace from ~1L back in the 4P to the turn; made 4W bid and drew level for the lead ¼ pole, then put away his pace rivals in upper stretch and briefly took a 1L lead ~1/8 pole before he was collared by a deep closer late on.	**He did best of the speed in this fast-paced affair, despite having raced a little wider than ideal on the turn – UPGRADE.**
#9 M D FIELDSTONE	MSW, CNL, 1M, Firm Turf, 08/16/26 – 4th	Bumped start; tracked hot pace into first turn, then pulled his way forward between horses in the 2P and moved up to lead entering the far turn; opened up a 2L lead racing to the top of the lane, then responded to pressure but was running on empty and faded grudgingly to fourth.	**With blinkers added, he was far to keen and ended up doing too much too soon to see out the mile distance (contested/set fractions of 22.73, 45.54); he's done well to hold 4th and with blinkers retained off a freshening, he could play a huge role back sprinting.**
#15 MANTUA MAN (AE)	Maiden Claiming 16k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 10/25/26 – 6th	Fractious gate; bumped very hard start and away slowly; chased inside to turn, then steadied entering bend; angled out wide passing the 5/16 pole, then turned for home ~9L off the lead in the 5-6P; came under a ride and began to rally through horses but had too much to do.	**He lost this race at the start, and one suspects he could have played a larger role with a cleaner break that'd have allowed him to sit a smoother, more ground saving trip.**

Other notes:

- **None.**

Race 2: Ratings Optional Claiming (65-1), 3YO+, 1 1/16 Miles, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Notes
#2 HURRY HURRY	Claiming 16K, KEE, 1 1/8M, Fast Dirt, 10/18/26 – 3rd	Off slow; chased pace from ~8L back while 4-5W first turn; crept closer while being nudged on towards the center racing to the far turn; under pressure 5W far turn; straightened ~3-4L off the lead, then rallied willingly late despite brushing with a foe ~1/8; too much to do.	**Racing off the layoff, he sat a very wide trip while also closing against a speed bias – upgrade; expecting more making his debut for Ness today.**

Other notes:

- We can be forgiving of **#1 MAJESTIC BLUE**'s last start in the MD Million Turf as he was positioned close to a fast, closer-friendly pace, and he took a hefty bump in upper stretch (admittedly he was already on the back foot at this point, but it still didn't help); lasix back on returning to dirt today. Note: he rode a speed bias when winning two-back.
- **#4 SECRET ZIPPER** was essentially eased out of contention with the rider glancing down as if something was amiss on return at Delaware last time; he'll need more.
- There's no denying that **#5 CAP COM** was sharp in defeat behind KERNESS K last time, and he will have to be respected off that try; however, we should note that he was able to set controlled fractions of 23.52, 47.23 on a relatively uncontested lead in front which seemingly aided him to a degree.

- **#7 REAL MACHO** stumbled at the start and was then outrun going 7F at Charles Town last time; he should appreciate today's return to 1 1/16M and drop in class. Note: regarding his last start, ignore the short comment note "off balance into the first turn" because it was negligible.
- Speed held well in **#9 UNION FLEET**'s last race, and he did best of the closers for which he can be given some extra credit; today's return to two-turns should suit.

Race 3: Maiden Claiming 25k, 2YO (F), 1 Mile, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#6 SENSE THE MOON	Maiden Claiming 16k, LRL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 10/25/26 – 8th	Clean break from rail; took hold stalking hot pace inside to far turn; took closer order between foes as field bunched entering bend; angled out 3W 5/16 pole and came under a ride to advance; looked to respond but was then put in very tight in upper stretch and steadied hard; failed to recover.	**It's hard to say where she'd have finished with a clean trip; however, she didn't look to be 'done' at the time of interference (unlike some of the other horses who had sat close to the fast pace), and she's certainly capable of more than this run suggests.**

Other notes:

- **#3 FRAZIL** received a very favorable pace setup as a deep closer in her last race (pace collapsed) and so we may want to slightly downgrade her effort; however, she was also a little wide on the turn, and she didn't do herself any favors by lugging in and bumping rivals through the stretch (she was later DQ'd) before flopping leads; if given a somewhat similar setup today, a more professional stretch run could she her step up enough to play a role.
- **#5 PANNING FOR GOLD** ran on to finish 4th on debut despite having sat a slightly wider-than-ideal trip and having appeared a little green; she has the ability to step forward from that run; however, we should note that she took advantage of a pace collapse in that race as a deep closer.
- **#9 OPEN RANGE** was outpaced from the word go sprinting 5 1/2F last time and will likely be more comfortable in a slower paced mile event today with blinkers added.

Race 4: Maiden Claiming 35k, 2YO (F), 5 ½ Furlongs, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#8 RONNAROCK	Maiden Claiming 25k, LRL, 6F, Fast Dirt, 10/18/26 – 2nd	Pressed solid pace 3W; made an early move and took the lead approaching the top of the stretch; 3/4L in front when drifting in violently ~1/8 pole, nearly unseating the rider; drifted back out, then again back in ~1/6 pole, flopping leads; lost lead inside final 1/16 but kept on for 2nd.	**Dramatic and erratic!** **It's easy to argue she was best in here, not only for the fact that she did everything wrong in the lane, but also because she pressed a hot pace (that set things up well for the winner) while wide, and made a slightly premature bid for glory ~5/16 pole; needless to say, on raw ability, she's capable of more than this.**

Other notes:

- Not taking much away from what was a promising debut, but **#5 BUBBLING** did receive a very favorable pace setup when closing to finish 3rd (22.99, 46.99; 18/1 winner closed from 14L back to score).

Race 5: OC40k/C Allowance, 3YO+ (F), 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#1 COME TO MAMA	Allowance, KEE, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 10/07/26 – 3rd	Worked to rail and chased honest pace from ~5L back into the turn; advanced smoothly inside racing to the top of the lane, then began to rally along the inside despite being tight up against the fence and under just a hand ride; tight quarters ~1/8 pole, steadied and lost momentum; recovered inside final 1/16 and ran on again but had too much to do.	**Her two-back effort prior to an okay try at Belmont where she was compromised by a troubled start:** **She received a good pace setup coming from off the pace in this race and therefore we shouldn't upgrade her effort too much; however, she also had a troubled stretch run which almost certainly cost her 2nd.**

Other notes:

- There's no denying that **#4 LADY ENSIGN** ran a huge race at Colonial last out and she's deserving of respect following a brief freshening; it should be noted, however, that she was afforded a very easy time of things on the front-end which, over that speedy turf course, likely aided her.

- **#5 QUIET CONFIDENCE** ran a nice race at Belmont last time, pressing a 44.76 half before finally fading inside the final 1/16; today's cut back in trip could suit well and she's respected.
- **#6 COUGAR COCKTAIL** was bumped inside the final furlong (by WHEREVER WE ARE) when last seen at Presque Isle; although she was on the back foot at the time and not going to win, the interference did slightly exacerbate the margin of defeat and a little more can be expected of her third back today with a drop to 5 1/2F sure to help.
- The chart comment makes **#8 BIG EARN**'s trip in her last 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 following two strong effort in off-turf allowances recently.
- After making a sweeping wide move on the turn, **#11 WHEREVER WE ARE** did herself no favors by drifting in through the lane, denting her momentum and bumping with COUGAR COCKTAIL, yet was only beaten a head; a more professional stretch run could possibly have seen her score there.

Race 6: N1X Allowance, 3YO+, 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Other notes:

- Speed held well in the MD Million Turf Sprint, with the 8/5 winner wiring the field and the 16/1 and 53/1 pressers holding 2nd and 4th; closers (such as the 7/5 fav WITTY and 5/1 shot HAD TO HAVE HIM) struggled to close at all; **#3 BOASTFULLY IRISH** was the most compromised of the three runners today exiting that race, as he tried to close from 7th; **#4 JESSICA'S EYES** and **#5 WORLD ON FIRE** (who was also a touch wide and finished best) ran evenly; it's hard to say whether they were positively or negatively impacted by the track/flow.
- **#6 BRIGHTSHININGLIGHT** ran well in an off-turf allowance last time despite having stumbled very badly at the start.
- **#13 BRIKELI (AE)** 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.

Race 7: N1X Allowance, 3YO+, 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#1 MO'S GLITTER	Allowance, LRL, 6F, Fast Dirt, 10/18/26 – 3rd	Broke out but showed good speed regardless; set a fast, pressured pace in the 2P early; dropped back briefly and pressed in 2nd entering the turn, then reengaged the leader ~5/16 pole and took control racing to upper stretch; faced fresh challenge from closer 3/16 pole and lost the lead under a ride; couldn't go with leader and soon lost 2nd also but stayed on willingly regardless for 3rd.	**The hot pace he formed part of set things up well for closers (winner and runner-up were 9 1/2L and 11L off the lead at first call); he did best of the speed and can be given a slight pace upgrade.**

Other Notes:

- **#2 FRUSTRATED** was an impressive winner on debut, making a bold move to the front before extending away and just coasting through the final 1/16; passed the eye test with an A, big player.
- Despite a slightly wider-than-ideal trip and the fact that speed did not stop in his last race at Delaware, **#5 WINNING TRIP** still finished very nicely down the center of the track; he demands respect following that effort third back.

Race 8: MSW, 3-6YO (F), 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf

Other notes:

- **#9 MAD MISTY** didn't quite offer enough of a late punch to earn an upgrade two-back; 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 then improved with a nice closing 2nd (despite finishing on her left lead last time); that last run is a truer reflection of her ability

Race 9: The Thirty Eight Go Go Stakes, 3YO+ (F), 1 1/16 Miles, Dirt			
Horse	**Race**	**Trip**	**Note**
#7 ESPECIALLY	Allowance, CNL, 7 1/2F, Fast Dirt, 08/13/26 – 1st	Patiently handled leaving gate; chased even pace from ~1-2L back into turn; dropped back a little while wide as pace lifted rounding turn; nudged along 5/16, then came 6W into the lane; straightened for the drive ~3-4L off lead and rallied strongly; just up.	**Her tow-back effort prior to a fine try in the Twix Stakes when she raced wide on a day when it was beneficial to be inside:** **As was the theme all meet at Colonial, speed was really good on the dirt and in this race in particular; therefore, she's deserving of extra credit as she rallied against that bias and overcame a notable amount of ground loss with a wide trip to win; she seems capable of more.**

Other notes:

- **#3 ALMAFI DRIVE** appeared unsuited by 6 1/2F on the bullring at Timonium last time (run off feet, nearest finish but unsuited by short stretch); a return to a mile on a conventional track today should help her get back on track. Note: her efforts two and three-back deserve upgrades as she ran well both times despite having set unsustainably fast fractions in front.
- **#8 WAVELESS** ran huge two-back in July, and that effort is deserving of a little extra credit as she sat closer to the red-hot pace than the winner who beat her by just a neck; she then ran very well again in the Twix Stakes last time staying on well in the 3P through the lane while the winner took full advantage of the inside lean; big player.
- **#9 PINK RUBY** stumbled badly at the start last time before working forward along the rail and racing prominently over a track that was presenting a small closer bias; she did well under the circumstances and deserves respect today.
- **#10 DELRAY** won very comfortably at Penn National last time and looked to possibly have more to offer; makes debut for Kravets.
- Probably best to overlook **#11 GOLD DIGGING BROAD**'s win last time as there were only two runners and she hardly came off the bridle while also racing over an exceptionally fast track; the figure seems an inaccurate reflection of her true ability.

Race 10: Maiden Claiming 12.5k, 3-6YO, 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Other notes:

- After dropping back and getting floated a little wide on the turn, **#1 Q GOT HOPS** stayed on well through the stretch when returning from a freshening last time; he's entitled to respect if capable of building on that return.
- **#7 HYPERGOT** didn't quite stay 7 1/2F when last seen on the turf, but had run well the time before on dirt, staying on late over 5F; today's return to 6F combined with the drop in class could see him to good effect following a freshening.

Horses to Follow

R1: #9 M D FIELDSTONE

Fitted with blinkers for the first time when last seen in August, M D FIELDSTONE became a little too keen and aggressive to see out the mile distance, yet he still ran a big race to hold fourth after setting some closer-friendly fractions. If now retaining that same aggression with the blinkers still intact dropped back to 5 1/2 furlongs, he could be sitting on a big effort this afternoon, and the fact he ran well sprinting off a similar-length break in April adds to his case.

R2: #2 HURRY HURRY

HURRY HURRY returned from a 115-day break with a strong effort at Keeneland last month, overcoming a wide trip and a speed-biased racetrack to finish a staying-on third. Now making his second start back and first for leading trainer Jamie Ness (29% first off the claim), he can step forward enough to make his presence felt in a race that looks sure to feature an honest tempo.

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 ***(Entered at Churchill – Thu 11/19, Race 3)***
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.

INTREPID'S LEGACY *(Worked 4F - :46.80 at LRL on 11/8)*
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.

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.

FEROZA
Trainer: Graham Motion
Last Race: November 6, Race 2
Finish: 2nd by 1 1/2 lengths
This 2-year-old filly didn't break well from the rail and was completely outsprinted over a sealed, muddy track. Swung widest into the stretch and made up a good amount of ground.

SUJO *(Breezed 4F - :48.60 at CD on 11/6)*
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.

SEA ISLE CITY *(Breezed 4F - :47.40 at FAI on 11/2)*
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.

KWAN *(Breezed 3F - :36.40 at LRL on 11/8)*
Trainer: Lacey Gaudet
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.

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.

MORNING THOUGHTS
Trainer: Rodolfo Sanchez-Salomon
Last Race: November 8, 2nd race
Finish: 2nd by neck
Appeared to travel comfortably on the backstretch, but was kept far off the inside in a race won by a rail-skimming pacesetter. That ground loss likely hurt him considering the long run to the second-wire finish, but he tried hard all the way to the line and just missed the head bob. It was good to see the veteran show renewed early speed.

LETEM
Trainer: Suzanne Stettinius
Last Race: November 8, Race 6
Finish: 2nd by 1
This 2-year-old is a big, strong-looking son of Great Notion and is a half-brother to the Maryland Million Turf Sprint winner, Fiya. He entered for grass in his debut but stayed in the race when it was washed off. Battled for the lead throughout and tried hard in the stretch. Seems promising on dirt or turf.

WALKER
Trainer: John Salzman Jr.
Last Race: November 7, Race 6
Finish: 1st by head
After sprinting four times on synthetic, this 2-year-old was purchased for $30,000 at a digital auction, and it looks to be a wise move. He has a powerful dirt-route pedigree and ran to it in this quarter maiden claimer. Stretching out to a one-turn mile, he stayed close to the pace from the outside and always found a bit more to win a stiff stretch duel. Looking forward to seeing him around two turns.

JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 1: Jorge Ruiz: #2 - Beautiful Quality; #8 - Notion in Motion; #9 M D Fieldstone >>> **Ruiz rides NOTION IN MOTION**
Race 1: Carlos Lopez: #5 - Avigliano; #10 - Irish Divo >>> **Lopez rides AVIGLIANO**
Race 1: Carlos Lopez: #14 - Danner (AE); #15 - Mantua Man (AE) >>> **Lopez rides DANNER**
Race 3: Jeiron Barbosa: #4 - A. P. Class; #6 - Sense the Moon >>> **Barbosa rides SENSE THE MOON**
Race 6: Jaime Rodriguez: #1 - Benny Havens; #3 - Boastfully Irish >>> **Rodriguez rides BOASTFULLY IRISH**
Race 6: Joe Rocco Jr: #2 - Alexis Zorba; #11 - Thirst for Hope >>> **Rocco rides ALEXIS ZORBA**
Race 7: Jose Batista: #4 - Lundi Loot; #6 - Southern Gentleman >>> **Batista rides SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN**

PAST TRACK TRENDS

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
Oct. 29 – INSIDE SPEED BIAS
Oct. 30 – Fair
Oct. 31 – SPEED BIAS
Nov. 1 – INSIDE BIAS
Nov. 6 – Fair
Nov. 7 – Fair
Nov. 8 – Fair