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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. HORSING AROUND 2. CAROLINA SUN 3. OVER MY CENTS

The first post time is 12:00 pm ET, and there are two "Value Pick 5" wagers, each with a LOW 12% takeout rate. **HORSING AROUND** saved ground in midpack, eased out to split rivals four-five wide, then swapped leads several times when running by the leaders. Beat four of these that afternoon, and can work out a similar inside-out trip, as she wheels back on short notice to take advantage of the waning days of turf season. **CAROLINA SUN** sat a nice pocket trip, found a seam up the inside in the upper stretch, then finished evenly behind the two favorites. Toledo lands here instead of Turkish Breeze. **OVER MY CENTS** didn't have the easiest trip when finishing behind the top-two picks. Stalked four wide, was forced five-six wide by the winner turning for home, then made up over three lengths despite hopping back to her left lead right on the wire. Expect good early speed from HOLY JOANIE, who finished ahead of two next-out dirt winners when dueling through hot splits at Colonial. Keep an eye on DIVINING SMILE, who gained fitness on dirt two weeks ago in her first start after a 364-day break. She ran well in her most recent turf start, steadying in behind the field on the second turn, moving up the rail, and finishing evenly.

⟩⟩ RACE 2

1. REPLICATE 2. PRINCE OF TIDES 3. SUNDAY LEGACY

REPLICATE tracked three wide over a speed-friendly track, went on a hard chase after the favored pacesetting winner, then couldn't go with that impressive winner after being slightly late to change leads. The sixth-finisher next placed in an off-turf $30,000 maiden with a 58 Beyer. He should show good early speed here. **PRINCE OF TIDES** bobbled slightly at the start in a tough Keeneland heat, saved ground near the back in a slow-paced heat, split rivals into the stretch, then failed to threaten the likes of Double Arrow (next-out 72 Beyer winner of a restricted special weight at Churchill). A logical contender in his first start over this circuit. **SUNDAY LEGACY** was hustled out of there to track from the pocket, raced on hold on the turn, then only finished evenly behind the top pick. It was a good learning experience for a barn that went 9 for the last 32 (28%, $2.63 ROI) with second-out maidens on dirt. Briceno lands here instead or Rapido Rosario. MCGIRVIN ($45,000 yearling; $50,000 May juvenile) is a half-brother to juvenile stakes-winning dirt sprinter Athens Queen (won first two starts, 65 dirt Beyer) out of stakes-placed dirt sprinter Mine All Mine (86 wet-dirt Beyer).

⟩⟩ RACE 3

1. LINARITE 2. PASILA 3. SCARLET'S DREAM

Taking a guess with **LINARITE**, who hasn't won on dirt, and didn't do well at all in her last two turf appearances. Her last race on dirt, however, offers hope, as she posted a competitive speed figure despite being wired by the favorite in a slow-paced race. Outsprinted to the back, eased widest, and churned on for the runner-up spot. The third-finisher has since compiled a 4-1-2-1 record with a 60 Beyer top. This barn went 7 for the last 25 (28%, $2.74 ROI) when moving turf to dirt. **PASILA** also moves back to the main track in her second try for the new barn, and she won the only other time she made the turf-to-dirt move. Wired on dirt two back in a race that produced three next-out winners (Back Wall Bandit hit the board in three of her next four starts with a 65 Beyer top). Expecting a late kick. **SCARLET'S DREAM** is yet another moving turf-to-dirt in the second start off the claim. Wired on dirt two back in a race

that produced Lady Sriracha, who then hit the board in two of her next three starts with a 59 Beyer top. This filly has some speed, and should be forwardly placed. Rodriguez lands here instead of Maidstone.

⟩⟩ RACE 4

1. CELTIC CONTENDER	2. J J ZO ZO	3. BAND CAMP

CELTIC CONTENDER tracked two wide/three path, made a three-wide bid on the turn, then stayed strong to win the Maryland Million Sprint for the second time. Expect good early speed**. J J ZO ZO** has faced some tough company since moving into this barn (Winterfell faces Barbadian Runner later today; Quint's Brew is a seven-time stakes winner). He'll show rail zip. **BAND CAMP** has won 7 of 17 starts at Laurel, and he gave a good try when third to Celtic Contender in the Maryland Million. He benefits if the top-two picks slug it out up front. CONTRARY THINKING receives some class relief after failing to threaten in two Grade 3 races in New York. Previously was in excellent form.

⟩⟩ RACE 5

1. CECILTON	2. AWESOME LAW	3. MOJOHNNYMOJOHNNY

CECILTON was wired by an even-money runaway in a slow-paced race. Bumped early while tracking the pace four wide/five path, made a four-wide bid on the turn, tapered in a bit near the quarter pole, altered course to split rivals from the two-wide path, and couldn't go with the winner. Back down in class and has enough speed to get close to the pace. **AWESOME LAW** likely lost all chance at the start of his dirt debut as he stumbled pretty badly leaving the gate. Gets a mulligan for that race, and returns on fairly short notice. **MOJOHNNYMOJOHNNY** stretches out with good tactical speed after facing a live first-time starter. This barn went 5 for the last 14 (36%, $2.56 ROI) when returning in two weeks or less with dirt horses. MIGHTY MOO, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 10/31, battled for the lead through solid fractions with the favored winner before tiring around two turns. Baru then ran third in a first-level allowance with a 62 Beyer. Drops with speed, often a potent combination in maiden claiming events.

⟩⟩ RACE 6

1. MO REWARDS	2. SAM STORY	3. JOLLY BOSS

MO REWARDS tracked three-four wide, wound up stalking from in foes after a half-mile, altered outside in the upper stretch, then made up about four lengths with an okay gallop-out. The pacesetting winner returned to repeat in a second-level allowance with an 86 Beyer. Might get a better pace flow this time, and Chuan lands here instead of Take Me To Church. **SAM STORMY** has some back races that make him interesting, and he was bumped a few times in the opening yards, then again entering the second turn three starts ago. Faced slightly tougher two-back, then didn't seem to care for dirt earlier in the month. **JOLLY BOSS** ran pretty well at huge odds moving from sprint to route at Colonial over the summer, and has the tactical speed to get close to the pace after racing in a couple of sharp sprints. He did fine two back after being bumped at the start, racing on hold in the upper stretch, splitting rivals, and finishing evenly. A poor break cost him a chance at obtaining a better early position last time. Both BE HERE and VAYA JEFFE deserve serious consideration if able to escape the Also Eligible list. TAKE ME TO CHURCH outkicked the top pick to score at Delaware two back, then ran well again over Tapeta at Presque Isle Downs. Pressed the 9-2 third-finisher in the latter race, only to be run down by a 10-time synthetic winner. Adapts to any race shape, and can show good speed here.

⟩⟩ RACE 7

1. MAIDA	2. CARMELINA	3. ONYX TEN

Grade 2 winner **MAIDA** returned to form at Delaware last month with an odds-on score in the Endine. Bumped at the start, she tracked the pace while four wide/five path, made a four-wide bid on the turn, then drove past the winners when it mattered. Third-finisher Icona Mama next placed in a stakes race at Belmont with a 90 Beyer. Think she's even better on faster ground, and her speed plays very well in this spot. **CARMELINA** chased a solid pace over a closer-friendly Parx track, then couldn't go with Icona Mama. She's run pretty well fresh in the past, and this jockey-trainer combo sent out a winner here last week. **ONYX TEN** was wired by the favorite when seeking a repeat victory in the Maryland Million Distaff. She's hit the board in her last four starts and would benefit if the pace heats up a bit. COMPLEXITY JANE returns from a 190-day layoff at a shorter-than-usual distance after chasing Low Country Music, who returned to hit the board in her next two starts with Beyers of 84 and 82. She won her debut sprinting from well off the pace.

⟩⟩ RACE 8

1. DON'T TELL DEREN	2. JUNIPER JUICE	3. SYNERGISM

DON'T TELL DEREN tracked a moderate pace outside under confident handling, made a brisk bid to the lead just inside the three-eighths pole, then stayed strong to win the Maryland Million Turf Distaff Starter for a second time. She can either lead or rate for a barn that has three winners since Halloween. **JUNIPER JUICE** gets Lasix and blinkers after finding some traffic trouble three weeks ago. Veteran mare has run decently in some tough spots this year, and can kick in the stretch for a new barn that went 5 for 14 (36%, $2.29 ROI) between 11/7 and 11/18. Boyce departs for uncoupled stablemate **SYNERGISM**, who must overcome a tough outside post position after beating four of these. She has underrated tactical speed, and can race close to the pace without losing too much ground entering the first turn.

⟩⟩ RACE 9

1. BARBADIAN RUNNER	2. WINTERFELL	3. DREAMBUILDER

BARBADIAN RUNNER tracked from the pocket in the Maryland Million, angled three wide on the second turn, then drew away from the field in "ridden out" fashion while drifting to the inside. This is a tougher spot, but he is very adaptable to any pace scenario and can stay close to the expected moderate pace. **WINTERFELL** is no slouch, however, and he looked good pressing the pace on his way to a one-turn mile win last month. Figures to obtain a good early position from the inside post, and might try to get the jump on the top pick turning into the stretch. **DREAMBUILDER**, listed as a Parx vet scratch on 11/3, has hit the board in his last three races. Tried hard against odds-on Wild Vine last time at Parx, but this seems like a jump in class.

⟩⟩ RACE 10

1. DREAMS TO SELL	2. STONE COLD KELLY	3. IVEY MY LOVE

DREAMS TO SELL was bumped at the start, tracked a moderate pace from outside and then from in between, and got up for third over a speed-friendly track in a race where the pace held together. Figures close to the pace for a barn that went 8 for the last 40 (20%, $2.41 ROI) with experienced horses adding blinkers for the first time. Briceno lands here instead of Stephanie's Rose. **STONE COLD KELLY** might be set for her best in this, the third start

following a 234-day layoff, and she caught wet tracks in both races of this form cycle. Wired last time in a race where the fourth-finisher next placed in a $25,000 maiden claimer with a 58 Beyer. Earned competitive fast-track speed figures before the layoff and should show early ability. **IVEY MY LOVE** hit the board moving from sprint to route earlier in the year, and repeats the move here. Wired last time in a race where they ran 1-2-3-4 around the track, she figures to work out a solid pace-tracking trip for a barn that went 4 for the last 17 (24%, $2.18 ROI) with dirt horses returning in 13 days or less. IT WAS ONLY A KISS dueled at a fast pace with the 9-2 runner-up before failing to go with the odds-on runaway winner on dirt two back. Perhaps we'll see more patient tactics here. MADELINE'S AGENDA makes circuit debut after being wired in a New York heat where they ran 1-2-3 around the track. Good fit at this level. Too early to give up on QUICK STUDY, who faced Chloe's Banker, a filly that then scored an $8,000 maiden at Delaware with a 55 Beyer.

MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

R1: Horsing Around makes a quick turnaround off of her winning trip at the level here on 11/13, class relief should continue to pay off here. There should be no shortage of speed between Holy Joanie and Fahnee in the mix here.

R2: McGirvin makes his debut for a family which has shown precocity and early speed. The work tab is encouraging and he should have plenty of fitness for the debut. Early speed can be key in these races, and Replicate should be aided by the blinkers on here.

R3: Scarlet's Dream lacked the necessary speed to handle sprinting in her first try at LRL, but she has races on the main track which make her plenty competitive in this group going a bit further. Class relief could carry her here.

R4: Celtic Contender is a true standout in this group and has plenty of speed to take them all the way here. A likely single on many tickets. The connections have managed him very well this year and it looks to continue to pay off.

R5: Mojohnnymojohnny ran into a debut runner who looked a winner every step of the way last out. It seems to be the case for all three of his career starts, the class relief should make him a standout here.

R6: Take Me To Church has plenty of pedigree for turf routing, and good form to back it up. His win at DEL transfers well to the group today, and he has plenty of tactical ability to work the trip. If you like Take Me To Church, Mo Rewards could be your better priced alternative.

R7: Maida has plenty of speed but she showed last out that she doesn't need the lead to get the job done. She may have the chance to play cat and mouse with inside speed again today. Alani returned in a big way just a few weeks ago, she could have more to offer in her third start off the bench.

R8: Don't Tell Deren ran a career best on MD Million day, winning very fashionably and warranting a step up in company. If you like Synergism, have a look at Can't Fool Me for a better priced alternative. She exits the same race with a bit more trouble in the trip.

R9: Barbadian Runner could be finding his toughest test yet, with several new faces opting to take on the challenge. Yo Daddy is going to be key to this race as he is likely to save ground inside and put the pressure on as they approach the far turn. One who is likely to be overlooked, but deserves consideration, is Passing Game. He may have to go a bit faster than he did in Saratoga, but he looks to be getting back to a preferred surface here.

R10: Madeline's Agenda returns to her home state after facing open company in NY this summer. The recent bullet work and new faces could greatly benefit her. Dreams to Sell looked to appreciate a bit more ground last out, with blinkers on in her third career start, she could offer a bit more.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 2:
#4 - Sunday Legacy
Trainer: John Salzman Jr.
Second-Out Maiden, Dirt: 9 for 32 (28%, $2.63 ROI)

RACE 3:
#4 - Linarite
Trainer: Miguel Vera
Turf to Dirt: 7 for 25 (28%, $2.74 ROI)

RACE 5:
#3 - Mojohnnymojohnny
Trainer: Hugh McMahon
Back in 14 Days or Less, Dirt: 5 for 14 (36%, $2.56 ROI)

RACE 8:
#10 - Juniper Juice
#13 - Synergism
Trainer: Robbie Bailes
Between 11/7 and 11/18: 5 for 14 (36%, $2.29 ROI)

RACE 10:
#5 - Dreams to Sell
Trainer: Mike Trombetta
Experienced Horses, First Blinkers: 8 for 40 (20%, $2.41 ROI)

RACE 10:
#7 - Ivey My Love
Trainer: Robert Werneth
Returning in 13 Days or Less, Dirt: 4 for 17 (24%, $2.18 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. Visit **In The Money** for Will Humphrey's FREE selections for today's entire Laurel card!

Race 1: Claiming 16k, 3YO+ (F), 5 ½ Furlongs, Turf			
Horse	**Race**	**Trip**	**Notes**
#5 HOLY JOANIE	Claiming 16k, CNL, 5 1/2F, Good Turf, 09/05/26 – 5th	Sharp break; set fast, pressured pace in the 2P into the turn; opened up a little racing to upper stretch; shifted out slightly top of lane, then came under a ride; responded to pressure but was joined for the lead between foes ~1/16 pole, then found herself in tight and had to steady, costing her any chance of hitting the board.	**On just 8 days rest, she was running a great race and still in with a chance of hitting the frame, which was impressive considering she'd set fractions of 22.06, 44.83 that set things up well for closers (PACE UPGRADE); however, she was then forced to steady late (exacerbating the margin of defeat); UPGRADE this effort and possibly expect more following a brief freshening.**

Other notes:

- Although she was probably best anyway, we should note that there was a strong speed bias present when **#1 FLOY JOY** was last seen winning in wire fashion; switches back to turf today.
- **#3 OVER MY CENTS** was caught a little wider on the turn than ideal when chasing a hot pace that set up well for closers last week; she can be given a small pass. (**#2 HORSING AROUND** was a good winner of that race but also aided somewhat by the setup).

- **#10 EMILY REWARD** once again finished really well over a flat 5F last time and could now offer more with an extra 1/16 to work with.

Race 2: Maiden Claiming 35k, 2YO, 5 ½ Furlongs, Dirt

Other notes:

- **#3 EMPEROR MING** bobbled coming out of the inside gate on debut which then left him taking a lot of kickback; a sharper break second out should see him improve.

Race 3: Claiming 7.5k, 3YO+ (F), 1 Mile, Dirt

Other notes:

- **#3 SCARLET'S DREAM** can be somewhat excused for her most recent effort going a mile on the turf as she sat close to a hot, closer-friendly pace while wide; returns to dirt today. Note: there was a speed bias present at Aqueduct when she last won in wire fashion in April.
- **#7 MAIDSTONE** ran a respectable race last time, re-rallying for the place after chasing the hot pace early; that run points towards her potentially being well suited by today's stretch back out in trip.
- **#8 TEA ROSE** just went too fast for her own good last time; a better ride can see her to better effect.

Race 4: The Dave's Friend Stakes, 3YO+, 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#1 J J ZO ZO	Wilmington Stakes, DEL, 6F, Sloppy Dirt, 10/17/26 – 4th	Chased even pace from ~1-2L back between foes into the turn; short of room and shuffled a touch approaching the ¼ pole; turned for home 4W, then briefly found himself tight for room ~3/16 pole before staying in well behind rivals to the wire.	**This wasn't a terrible trip at all, but he did lose position a little racing to the top of the lane which could well have cost him a position or two; a game effort under the circumstances, he's potentially capable of more.**

Other notes:

- **None.**

Race 5: Maiden Claiming 16k, 2YO+, 7 Furlongs, Dirt

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#9 DE LA PLATA	Maiden Claiming 25k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Good Dirt, 11/07/26 – 4th	Broke okay but then initially resented the kickback and dropped back a little before finding himself in tight ~5/8 pole and steadying slightly; angled out and chased from ~7L back in a detached last rounding bend; advanced between foes under a hand ride in the 3-4P racing to the ¼ pole, then stayed on willingly for a clear 4th.	**This was a more promising debut than the chart suggests as he was taken aback and lost position completely as a result of the kickback and lack of room racing into the turn before he then stayed on well for 4th in a slowly run race that didn't set up for closers (23.40, 48.42); feel he can take a notable step forward from this second out at 7F.**

Other notes:

- **#4 CLOCKBUSTER** failed to stay a mile last time and should be suited by today's cut back in trip. Note: he didn't handle a muddy track three back, then caught a heavily speed biased track two-back while using lasix which were then taken back off next time, suggesting he didn't take to the med; is it possible that we can toss all three of his latest starts having also not been suited by the trip last time?

- After blowing the start, **#5 SGT. FINLEY** chased the slow pace from the rail while under pressure to upper stretch, then lugged in through the lane which resulted in him finding himself in tight ~3/16 pole; while not ideal that he was short of room, he wasn't doing much running at the time and it didn't make a huge difference to his trip/result.
- **#8 AWESOME LAW** bobbled a little at the start last time which left him racing further back than ideal in a race that saw the first four finishers fill those positions from the start; he travels like he has more speed than the running line suggests and can be given another shot down in trip.
- **#15 UNIQUENESS (AE)** just failed to get home over a mile last time; today's 7F trip could hit him between the eyes.

Race 6: Starter Allowance, 3YO+, 1 1/16 Miles, Turf			
Horse	**Race**	**Trip**	**Note**
#3 OWHATANITE	Claiming 16k, CNL, 1M, Firm Turf, 08/20/26 – 3rd	Bumped 2x break, steadied, away slowly in last; chased honest pace from 8-9L back into the far turn, then began to creep a little closer on the rail; cut the corner into the lane, then rallied very willingly through traffic but had too much to do; nearest finish.	**His two-back effort prior to a fantastic MD Million win last time:** **He's a closer by trade, so maybe it didn't make that much difference to the result; but based on his very strong finishing effort, one has to think that a cleaner break (and therefore more prominent early position) could have seen him go very close indeed; possible upgrade, definite player.** **Note: he won with his ears pricked last time and looked to have more to offer.**
#8 MO REWARDS	Starter Allowance, LRL, 1M, Firm Turf, 10/30/26 – 4th	Unhurried leaving gate; 4W first turn; chased even pace from ~4-5L back to the far turn; nudged along between horses 5/16; turned for home ~4L off lead, then had to alter course to the center which slightly hurt his momentum; straightened up and then ran home strongly but had too much to do.	**This wasn't a terrible trip; however, the ground loss on the first turn combined with the momentum lost altering course in the stretch very likely cost him 2nd; his powerful late charge suggests today's extra 1/16 will be to his advantage and he's high on the shortlist.**
#10 SUPER ACCELERATE	Starter Allowance, LRL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 10/24/26 – 3rd	Clean break; tight between horses, checked and shuffled back passing wire first time; 4W first turn; chased even pace from ~3-5L back back stretch; raced 4W far turn, then steadily rallied through the stretch despite flopping leads 1/8 pole.	**He lost position early, then sat a wide trip throughout which certainly didn't help his chances; a big effort to finish 3rd, he may be capable of building on this run today.**

Other notes:

- Although a smidge wide on the turn, we should note that **#2 JOLLY BOSS** received an excellent pace setup sprinting last time and we therefore shouldn't read too much into the ground loss; stretches back out today.
- **#4 KITTEN'S PLOY** was caught notably wide on the far turn last out before staying on well into an even pace – possible small upgrade; he should be suited by today's extra 1/16.
- **#12 TAKE ME TO CHURCH (IRE)** benefited from a great trip and pace setup when winning two-back (his last start on turf); player getting back to turf, whatever the case.

Race 7: The Willa On The Move Stakes, 3YO+ (F), 6 ½ Furlongs, Dirt

Other Notes:

- **#4 CARMELINA** ran a very solid race in the Liberty Bell Stakes at Parx last time, holding fourth after chasing a fast pace (21.73, 44.07) that took it's toll even on the two favorites (2nd and 3rd) while allowing the 10/1 winner to rally from well back; she emerges from that race with plenty of credit.
- **#5 MAIDA** overcame a wider-than-ideal trip to win the Endine Stakes going away last time and she has to be taken seriously once more. Regarding her two-back effort, that run can be excused as she just went too fast early (21.91, 44.33) for the 7F distance and was then eased from ~3/16 pole when beaten, exacerbating the margin of defeat.
- **#7 ALANI** impressed when winning in wire fashion last time, setting a strong pace early and holding firm through the stretch; contender third back.

Race 8: Ratings Optional Claiming (1-65), 3YO+ (F), 1 1/8 Miles, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#6 PRETTY LAVISH	Starter Allowance, SAR, 1 1/8M, Firm Turf, 08/02/26 – 5th	Raced awkwardly, pulled, rank while settled ~5L off the SLOW pace racing to the far turn; tipped outside far turn and made a 4-6W bid around horses, then stayed on willingly down the center but lacked the required late pace to run at.	**Her three-back effort (last going long on turf):** **She was compromised by the slow pace (25.82, 51.73) in this race in more ways than one (failed to settle, then lacked pace late) and also lost plenty of ground racing wide on the far turn; all things considered, she did well to finish as close as she did; contender getting back to two-turns on the grass today.**
#10 JUNIPER JUICE	ROC, LRL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 10/31/26 – 6th	No speed; chased even pace from ~10L back in rear to the ½; crept slightly closer on the rail as the field bunched far turn, then cut the corner racing into the lane and attempted to make an inside bid but was blocked ~1/8 pole when just 2L back and steadied, losing her a couple of lengths and severely denting her momentum.	**She ran a much better race here on just 7 days rest than the result would suggest as she not only had just an even pace to run at, but she was also hampered ~1/8 pole; could have gone close with a better trip and more can be expected at 1 1/8M today.**
#11 VERDANT TONES	MSW, CNL, 1M, Good Turf, 09/05/26 – 1st	Slight bump start; in tight along fence and steadied back to last early; tracked slow pace from ~5L last; advanced inside and took slightly closer order entering far turn; waited behind horses while traveling very powerfully to upper stretch, then muscled her way between horses and kicked nicely to win well, going away.	**Her two-back effort prior to a very respectable first try against winners last time:** **A huge maiden breaking effort in which she closed powerfully into a slow pace (25.16, 49.97) after a slightly troubled start; she won with something in hand and we may now see more from her if the pace is stronger.** **Note: she was bumped inside the final 1/16 last time which didn't cost her the race but did fractionally exacerbate the margin of defeat.**

Other notes:

- **#2 CAPRICOSAINFRONT** didn't have a terrible trip last time and was never winning; however, she was in behind horses for the majority of the stretch run which prevented her from leveling off properly and with a different path, she might have finished a little closer.
- Back with De Paz, **#3 CAN'T FOOL ME** once again finished well into just an even pace last time; she could be capable of more if the pace heats up in front today, especially at 1 1/8M; contender.

Race 9: The Richard W. Small Stakes, 3YO+, 1 1/8 Miles, Dirt
Other notes: - Not saying he wasn't simply best, but **#1 WINTERFELL** did end up setting comfortable enough fractions on an uncontested lead in the Polynesian Stakes last time, and there was an inside lean to the track which possibly aided him too. - **#2 YO DADDY** needed just one more jump last time – he was ultra game in defeat and in front one stride after the wire; leading player. - **#6 BARBADIAN RUNNER** sprinted through the final furlong of the MD Million Classic with great energy under just a hand ride last time; he seemingly won with plenty of gas left in the tank and could well be capable of improving on his 96 Beyer today.

Race 10: Maiden Claiming 12.5k, 3-6YO (F), 1 Mile, Dirt
Other notes: - Both of **#5 DREAMS TO SELL**'s starts to date have pointed towards her possibly being more effective at a route of ground; blinkers on.

Horses to Follow

R10: DREAMS TO SELL (3/1 ML)
Hot trainer Michael Trombetta looks to have found a good opportunity for DREAMS TO SELL to make her first start at a mile in today's nightcap. Both of this filly's starts to date have pointed towards her being more effective at longer trips, and the addition of blinkers should among other things help her obtain a nice position early. With a vulnerable favorite making the market, she could be a decent bet at 3/1 on the ML.

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.

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.

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 - :48.00 at FAI on 11/16)*
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.

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.

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.

FIERCE AND STRONG
Trainer: Michael Salvaggio Jr.
Last Race: November 13, Race 7
Finish: 7th by 5 1/4 lengths
Veteran gelding has been unlucky several times in 2026, including in his most recent start. Taken in hand to race near the back of the pack, he was over in behind horses for the majority of the stretch and was never allowed to really show his late kick.

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 ***(Entered at Laurel – SUN 11/22, Race 2)***
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.

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.

READY FOR MAGIC
Trainer: Troy Singh
Last Race: November 15, 2nd
Finish: 4th by 6
Hung out to dry every step of the way when sprinting on 11/15. She broke from the far outside post, raced four wide on the backstretch, through the turn, and into the stretch, and never stopped trying.

JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 1: Jevian Toledo: #4 - Turkish Breeze; #9 - Carolina Sun >>> **Toledo rides CAROLINA SUN**
Race 2: Leandro Briceno: #4 - Sunday Legacy; #5 - Rapido Rosario >>> **Briceno rides SUNDAY LEGACY**
Race 3: Jaime Rodriguez: #3 - Scarlet's Dream; #7 - Maidstone >>> **Rodriguez rides SCARLET'S DREAM**
Race 5: Kevin Gomez: #2 - Bourbonontheporch; #10 - De La Plata >>> **Gomez rides BOURBONONTHEPORCH**
Race 5: Carlos Lopez: #1 - Nova Knicks; #6 - Sgt. Finley >>> **Lopez rides NOVA KNICKS**
Race 6: Martin Chuan: #6 - Mo Rewards; #12 - Take Me To Church >>> **Chuan rides MO REWARDS**
Race 6: Jatniel Ramos: #11 - Wicked Finn; #14 - Hyteck Prince >>> **Ramos rides HYTECK PRINCE**
Race 8: Forest Boyce: #10 - Juniper Juice; #13 - Synergism >>> **Boyce rides SYNERGISM**
Race 8: Matilda Burnham: #1 - Skittliedat; #7 - Never So Lucky >>> **Burnham rides SKITTLIEDAT**
Race 10: Leandro Briceno: #4 - Stephanie's Rose; #5 - Dreams to Sell >>> **Briceno rides DREAMS TO SELL**

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
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
Nov. 13 - SPEED BIAS
Nov. 14 - CLOSERS BIAS
Nov. 15 - Fair