HANDICAPPING GUIDE for SUNDAY, NOV. 15

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TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

⟩⟩ RACE 1

1. COMMON SENSE 2. MAGIC IN MY EYES 3. DANCING DEANNA

The first post time is 12 pm ET, and there are two "Value Pick 5" wagers, each with a LOW 12% takeout rate. **COMMON SENSE** set a pretty quick pace (second quarter 23.89) under confident handling, came off the inside turning for home, and tired late. That race produced two next-out winners (Seger Songs took a $16,000 maiden with a 62 Beyer), and she might not have to work as hard to grab the lead this afternoon. **MAGIC IN MY EYES** found pocket position on the first turn, advanced to press the pace from the outside, was another that was confidently handled into the stretch, and finished ahead of four of these when the beaten favorite. Might rate back a bit more this time. **DANCING DEANNA** was bumped after the start, saved ground at the back, angled four wide after a half-mile, tried to save ground on the second turn, altered course back outside, and changed back to her left lead, finishing behind the two favorites. She's a late-runner that could use some pace and race luck. MATADORA deserves a look if able to escape the Also Eligible list. DREAMS TO SELL trailed when facing better in her lone turf start. The fourth-finisher then placed in a maiden special with a 63 Beyer.

⟩⟩ RACE 2

1. READY FOR MAGIC 2. PREPAREFORTAKEOFF 3. SKIP THRU DA FIRE

READY FOR MAGIC tracked a quick pace from the pocket, altered outside to split rivals three wide in the upper stretch, and was best despite drifting in a bit during the final sixteenth. Can adapt to any scenario for a barn that already has three winners this month. **PREPAREFORTAKEOFF** has won moving from turf to dirt in the past, and repeats the pattern today. Wired in a slow-paced race two starts back by the favorite, she was flattered when that runner next placed in an off-turf first-level allowance with a 64 Beyer. She should be right there when the real racing commences. **SKIP THRU DA FIRE**, listed as a Laurel vet scratch (sick) on 11/7, drops a notch in class after pressing the even-money runner-up through a quick second quarter in 23.87 before both succumbed to a good-setup closer. She's very capable at this shorter distance and can kick on in the stretch. Burnham departs for CHRISTY MY LOVE. PALMETTO FURY has angles dropping in class for her second start following a lengthy layoff, and she projects as the controlling speed. MISS SERAFINA was wired by a runaway in an open claimer eight days ago. Better fit against these.

⟩⟩ RACE 3

1. ZEVON 2. TIMSHEL 3. KUHNER

ZEVON enters in good form. Prompted the 13-1 fourth-finisher two back, then gamely placed behind the favorite. Didn't have a good trip last time in the Maryland Million Turf. Saved ground, was in behind horses for most of the stretch, then ran on nicely once finding a seam. The third-finisher next placed in Belmont's Knickerbocker Stakes with a 95 Beyer. Repeats the "Lasix On" move that resulted in his 19-1 win on 4/19. Karamanos lands here instead of Luca Machine. **TIMSHEL** shook loose on the lead three weeks ago, then gamely fought to the wire before dropping a photo finish to a good-trip winner. She doesn't need the lead to win, and might try for more patient early tactics here. Batista lands here instead of Babble. **KUHNER** has no problems wiring the field last time out, and can seemingly rate and finish just as well. This barn went 7 for 14 (50%, $3.06 ROI) between 10/30 and 11/8. START TAPPIN

drops in class after being wired in the fastest one-mile turf heat at the meet. Expect good early zip. DAVYJONZ battled with the winner before tiring two back on turf. The fourth-finisher then ran third in a first-level allowance with a 78 Beyer.

⟩⟩ RACE 4

1. I'M WITH HER 2. CARTRIDGE 3. WESTBOUND CAT

I'M WITH HER seemed a bit eager when tracking the pace three-wide/four-path, made a three-wide bid into contention on the turn, then couldn't step with the 31-1 pacesetting winner. She must improve facing males, but drew a comfortable inside post and can save some valuable ground while close to the pace. **CARTRIDGE** didn't break the best from the rail, settled at the back behind a three-ply pace skirmish, swung widest into the stretch, and rallied determinedly despite hopping a shadow at the wire. Expect a late kick for a barn that went 4 for 10 (40%, $4.28 ROI) on dirt between 10/31 and 11/12. **WESTBOUND CAT** raced very wide in a slow-paced Delaware heat. Seemed rank tracking the pace four wide, swapped leads early on the second turn while four deep, then was late to make his final lead change in the stretch. Must avoid another wide trip from this outside post. BRANNHOG set legitimate splits when wiring the field over a speed-friendly track. Expect similar tactics in his first route start.

⟩⟩ RACE 5

1. HARD FREEZE 2. SOUPER CHA CHING 3. AGENDUM

HARD FREEZE broke well two weeks ago, pulled to set a pressured pace from the outside, eventually cleared to set the pace inside the 12-1 runner-up, tried to sprint for home through a quick third quarter, and tired badly when facing open maidens. Her speed should play better as she drops into the Maryland-bred waiver maiden. Also want to use **SOUPER CHA CHING** in multiple-race wagers after he ran well without blinkers two back over this course. That was a race that was controlled by the two pacesetters, but he still rallied nicely. The tenth-finisher then placed in an open special weight with a 76 Beyer. Dismissing the Belmont try last time after an ugly start for a barn that went 4 for 18 (22%, $3.79 ROI) between 10/30 and 11/8. **AGENDUM** saved ground in midpack behind a solid pace, split rivals on the second turn, then rallied along the rail to just miss the favorite. Speed figures going the right way. HARD ROW was purchased for $12,000 after debuting in a tough Churchill heat. The ninth-finisher then ran third in a $30,000 maiden in Indiana with a 63 Beyer.

⟩⟩ RACE 6

1. OUR HAM SANDWICH 2. BOSS LILY 3. DERZ SMART

OUR HAM SANDWICH was hustled out of there to prompt the pace while two wide/three path, made a brief lead at the three-sixteenths pole, then was bumped hard when already tired in the late stretch. That was a pretty tough spot against multiple winners, and he should appreciate dropping back in with straight "non-two" claimers. **BOSS LILY**, listed as a Colonial vet scratch on 9/7, raced outside at the back, split rivals under urging on the second turn, eased out in the stretch, then stayed on for second along the rail. Finished ahead of two next-out winners (fourth-finisher took $16,000 "non-two) here with a 72 Beyer. Should get some pace to attack for a barn that went 4 for 20 (20%, $2.10 ROI) between 8/30 and 11/7. **DERZ SMART**'s lone win came at a mile, and he stretches back out after returning from a layoff with three sprint efforts. Wired last time out in a race where they ran 1-2-3 around the track, he should receive a stronger pace flow here. DREW SAMAA deserves a look if able to escape the Also Eligible list.

⟩⟩ RACE 7

1. LOVE YOURSELF 2. COMPATRIOT 3. FORREST CITY

LOVE YOURSELF won two back when moving from sprint to route, and he repeats the move in search of the hat trick. Prompted the 7-2 third-finisher over the speed-friendly track last time, then sprinted home to beat a next-out winner. Figures close to the pace again. **COMPATRIOT** set a reasonable three-ply pace from the rail, prompted the pace from the two-path entering the turn, seemed outpaced late on the bend, was urged along into the long stretch, and re-rallied for third. Expecting improved focus with new blinkers. **FORREST CITY** prompted the 7-2 fourth-finisher from the outside, rated back to get off the rail and pursue from in between rivals, made the lead three furlongs from home, then changed back to his left lead when tiring late. Figures in the thick of things when they swing for home. ARMED N DANGEROUS took advantage of a quick pace to rally past weaker runners in a race dominated by closers. He's hoping for a similar race flow here.

⟩⟩ RACE 8

1. PATRICK'S PROMISE 2. BLOWN COVER 3. HANKSDIVININGROD

PATRICK'S PROMISE broke a beat slow, settled outside near the back, found a nice seam to split foes three wide into the stretch, then couldn't get past the two pacesetters. There are lots of minor awards on his page, but he should get a fair pace to attack this time. **BLOWN COVER** tracked outside at Belmont, stalked in between horses after a half-mile, was outpaced through a quick third quarter in 23.92, eased out into the stretch, and could only pass tired foes. Boasts competitive Beyer Speed Figures. **HANKSDIVININGROD** did not have a good trip in the Maryland Million Turf. Wasn't away the best, pulled his way along at the back of the pack, steadied behind a wall of horses late on the second turn, and was completely stymied in traffic for most of the stretch before kicking on belatedly. The third-finisher then placed in Belmont's Knickerbocker Stakes with a 95 Beyer. Repeats the "Lasix On" move that resulted in a win a couple of years ago. SKYRAYLEIGH finished ahead of the top pick after a pacesetting gambit in his turf debut, and should show early zip once more.

⟩⟩ RACE 9

1. SILVER STRINGS 2. JUST GIA 3. FLOREANA

SILVER STRINGS put it all together in her last two starts, winning them by a combined 21 3/4 lengths. Set a pressured pace while racing well off the rail in a recent one-mile heat, moved closer to the fence entering the turn, then drew away under a stiff drive. She's the only two-time winner, and she showed the ability to rate and finish sprinting two back. **JUST GIA** pressed the runner-up through moderate fractions, then drew away from a weaker field at Delaware. Figures close to the pace again for a barn that went 5 for 19 (26%, $2.06 ROI) between 10/16 and 11/12. **FLOREANA** displayed a strong late kick to win her debut over two next-out winners. The runner-up graduated by 7-plus lengths with a 67 Beyer. Won't be surprised if she's sharper from the gate for a barn that went 12 for the last 29 (41%, $2.31 ROI) when debut runners return in the second start. GO NEW YORK GO showed high speed over a closer-friendly track when returning from a summer layoff. The runner-up then ran third in the Maryland Million Lassie with a 59 Beyer. She'll be ridden aggressively. MOMMA OMA took advantage of a fast pace on debut, but she also showed some agility weaving through traffic. Expect another late kick.

⟩⟩ RACE 10

1. BLAZING BRIDGETTE 2. EIMEAR 3. ONLY MARIA

BLAZING BRIDGETTE won moving from turf to dirt at Parx, and repeats the move after a couple of disappointing runs on the green. Tracked four wide on dirt three starts back, made an outside bid on the turn, then tired badly in a race won by The Great Maybe, who then took an $8,000 "beaten" at Delaware with a 59 Beyer. **EIMEAR** was wired by an odds-on favorite at Delaware. Tracked from the pocket, went on a hard chase after the winner on the second turn under urging, and tired late. This barn went 5 for 21 (24%, $5.04 ROI) on dirt between 10/21 and 11/12. **ONLY MARIA** bobbled at the start on dirt two back, was outsprinted behind a hot pace and urged along on the turn, split foes into the stretch, and finished evenly behind the two favorites. Might have used that last turf run off the layoff as mere prep. VALERIE STREET should show stretch-out speed. The runner-up from last time then took a dime "non-two" claimer with a 40 Beyer. Briceno departs for DANNI'S RHYTHM. LEGAL LIGHTNING had a potential claim voided by the vet at Parx when facing Instant Vision, who then took a $12,500 "non-two" at Parx with a 52 Beyer. Expect a late kick.

TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 3
#12 - Kuhner
Trainer: Robbie Bailes
Between 10/30 and 11/8: 7 for 14 (50%, $3.06 ROI)

RACE 4
#2 - Cartridge
Trainer: Jeremiah Englehart
Between 10/31 and 11/12: 4 for 10 (40%, $4.28 ROI)

RACE 5
#13 - Souper Cha Ching
Trainer: Mike Trombetta
Between 10/30 and 11/8: 4 for 18 (22%, $3.79 ROI)

RACE 6
#15 - Boss Lily
Trainer: Phil Schoenthal
Between 8/30 and 11/7: 4 for 20 (20%, $2.10 ROI)

RACE 9
#6 - Just Gia
Trainer: Butch Reid
Between 10/6 and 11/12: 5 for 19 (26%, $2.06 ROI)

RACE 9
#8 - Floreana
Trainer: Brittany Russell
Debut Winners, Second Start: 12 for 29 (41%, $2.31 ROI)

RACE 10
#3 - Eimear
Trainer: Kelly Lynn Deiter
Between 10/21 and 11/12: 5 for 21 (24%, $5.04 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: Maiden Claiming 16k, 3-6YO (F), 1 1/16 Miles, Turf			
Horse	**Race**	**Trip**	**Notes**
#7 COMMON SENSE	Maiden Claiming 40k, CNL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 08/23/26 – 5th	Settled tight between foes 2W, ~4L off the modest pace early; slightly tight quarters entering turn; remained under patient handling to the ¼, then found himself wedged in a traffic pocket and was shuffled back under a tight hold entering the stretch; finally got clear ~1/8 pole, then stayed on willingly but had too much to do.	**Her two-back effort prior to a solid front-running try returned to two-turns last time:** **A troubled trip; his finishing effort (into a modest pace) suggested that, with a clean run, he could have certainly hit the board at least in this race; good gallop out.** **Note: she set a solid pace in front last time and the race was eventually dominated by closers; that effort can be given a PACE UPGRADE.**

Other notes:

- Having hit the front too soon in a fast-paced affair two-back, **#5 DANCING DEANNA** then came rolling too late for third in a modestly run race last time (24.63, 50.23); she's putting things together and it seems only a matter of time before she finds the winners' circle.
- Both of **#6 DREAMS TO SELL**'s starts to date have pointed towards her possibly being more effective at a route of ground; blinkers on.
- **#11 BREE COLA (AE)** endured a rough start two-back (her last start on grass) which resulted in her getting away slowly, and she then did not receive a good pace setup for a closer; seems capable of improving under better circumstances back on the turf today.

Race 2: Claiming 7.5k, 3YO+ (F), 6 Furlongs, Dirt			
Horse	**Race**	**Trip**	**Notes**
#5 PREPAREFORTAKEOFF	Starter Allowance, LRL, 6F, Firm Turf, 10/31/26 – 6th	Broke alertly; tracked inside from ~1-2L back into the turn, then checked ~3/8 pole and lost several lengths as well as significant momentum; turned for home ~6L back, then gradually came under a ride and ran on again late but had far too much to do.	**A troubled trip; she did well under the circumstances to run on again late and finish as close as she did; will demand a huge amount of respect dropped back in class on dirt today.**

Other notes:

- **#3 CHRISTY MY LOVE** looked good when winning at 45/1 two-weeks ago, pulling clear with good energy late on, and we shouldn't knock her likable effort too much; however, she did sit a perfect ground saving trip and receive a very favorable pace setup as a closer following a bump at the break.

Race 3: OC35k/SAL28k, 3YO+, 1 1/16 Miles, Turf			
Horse	**Race**	**Trip**	**Note**
#3 ZEVON	MD Million Turf, LRL, 1 1/8M, Firm Turf, 10/24/26 – 4th	Patiently handled leaving gate; settled on rail ~6L off hot pace racing into the far turn; waited under a tight hold while boxed in in traffic racing to upper stretch; remained under a tight hold when seemingly full of run in upper stretch, then steadied off a struggling pair of rivals' heels ~1/8 pole; dropped back and lost momentum, then finally found room	**A very tough trip; while accepting that he did receive a favorable pace setup, it wouldn't be unreasonable to suggest that with a clean trip he could have gone very close to scoring here, and his effort is deserving of a notable upgrade; very much respected right back with Lasix on today.**

		between horses ~1/16 pole, came under a ride and finished well but had far too much to do.	
#5 TIMSHEL	ROC, LRL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 09/19/26 – 2nd	Bumped start; settled ~7L off hot pace inside racing to the far turn; crept closer while still under a hold between horses far turn; waited with in traffic 5/16 pole, then continued to find himself with little running room behind horses racing to the 1/8 pole; found space between horses late and then ran on well for a clear 2nd but was never catching the winner.	**His two-back effort, prior to a near miss under forward tactics last time:** **While we should acknowledge that he benefited from the hot pace (23.63, 46.26) collapsing, his lack of running room from the 5/16 pole to the 1/8 pole prevented him from advancing or building the necessary momentum, while also allowing the eventual winner to get the jump on him and build an unassailable advantage; with a decent pace possible again this afternoon, a smoother trip can see him improve on this effort.**
#14 BABBLE (AE)	Starter Allowance, LRL, 1 1/16M, Firm Turf, 10/24/26 – 4th	Jostled entering first turn; took strong hold tracking even pace from ~6L back in the 2P back stretch; waited with in traffic between horses far turn; turned for home ~4-5L off the lead, then came under a mild hand ride but lacked room to fully level off; sharply altered course ~1/16 pole, then came under a strong ride and made up 2L inside the final 50Y or so but had too much to do.	**This wasn't a terrible trip; however, his late burst suggested that if he hadn't lacked room rounding the turn and through the lane and he was able to come under a stronger ride and level off properly earlier, he could potentially have gone close to scoring; a promising effort he's potentially capable of building on, especially if he settles better early.**
Other notes: - Despite wearing a run-out blinker, **#10 LUCA MACHINE** lugged out on the turn last time.			

Race 4: OC62k/N1X Allowance, 2YO, 1 1/16 Miles, Dirt

Other notes:

- **#1 I'M WITH HER** was no match for SILVER STRINGS last time but still did very well to finish 2nd having been aggressively ridden (rider was unnecessarily nudging on her the whole way and taking her out of her comfort zone) and raced wide on the turn; feel she has the ability to improve again on that effort.
- **#2 CARTRIDGE** received a good setup when breaking her maiden at Belmont last time, closing from a detached last into fractions of 23.49, 46.82. Note: she jumped the shadows at the wire, but it didn't make any difference to the result/her performace.
- **#4 CALL IT** ran like he'd appreciate today's stretch out to two-turns when last seen.
- There was an extreme speed bias present when **#6 BRANNHOG** broke his maiden in wire fashion last time.
- **#7 WESTBOUND CAT** sat a notably wide trip in the Rocky Run at Delaware last time; he can likely improve on that effort with a more ground saving trip back down in class today. Note: he steadied on the first turn last time too, but it was a negligible factor in his trip.

Race 5: Maiden Claiming 35k, 3-6YO, 1 Mile, Turf

Other notes:

- We should look past **#8 ZENCAT**'s latest start in an off-turf MSW as he was not only running on his lesser preferred surface, but he also stumbled terribly at the start which in itself ended all chance.
- **#9 HARD FREEZE** was far too keen and aggressive to see out a mile last time and so it makes perfect sense that the blinkers are now coming off; expect that to make a positive impact.

- **#12 GET THEM ROSES (MTO)** didn't sit a bad trip at Keeneland last time; however, there was a speed bias present which may have made it more difficult for him to get past the eventual gate-to-wire winner; makes debut for Gaudet today.
- **#13 SOUPER CHA CHING** endured a slightly rough beginning last time, but that was not the reason he failed to lift a hoof; seems more likely that he didn't take kindly to the addition of blinkers, and we can likely expect more from him as they instantly come back off. Note: his debut effort is deserving of an upgrade as he closed into a slow pace.

Race 6: Claiming 16k, 3YO+, 1 Mile, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#3 JIGGER	Claiming 16k, LRL, 5 1/2F, Firm Turf, 10/23/26 – 4th	Slow start, raced in last early; waited with in behind horses when ~8L off the lead on the rail racing to upper stretch; gradually came under a ride after straightening and then finished well but couldn't reach the leaders in time.	**Even though he did have to wait a fraction longer than was maybe ideal on the turn last time, this wasn't by any means a bad trip; however, speed held really well in this race with the first three finishers (at odds of 5/1, 9/2 and 17/1) running 1-2-3 the whole way around; he did best of the closers and is therefore deserving of some extra credit, and he also shaped like today's stretch out in trip could suit.**
#6 OUR HAM SANDWICH	Claiming 16k, LRL, 1M, Good Turf, 09/12/26 – 3rd	Alert break from outside post; chased speed duel three-deep into first turn; ~3L back in 3rd to ½, then advanced alongside the eventual runner-up to take 2nd entering far turn; came under pressure and dropped back into 4th approaching the top of the lane, then re-rallied with good determination through the stretch for a staying on 3rd; galloped out in front, ears pricked.	**His two-back effort prior to a determined defeat last time:** **This was a very nice effort in defeat considering he raced prominently in a fast-paced affair that favored closers and was still able to re-rally through the stretch; he remains unexposed on the grass and this effort left the impression that he hasn't peaked just yet.**

Other notes:

- Despite a very wide trip, **#1 DERZ SMART** once again finished well sprinting last time; he could be suited by today's retry of a mile.
- **#5 DYNAFLAME** didn't do enough to earn an upgrade last out; however, he was very wide on the first turn and also pulled extremely hard which took something out of his finishing effort; he's likely capable of more, but whether we see that before the blinkers come off is a question mark.
- **#8 MY CAPTAIN** was caught wider-than-ideal on the far turn when making his first turf route start last time; he may be capable of offering more with a more ground saving trip now he's got that extra route fitness behind him.
- After blowing the break, **#10 BAD BOY BLAZE** essentially ran off with his rider down the back stretch last time, leaving nothing for the stretch run; taking the blinkers off could be a good move today.
- **#12 RED MILLER (MTO)** was running a nice race and looked to be coming with something of a run on the turn at Belmont last time when he was then pinched between horses and forced to steady sharply ~3/8 pole; this cost him momentum and from there he failed to recover; the trouble provides a legitimate reason as to why he performed slightly below par.
- **#16 DAW SAMAA (AE)** did well to hold 4th last out after setting some legit fractions in front that benefited closers; he may be capable of improving on that effort if rationing out his speed more efficiently.

Race 7: Allowance, 3YO+, 1 Mile, Dirt

Other Notes:

- Although **#2 ARMED N DANGEROUS** probably was best when winning at odds of 5/2 last time, the hot pace did collapse in that race which aided him greatly.

- **#4 PEA RIDGE** finished very well when making his first start against winners at two-turns last time; he remains unexposed and could be really well suited to today's long stretch run; player.
- Think Toledo might want another go at that last race on **#5 COMPATRIOT**: the horse took a keen hold and worked forward to lead on the rail early through a 25.44 opening quarter, but Toledo then conceded the lead and settled him back in behind horses on the turn; the pair dropped 4-5L back rounding into the stretch (when they could have actually retained the lead) before running on well again late for a staying on 3rd; feel that if he'd held his forward position he could have gone even closer; blinkers on today could be a good move.
- There was a small speed bias present at Delaware when **#7 THE GREAT OSCAR** finished 3rd courtesy of a forward trip last time.

Race 8: Allowance, 3YO+, 1 1/16 Miles, Turf

Horse	Race	Trip	Note
#10 HANKSDIVININGROD	MD Million Turf, LRL, 1 1/8M, Firm Turf, 10/24/26 – 5th	Unhurried; settled ~9L off fast pace first turn; advanced steadily between foes back stretch; waited with tight between horses ~6L off lead far turn, then steadied ¼; turned for home behind a wall of horses ~5L back, then found himself blocked and steadied all the way to ~1/16 pole; switched out and finally got rolling late on but the game was up.	**A good pace setup for him didn't matter as he wasn't able to run until inside the final 1/16; he did well to finish as close as he did and could potentially have gone close with better luck; upgrade this effort and expect more today, especially if the pace is on.**

Other notes:

- **#2 SPRING DECISION** went a little too fast for his own good on the dirt last time, posting fractions of 22.90, 47.04 for the 1 1/16M contest; a more patient ride with blinkers off switching back to turf today should see him to better effect.
- **#3 CENTER** showed a nice mix of speed and stamina in his debut at Presque Isle, laying up with fractions of 21.73, 44.23 before staying on strongly through the wire to win going away; he could be well suited by today's stretch out in trip.
- **#5 GALATOWN GUY** pricked his ears and looked to idle when in front through the stretch at Delaware last time, allowing the runner-up to get to within a 1/4L of him at the wire; the visual and his gallop out point towards him having had more left in reserve that the margin of victory suggests, and it wouldn't be a surprise to see him step up again facing tougher foes today.
- **#7 SOUNDBITE** really had no excuse last time when he set a slow, uncontested pace over a speed bias track at Delaware; he'll likely need more getting back to the turf today.
- **#8 MERITORIOUS** was ultra game to endure a good ¼ mile stretch battle and win off a 530-day layoff two-back; he could play another major role today getting back to the grass third back.

Race 9: OC62k/N1X Allowance, 2YO (F), 6 Furlongs, Dirt

Other notes:

- Racing off a 98-day layoff, **#1 GO NEW YORK GO** became fractious in the gate, then went far too fast for his own good last time, setting fractions of 22.98, 46.48 which led to a pace collapse; he can certainly offer more second back if rationing out his speed more efficiently over 6F.
- **#2 HIDDEN RHYTHM** was very (too) headstrong at a mile last time and could be seen to better effect cut back in trip today.
- There was no fluke about **#3 SILVER STRING**'s 31/1 win when making his debut for Ness last time: he comfortably set honest fractions in front, came under a ride in upper stretch and then powered away from his rivals with exceptional energy; he should have no problem with the cut back in trip today and is highly respected.

- Although the pace was contested and fractions solid for the class level, speed actually held well in **#4 MOMMA OMA**'s debut race, with the first three positioned runners at first call (odds of 2/1, 22/1 and 28/1) eventually finishing 2-3-4 behind MOMMA, making her wide rally from over 10L back to score even more impressive; she'll need to step forward today, but there were things to like about the debut win. Note: she lugged in through the lane on debut.
- **#5 KATZ ON FIRE** was arguably a little better than the winning margin suggests when breaking her maiden in first time blinkers last out, as she dueled through some taxing fractions early; her effort is deserving of a pace upgrade.
- **#6 JUST GIA** was a visually impressive winner last time and will demand respect today, period; however, it should be noted that there was slight speed bias at Delaware on October 15 which possibly aided her.
- **#7 SWEET BOURBON TEA** took advantage of a pace collapse when finishing 2nd at 35/1 last time (downgrade), and while it's true that she was slightly in narrow quarters ~3/16 pole, she didn't have to check or halt her momentum, and it made no difference to her effort.
- **#8 FLOREANA** overcame a slightly wider than ideal trip when gamely getting up late to break her maiden last time and should be capable of more second out with a more ground saving trip, especially if she switches leads (which she failed to do on debut).

Race 10: Claiming 7.5k, 3YO+ (F), 1 Mile, Dirt

Other notes:

- Having been outpaced from the start, **#2 LEGAL LIGHTNING** then stayed on well enough at Parx last time to suggest today's stretch back out in trip will see her to better effect.
- There was a speed bias present when **#3 EIMAR** finished 3rd courtesy of a forward trip at Delaware last time.
- There was a strong speed bias present when **#4 VALEIRE STREET** finished 3rd when last seen. **#5 DANNI'S RHYTHM** also exits that race, although she didn't do enough to suggest the track impacted her effort in any way.

Horses to Follow

R3: ZEVON (4/1 ML)

ZEVON massively outran his 27/1 odds in the MD Million Turf when last seen, beaten just 3 lengths into fourth despite an extremely tough trip. He now gets some class relief in today's third and, if in similar form to last time, could be going very close for Hodsdon.

R5: HARD FREEZE (12/1 ML)

Despite having been far too aggressive and keen early, **HARD FREEZE** ran well for a long way before fading late when last seen taking on open MSW foes at a mile. Turf specialist Stettinius now takes the blinkers off, which should help him relax and save more for the stretch run. Combining that factor with the drop in class, he has to be taken seriously at a price given he's shown glimpses of promise in the past.

R8: HANKSDIVININGROD (20/1 ML)

Having remained under a hammerlock until inside the final furlong before rallying with good energy for fifth, but far too late to threaten the winner, **HANKSDIVININGROD** arguably endured the toughest trip of all horses on MD Million Day. Now dropping back in class to face foes he's held his own against in the past, he deserves a second look at a big price following that most recent try, especially as there's ample speed signed on.

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 - :50.20 at CD on 11/7)*
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: Jeiron Barbosa: #2 - Queen of Dreams; #3 - Mended Heart; #9 - Extra Special >>> **Barbosa rides EXTRA SPECIAL**
Race 2: Matilda Burnham: #1 - Skip Thru Da Fire; #3 - Christy My Love >>> **BURNHAM rides CHRISTY MY LOVE**
Race 3: Jose Batista: #5 - Timshel; #14 - Babble >>> **Batista rides TIMSHEL**
Race 3: Horacio Karamanos: #3 - Zevon; #10 - Luca Machine >>> **Karamanos rides ZEVON**
Race 5: Jaime Rodriguez: #1 D Bigalow (MTO); #10 - President Camacho (MTO) >>> **Rodriguez rides D BIGALOW**
Race 6: Horacio Karamanos: #3 - Jigger; #14 - Oxford Union >>> **Karamanos rides JIGGER**
Race 8: Jeiron Barbosa: #2 - Spring Decision: #8 - Meritorious; #9 - Plenty On Tap >>> **Barbosa rides MERITORIOUS**
Race 8: Jaime Rodriguez: #3 - Center; #5 - Galatown Guy >>> **Rodriguez rides CENTER**
Race 10: Leandro Briceno: #4 - Valerie Street; #5 - Danni's Rhythm >>> **Briceno rides DANNI'S RHYTHM**

PAST TRACK TRENDS

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