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TODAY'S SELECTIONS FROM THE TMJC TEAM



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TODAY'S ANALYSIS - by Dan Illman

>> RACE 1

1. LOCOMOTIVE

2. MINISTER

3. PRETTY JIMMY

LOCOMOTIVE broke inward slightly, battled inside the 20-1 sixth-finisher through a quick quarter, opened up a clear lead, then understandably tired. The fifth-finisher next graduated at Fair Grounds for \$30,000 with a 71 Beyer before running third in a starter/first-level allowance with a 71. Expect fresh speed in first following six-month break. **MINISTER**, listed as a Penn National vet scratch on 5/1, has turf pedigree as both of the dam's victories came on grass. Shows a solid string of works for this, his first as a gelding, and it's worth noting he took money for both dirt races. Barn went 5 for the last 17 (29%, \$2.09 ROI) with third-out maidens. Rodriguez lands here instead of D Hopper and Fortheloveofrun. Keep an eye on **PRETTY JIMMY**, who didn't have the easiest trip in most recent turf start. Stalked outside behind a fast pace, was bumped, blocked, and forced to alter course in midstretch, then finished evenly while over in behind foes. The runner-up then placed for \$24,000 with a 62 Beyer. Gained fitness last month when wired over speed-friendly dirt track. Z BOGDAN hooked up with a 117-1 last-finisher, dismissed that one, then tired in career debut. Should show rail speed. Back to reality for FORTHELOVEOFRUN, who raced two turns against winners in turf debut.

>> RACE 2

1. DINE AND DASH

2. IN MY MEMORIES

3. ISLAND DREAM GIRL

DINE AND DASH is unbeaten from two starts over this circuit with Lasix, and looked pretty good last month. Posted a solid opening quarter fraction while hounded by two outer rivals, opened up on the turn, then stayed to her task. Barn sent out three repeat winners last month at odds ranging between 5-1 and 9-1. Gets a pace and class test here, but wonder if she can rate just off the early leaders. **IN MY MEMORIES**, listed as a Thistledown vet scratch on 4/21, is the lone three-time winner in the field. Broke slow last time at Mahoning, settled at the back, split rivals on the turn, altered four wide in upper stretch, then altered back inside the winner when lugging in late. The eighth-finisher next ran second in a \$20,000 "non-two" seller at Keeneland with a 62 Beyer. Beaten favorite in last three starts can get closer to the pace here. **ISLAND DREAM GIRL** tracked a quick pace five wide, was hung out four-five wide through the turn and into the stretch, then finished evenly despite being very late to change leads. Still finished ahead of three of these rivals, and should save much more ground breaking from the rail. Torrealba lands here instead of Notiptoni.

>> RACE 3

1. DATS MR. TAP

2. KEEN SURGE

3. BABY OSCAR

DATS MR. TAP ran better than it looks when wired in a slow-paced race. Steadied in between in the opening furlong, he saved ground near the back, raced outside in midpack after a half, made an early four-wide bid into contention on the second turn, then flattened out. Barn sent out two winners since 4/26, including "second-off-the-layoff" performer Coal Mine at 7-2 odds. **KEEN SURGE** showed talent despite looking green in Tampa Bay maiden win. Broke slow, saved ground near the back behind a hot pace, made a four-wide bid on the second turn, then blew by the leader despite swapping leads.

several times. The runner-up next graduated for \$16,000 there with a 66 Beyer. Barn went 5 for the last 23 (22%, \$2.73 ROI) with last-out winners off the claim. **BABY OSCAR** received a lovely ride when winning seasonal debut. Sent up to set the pace, he backed down the second quarter in 25.87, then had enough left despite swapping leads several times. This race flow projects as tougher. **MORTAL SIN** deserves a long look if able to escape the Also Eligible list. **WHIZBANG** aimed way too high in first out of the maiden ranks when wired in a first-level allowance. **GATTO BE PROUD** finished ahead of the top pick when a late-running third in turf return. **BOYS OF SUMMER** switches surfaces out of stakes-placed turf router **Promise of Spring** (92 dirt Beyer). Rodriguez lands here instead of **Sigmund**.

>> RACE 4

1. SUPERPOWER

2. NATIONAL LAW

3. AMY'S MUSIC

SUPERPOWER was gallant in defeat in circuit and two-turn debut. Tracked a very fast pace, raced four wide and in between after a half-mile, made a three-wide bid to the front at the seven-sixteenths, eventually grabbed the lead and the rail, and hung in there gamely for third. Might not have to work as hard to obtain forward position this time around. **NATIONAL LAW** graduated at Parx despite lugging out badly in the stretch. The runner-up then placed in a statebred special weight in New York with a 59 Beyer. Blinkers off might help him focus better on the task at hand. Ruiz departs this one and **Top Blood** for **Tavern Time**. **AMY'S MUSIC** received a fine setup when finishing ahead of three of these, including the top pick, two back. Although he hopped at the start and broke last, he settled behind that blistering pace, made a three-wide bid entering the second turn, split foes at the quarter pole, eased three wide again, and was rebuffed by a horse that next ran second in the **Federico Tesio** with an 83 Beyer. In too tough last time against first-level allowance foes on turf at Keeneland. **TAVERN TIME** received an excellent setup rallying from off fast fractions to graduate at Keeneland.

>> RACE 5

1. GREAT ARTIST

2. AGENT KELLY

3. GO TO BINGO

GREAT ARTIST (\$18,000 yearling) is by a 17% debut sire out of an unraced half-sister to Grade 3-winning dirt router **Beach View** (98 dirt Beyer). The second dam was a stakes-winning turf router (92 wet-dirt Beyer). The April 30 work matches barn's 6-year-old **Icing** (83 wet-dirt Beyer top). Perhaps they breezed in company. **AGENT KELLY** saved ground in midpack behind a hot pace, eased out into the stretch, then rallied for the place in final start of 2024. The fifth-finisher next graduated at Fair Grounds for \$30,000 with a 71 Beyer before running third in a starter/first-level allowance with a 71. He's hit the board in his last six starts and can work out a nice tactical trip from the second flight or so. **Briceno** lands here instead of **GO TO BINGO**, who broke sharp on turf two back, pressed the favored ninth-finisher outside, then tired after hopping to his left lead. Faced three next-out winners in that spot with the third-finisher next winning two in a row with Beyers of 60 and 67. Should get close to the pace with Lasix on. **CHAPIN ELEVEN**, **FURIOUS GEORGE** and **ALL FRUITS RIPE** deserve respect if able to escape the Also Eligible list. **SHANE FALCO** was wired over synthetic at Turfway. The third-finisher then graduated for \$30,000 there with a 60 Beyer.

>> RACE 6

1. GRAYSON'S GIRL

2. TUNED TO THE MOON

3. DIVINE WORKS

GRAYSON'S GIRL showed no rust returning from lengthy layoff at Laurel. Wasn't away the best, settled outside at the back, swept outside them on the turn, and drew away. Hoping she shows a bit more positional speed with that race under her girth. **TUNED TO THE MOON** chased outside the rail-

skimming, pace-setting winner over an inside-friendly Laurel track in a race where they ran 1-2-3 around. The winner then placed in a state-sired allowance at Parx with a 69 Beyer. **DIVINE WORKS** settled off a moderate pace, then overcame that speed-friendly track when besting odds-on Gulfstream shipper Maerdama. Appears to be rounding into her best form. SHKHARA FIRE is a very consistent performer that can be counted on to kick in the stretch.

>> RACE 7

1. CESNOLA

2. KUNOOZ

3. BOLD LICORICE

Taking a guess with **CESNOLA**, who hasn't run well in five starts against winners, but looked pretty good graduating at Delaware last summer. Certainly received the right closer's trip in that race as he saved ground behind hot splits, angled four wide into the clear, and wore them down. Never got involved on Fair Grounds sod two back when behind You're On Mute, who then ran third in a \$30,000 "non-two" there with a 69 Beyer. Should get some pace to attack. **KUNOOZ** also ships in moving dirt to turf, and he earned a big Beyer two back when wiring a field over a speed-friendly Turfway surface. Stretches out significantly in distance with the pedigree to last the trip, and is expected to get close to the early pace. **BOLD LICORICE** settled in midpack behind a very fast pace (23.93; 22.65), made a three-wide bid on the turn, eased four deep into the stretch, and ran on despite being late to change leads. The runner-up then placed in a \$40,000 "non-two" with a 72 Beyer. Could get another favorable race flow. GREY FLANNEL BOSS drops in class after being wired in a slow-paced race. Should get a stronger setup.

>> RACE 8

1. MIA TOSCA

2. NORTHERN GLOW

3. NEXT GIRL

MIA TOSCA won moving sprint to route last year, and received a nice sprint prep in first start following 245-day layoff. Broke slow, tracked the pace from a loose pocket, saved ground near the back, split rivals on the turn, and finished willingly. Kicks late for barn that went 7 for the last 20 (35%, \$3.04 ROI) going sprint to route in the second after 180-365 days. **NORTHERN GLOW** was blitzed by odds-on Takethemoneyhoney over speed-friendly Laurel track. Saved ground at the back, split horses on the turn, then tried hard for fourth despite never threatening the impressive winner. Late-runner might be racing himself back into shape for barn that went 13 for the last 36 (36%, \$3.11 ROI) going third after 180-365 day layoffs. **NEXT GIRL** went away for 155 days after running down a first-level allowance group in final start last year. Dominated a group of "non-two" claimers over this course and distance last year. Another late-runner that would benefit from pace help.

>> RACE 9

1. ITHINKILOVEYOU

2. MENDREL

3. LADY D'ORO

ITHINKILOVEYOU worked hard pressing inside the 43-1 ninth-finisher through solid fractions of 22.21 and 22.73, opened up turning into the stretch, flashed her tail when shown the whip, then just had enough in the tank to fend off the runner-up. Guessing we'll see aggressive tactics once again breaking from the rail draw. **MENDREL** was wired at Turfway last time out. Broke slow, raced three wide and in between from midpack, made an inside bid on the turn, eased out to split rivals in the stretch, then gave an even finish. The fifth-finisher next took a first-level allowance there with a 62 Beyer. Plenty of turf pedigree as a half-sister to Grade 3-placed grass miler Resolve, and she should show more speed for new barn that went 41 for 120 (34%, \$2.03 ROI) between 2/14 and 5/8. **LADY D'ORO** drops in class and distance after tiring badly going two turns. Cleared off to set the pace along the fence, tried

to sneak away through a quick third quarter in 23.40, and failed to stay. The third finisher then took a restricted first-level allowance over Gulfstream's Tapeta with a 78 Beyer. Barn went 5 for the last 10 (50%, \$6.88 ROI with turf horses returning from 180-365 day layoffs).

KALI'S KEY – by Kali Francois

Race 3, #3 Gatto Be Proud

Connections are looking forward to the extra distance with this one; took a touch and over half of the race. to settle coming off of sprinting efforts. This guy got refreshed with a new green environment! He's a tough ride, because he takes awhile to get the motor rolling (which is exactly why his gallop out wasn't fantastic). He will need every bit of the mile and an eighth today.

MACK'S FACTS – by Mackenzie Pfeiffer

R1: Locomotive had 3 solid turf tries last year and tries blinkers for the second time on the grass. Rodriguez is named on 3 here, keep an eye on where he lands.

R2: In My Memories seems the speed of the speed, but she has struggled to sustain going 3/4 mi. Notiptoni arrives second lasix and winner last out, from a race which already produced a next out winner.

R3: Dominguez adds a bit more ground and Ruiz back in the irons for a 2nd off the bench effort here. Gatto Be Proud ran an impressive trying effort against a g2w winner last out, curious how he takes to this distance today.

R4: Hot Stott ran an ok race last out but was caught wide and late to the party, could this inside post help him sit a bit closer to the action for a well-timed finish? Amy's Music stepped up first time on the turf over at KEE, transferring back seems logical and short priced.

R5: Shane Falco ran well on the turf for his debut but hasn't shown as much on the AW. He arrives 2nd Lasix here and takes another class drop, key player if he can run back to his debut effort. Keep an eye on Agent Kelly, a few near misses but the barn is doing well off the break.

R6: We haven't seen as much from Grayson's Girl as some of the others but she overcame trouble in her 3 y/o debut to win going away. Plenty of pace in here, I land with the close stalking types to prevail on top.

R7: Cesnola is intriguing for a price as many trips have been a bit messy. Cedenno has been able to work out a winning ride on this one before, perhaps the inner post could help avoid shuffling and set things up for the right trip early on.

R8: Majestic Creed has muddied form but intrigues, she has shown ability to get loose on the lead and take them g2w. Perhaps this spot allows her to do the same? Next Girl and Northern Glow have both run well at PIM before, both winners over the course.

R9: Ithinkiloveyou lands all the way inside with plenty of speed, she took pressure well in her last outing but seems opposed to anything other than a hand ride. This may set her up for a bit more pressure today for her first try against winners.

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TODAY'S HOT TRAINER STATS

RACE 1

#3 - Minister

Trainer: Anthony Pecoraro

Third-Out Maidens: 5 for the last 17 (29%, \$2.09 ROI)

RACE 3

#4 - Keen Surge

Trainer: Richard Sillaman

Last-Out Winners, First After Claim: 5 for the last 23 (22%, \$2.73 ROI)

RACE 8

1 - Mia Tosca

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Sprint to Route, Second After 180-365

Days: 7 for the last 20 (35%, \$3.04 ROI)

RACE 8

5 - Northern Glow

Trainer: Brittany Russell

Third After 180-365: 13 for the last 36 (36%, \$3.11 ROI)

RACE 9

#9 - Mendrel

Trainer: Brittany Russell

Between 2/14 and 5/8: 41 for 120 (34%, \$2.03 ROI)

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

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Race 7: Claiming 25k, 3YO+, 1 1/8m, Turf

HORSE	RACE	TRIP NOTE
BOOKITWITHHADDAD	Clm15k, Aqu, 6 1/2F, Fast, 04/03/25 – 6th	'BOOKIT' shied away from his rivals breaking form the inside post position which left him chasing the field in a detached last early. He managed to tag onto the back of the body of the field running into the far turn but then became outpaced shortly after & came under a ride. From there, he failed to respond to pressure & remained well behind to the wire. Broke slow after ducking in, then never factored. Uninspiring with no visible excuse & he didn't look like he wanted to go further either. Maybe better on turf though?
ARTWELL	Alw, Mnr, 1M, Fast, 04/27/25 – 2nd	'ARTWELL' broke sharp, crossed to the rail & sped to the lead early where he set a clear, uncontested pace under a hold to the far turn. He was still ~2L in front ~1/4 pole with his rivals under pressure behind when he then began treading water himself & came under a ride. Despite looking to try hard, his lead was then steadily reduced in the stretch & he was caught late, eventually settling for second. Ran a big race in defeat, nearly going gate to wire as the longest shot on the board. He was gifted an uncontested lead from the start though which almost certainly helped. It's unlikely he'll find himself in the same scenario today.

CESNOLA	Clm20k, FG, 1M, Fast, 04/16/25 – 7th	‘CESNOLA’ broke slow & dropped well back early where he reminded while 2-4W to the far turn. He then looked to make a move around horses on the far turn but failed to do so, came under a strong ride & ran evenly in rear to the wire. At 84/1, he never factored with seemingly no excuse. Very uninspiring.
LIL SEBASTIAN	Clm20k, Lrl, 1M, Muddy, 12/20/24 – 2nd	‘SEB’ broke sharp from the outside gate but was then restrained to rear where he chased the pace under a hold in the clear 5W heading to the far turn. He then made a 4W advance under a hold rounding the far turn, moving to within 1L of the pace ~5/16 pole. He was then nudged along rounding into the stretch & drew up alongside the leader before straightening for the drive & coming under a ride. From there, he finished willingly at one pace to the wire to finish a close second after making a late lead change & having to alter course inside in the a final 1/8th. ‘SEB’ traveled very well into this race & only went down by a 1/2L, despite having made a 4W move on the bend, a late lead change & a course alteration on the stretch. He was arguably best in this race & with lasix on today, likely capable of more. Effort followed by layoff.
MO JOKE	Clm40k, Lrl, 5 1/2F, Good, 04/26/25 – 5th	‘MO’ was jostled around a touch leaving the gate & slow into stride which left him chasing the pace 2W in mid-pack. He then came under a ride on the far turn & angled out into the 4P but failed to really quicken approaching the top of the stretch. Having then come under a strong ride at the top off the stretch, he ran home at one pace to for a well beaten 5 th without threatening. Ignore the chart comment ‘in close quarters start’ – the jostling was insignificant. ‘MO’ never really got involved in this race despite a clean trip, however, he looked outpaced at the distance but didn’t shorten stride much, so today’s extra yardage should help. He showed a willing attitude too. Not a discouraging turf debut with today’s race in mind.
TRUE FAITH	SA, Pen, 1M 70yds, Fast, 04/25/25 – 5th	‘TF’ broke outwards & slowly from the outside draw, then chased the pace in rear 4W to ~1/2m pole. From there, he came under a ride & made an eye-catching advance 3-4W around horses around the far turn, moving forward to be just 2L back ~1/4 pole. He was then impeded & floated out by a rival who bolted off the turn – that checked his momentum somewhat & put him on the back foot while also losing him precious ground. He then came under a strong ride in the centre but could not fully regather his momentum & plodded home for 5 th . A troubled trip – he was making a bold move on the far turn but then impeded ~1/4 pole which checked his momentum & from there, he couldn’t recover. Not saying he’d have won with a clean trip, but he was certainly running okay to ~1/4 pole.
KUNOOZ	Alw, Ind, 5 1/2F, Fast, 04/16/25 – 6th	‘KUNOOZ’ broke out & bumped hard with a rival at the break, then chased the pace ~2L back between horses to the far turn. He then came under a ride on the far turn but his response was only even & from the top of the stretch, he faded along the rail. Ignore the chart comment ‘steadied between foes early’ – that didn’t happen. He sat a clean trip here following a tardy break but weakened in the stretch with no visible excuse. Not sure he wants two turns off this effort either, though the move to turf could help.
KEY STAT (MTO)	MC25k, Lrl, 1M, Good, 04/06/25 – 1st	Following a clean break, ‘KS’ comfortably tracked the pace in the clear 2W to the far turn. He then made a quick move to take a clear lead on the far turn & sprinted away. All his rivals were under pressure when he turned into the stretch under a hold ~7L in front & from there, he coasted home under the gentlest of handling. Clean trip. Not sure what he beat, but he hardly came off the bridle in a visually impressive romping effort. Surely has more to offer.
PURE REALIZATION	Clm12k, Lrl, 1 1/16M, Fast, 10/19/25 – 6th	‘PR’ broke sharp enough but was then out sped, caught 4W on the first turn & dropped back to the rear of the body of the field before he then lost ground & became detached from the main body of the field running down the back stretch. He then came under a strong ride on the far turn but failed to respond inside & never factored thereafter. No real excuse – he lost contact with the field heading down the back stretch & then never got back into the race. Uninspiring.
BOLD LICORICE	Clm30k, Lrl, 1 1/16M, Firm, 11/09/24 – 4th	‘BL’ was not rushed from the outside gate & settled in mid-pack running into the far turn where he was then caught 3W. He remained wide in mid-pack to the far turn where he was then nudged along but lost ground & became a touch outpaced while wide again. He turned for home 4W & well back, seemingly without a chance, but he then stayed on nicely into 4th the stretch, narrowly missing the show spot. Was wide on both turns which no doubt cost him 3rd. Lacked speed & then became outpaced on the far turn but finished well. Looked all stamina – doesn’t want to get stopped & the faster they go the better.
GREY FLANNEL BOSS	Clm40k, Lrl, 1M, Firm, 04/25/25 – 10th	‘GFB’ was slow into stride & dropped to rear early, then ran keen & fought the rider in behind horses running into the first turn. The rider then took him wide to get him off heels. The pair finally settled in the clear towards rear running down the back stretch. From ~1/2 mile pole, he became outpaced & received a nudge from the rider but failed to respond & from there, he remained well back to the wire, never factoring & weakening further late. Lacked speed, then ran keen behind horses early before folding ~1/2 mile pole. An uninspiring & unprofessional performance.

ELFUEGOMASBRILANTE	Clm16k, Lrl, 1M, Firm, 04/19/25 – 1st	‘ELF’ was jostled noticeably at the start & left racing in rear 2W early. He remained in that position to ~1/2 mile pole where he then advanced under a hold between horses running into the far turn & made an effortless 4W move around horses on the bend. He joined the leading group 4W ~1/4 pole, turned for home looking the winner, came under strong ride at the top of the stretch & gradually edged away late. This was solid effort off the layoff & one that, having been bothered at the start & then forced wide on the far turn, he can improve upon somewhat.
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Race 8: OC 40k/N2X, 3YO+F, 1 1/16M, Dirt

HORSE	RACE	TRIP NOTE
VIENNESE WALTZ	SA, Lrl, 1 1/8M, Fast, 04/05/25 – 1st	‘VW’ was not rushed from the gate & dropped back into mid-pack on the rail early where she was nudged along to keep up. She held that position, despite not traveling that well, to ~5/8 pole, but then became a touch outpaced as the pace quickened & dropped to last under a stronger ride, though she was still in touch. Around the far turn, she was hard ridden in a detached last & seemingly had no chance, turning for home ~7L off the pace 5W. Then, under a strong ride, she launched a monster rally down the centre, quickly engulfing the entire field to win snugly. Never really traveled & looked booked for last rounding into the stretch but then rallied impressively & won easily in the end. Seemingly all stamina – the faster they go the better. Feel she could have more in the locker under the right circumstances.
SHEILAS WARCLOUD	Alw, Lrl, 6F, Fast, 04/19/25 – 3rd	‘SW’ was slowly into stride & dropped to a detached last early where she chased the pace under pressure to the far turn. She then came under a more vigorous ride on the bend & began making minor headway around horses 4W to the top of the stretch. She turned for home 5W & still 9L off the pace, then stayed on well at one pace to the wire, passing tired foes to hit the wire in a photo for the place spot which she lost. Sat a largely clean trip here although she was wide on the turn which almost certainly cost her 2nd. She was outpaced throughout but then stayed on well, suggesting today’s stretch out will be to her advantage.
MIA TOSCA	Alw, Prx, 6 1/2F, Fast, 04/28/25 – 4th	‘MIA’ broke slowly in rear, then advanced slightly under pressure to chase the pace along the rail in mid-pack to ~1/2 mile pole. She then became outpaced approaching the bend & dropped back before coming under a more vigorous ride. She failed to land a blow from thereon, however, having been taken 3-4W on the far turn, she did respond well to pressure & offer a small but likable rally into 4th. Sat a largely clean although she did come wide into the stretch. Was outpaced, then finished well, suggesting today’s extra yardage will suit.
LOVELY CHARM	Alw, Lrl, 1M, Good, 04/13/25 – 5th	‘LC’ broke well & then traveled well tracking the pace between horses to the far turn but then started struggling & dropped back under a ride ~7/16 pole. She turned for home fully extended ~13L off the pace & from there, never factored with an even finishing effort. Clean trip. Began struggling ~1/2 mile pole & never got back into the race. Uninspiring without a visible excuse.
NORTHERN GLOW	Alw, Lrl, 1M, Good, 04/13/25 – 4th	‘NG’ was not rushed from the inside gate & quickly dropped back to a detached last early where she remained under patient handling to the far turn. She then began to advance between rivals under minimal urging on the bend, moving into 5 th but still well back at the top of the stretch. From there, she came under a strong ride & finished evenly past tired horses into 4 th but never really factored. Clean trip. Was allowed to drop well back early & never really got back into the race from there. Fairly uninspiring.
MAJESTIC CREED	Alw, Lrl, 1M, Good, 04/13/25 – 8th	‘MC’ bobbled slightly at the break & got away slowly but then quickly rushed up inside & took the lead ~7/8 pole. She was then taken on for the lead & dueled along the rail to the far turn before she began to struggle & dropped back under a pressure. She turned for home ~5L off the pace in 4 th & from there, weakened to the wire. Possibly did too much too soon but was done much earlier than one would have liked. A below par effort.
NEXT GIRL	Alw, Lrl, 7F, Fast, 12/07/24 – 1st	‘NG’ took a hefty bump at the start, then lacked speed & dropped to rear early where she remained in the 3P to ~9/16 pole. She was then nudged along & made an effortless move around horses 4W on the turn, advancing to be within 1L of the lead with good momentum behind her ~1/4 pole. From there, she carried her forward momentum 4W into the stretch, came under a strong ride, gradually worked her way by the leaders ~1/8 th pole & drew off. A solid win that featured an impressive & sustained 4W move on the far turn. Hit the line hard in a manner that suggests today’s stretch back out in trip will be to her advantage. Effort followed by layoff.

Race 9: Claiming 40k, 3YO+F, 5F, Turf

HORSE	RACE	TRIP NOTE
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ITHINKILOVEYOU	MSW, Lrl, 5 1/2F, Firm, 04/25/25 – 1st	‘ITHINKILOVEYOU’ broke sharp & was hustled to the front early where she dueled for the lead along the rail to the top of the stretch. She then came under a ride & gradually edged away into a clear advantage. She looked tired inside the final 1/16 & her lead was reduced late but she was comfortably safe. A very solid effort dueling for the lead before opening up in the stretch. She looked tired inside the final 1/16 so today’s cut back to a flat 5F will certainly suit. Feel she has more in the locker.
SHARMIN	Clm40k, Lrl, 5 1/2F, Firm, 04/19/25 – 5th	‘SHARMIN’ was caught tight between foes leaving the gate & forced to check back to last where she then chased the pace in the clear 4W. She remained well back, despite coming under a ride, to the top of the stretch, then worked out into the centre of the track in the stretch & rallied into 5 th but was never really a factor. A troubled start made life difficult for her here. She finished well but simply had too much to do & is likely capable of more.
SWEET SUMMER LOVE	SA, Lrl, 5 1/2F, Firm, 04/27/25 – 10th	‘SSL’ worked across from the wide outside gate to closely stalk the pace in the clear heading into & around the far turn. She then moved closer to the lead to almost eyeball the leader between horses at the top of the stretch, looking a live player. However, she then came under a ride & quickly weakened to finish a long way behind. Worked forward into a dangerous position from her wide draw but then stopped. Possibly did too much too soon but regardless, her finish was underwhelming.
LADY D’ORO	Alw, Lrl, 1 1/16M, Firm, 10/24/25 – 10th	Under minimal urging, ‘LD’ worked forward to the lead, crossed to the rail & set a slow, uncontested pace to the far turn. She was then challenged entering the far turn & came under slight pressure. She initially responded well to her rider’s urgings & quickened to retain the lead to the top of the stretch. However, her head then came up, she wandered around in a concerning manner & stopped fast while being eased. Was running a likable race to the top of the stretch but then stopped in a concerning fashion. Effort followed by layoff – something amiss?
CONCEPTUALIZE	Clm40k, Lrl, 5 1/2F, Firm, 04/19/25 – 8th	‘CONCEPTUALIZE’ bumped with a rival at the start but then recovered & worked forward to vie for a contested lead between horses running into the far turn. She then advanced to take a slim lead 3W on the far turn & turned for home with a fractional advantage but then came under a strong ride, became leg weary ~1/8 th pole & weakened quickly thereafter. Was set a tough task dueling for the lead between horses 3W to the top of the stretch. She hung around gamely to the 1/8th pole but then understandably tired. Today’s cut back to a flat 5F should suit.
CHANTICO	Alw, Lrl, 5 1/2F, Firm, 04/18/25 – 11th	‘CHANTICO’ was trying to establish a comfortable mid-pack position early when she was put in very tight ~5/8 pole & forced to check sharply back to a detached last. From there, she never recovered. Was 90/1, so who knows what she was going to do. However, this race can be tossed.
NEW BOOTS	Clm10k, Pen, 6F, Fast, 03/20/25 – 3rd	‘NB’ broke sharp & sped to the lead early where he set an uncontested pace to ~5/16 pole. She was then challenged & came under a ride but found little off the bridle & weakened into a poor 3rd. Clean trip. Weak finish. Uninspiring without a visible excuse.
LOST RIVER	MC30k, Lrl, 6F, Fast, 03/28/25 – 1st	‘LR’ showed great speed under minimal urging from the outside gate, crossed & set an honest pace early. She traveled powerfully in front with an uncontested lead before responding well to a strong ride form ~¼ pole that saw her continue running hard through the stretch & hold her advantage to the wire. Gate to wire. Great early speed & finishing effort. Solid in victory with potentially more to offer. Action suggests a return to turf will be fine.
MENDREL	Alw, TP, 6F, Synth, 02/13/25 – 4th	‘MENDREL’ broke a step slow & got away towards the rear before advancing under a hold between horses running to the far turn. She then dropped to the rail on the far turn & found a beautiful split to advance under a hold running to the top of the stretch. Having then turned for home ~4L off the pace, she tipped out into the 2P & came under a ride however, she didn’t find much off the bridle & only just did enough to hold fourth. Perfect rail trip. Having broken slowly, she traveled well & advanced nicely to the top of the stretch but then found disappointingly little off the bridle & only just held 4th. Only an okay effort.
MY VANILLA	Clm25k, Aqu, 6F, Good, 02/07/25 – 3rd	‘MV’ broke sharp & sped to a clear lead early where she set a fast pace to ~3/16 pole. She then started to become leg weary & came under a strong ride in the stretch. Her lead was reduced & she lost the lead ~1/16 pole before fading to a tired 3 rd . Simply went too hard in front & then stopped. Feel today’s cut back to 5F on the turf will help (it will need to). Effort followed by layoff.
LOVE PARK (AE)	MSW, Prx, 6F, Fast, 04/14/25 – 1st	‘LP’ broke a touch flat footed from the rail draw but was then hustled forward to the lead where he set a pressured pace along the rail to ~1/4 pole. Having drifted into the 2P, he was then challenged & came under a ride. Gamely, he responded well to pressure & kicked away again in the stretch & held firm to the wire. A likable debut effort. Showed good speed & responded well to pressure late. Has the potential to make up into a nice horse.

Horses to Follow

R7: MO JOKE (5/1 ML)

MO JOKE was sent off at odds of 55/1 for his turf debut last out and never threatened on the win end. However, as noted in the above trip notes, he ran a promising race with today's test in mind, staying on into fifth with a willing attitude and unfatigued strides after being outpaced early over 5 1/2-furlongs. His run suggested that today's extra yardage would be to his advantage. Dropping in class, he doesn't need a big leap from his 57-Beyer to be competitive this afternoon. With top contenders BOLD LICORICE and LIL SEBASTIAN returning from layoffs and morning-line favorite KUNOOZ unproven at two turns, MO JOKE shapes up as a compelling option.

R8: MIA TOSCA (9/2 ML)

Today's eighth race lacks early speed, which could set things up perfectly for MIA TOSCA. The Jamie Ness trained 6-year-old daughter of ANIMAL KINGDOM returned off a 245-day layoff with a promising run over 6 1/2-furlongs at Parx last time, rallying into fourth having been outpaced early. Now making her second start of the form cycle with a stretch back out to two turns in her favor, she can sit close to what projects to be a modest pace, get the jump on her main rivals, and take some passing late.

Note: Jamie Ness hits at 28% (7-for-25, \$2.43 ROI) with horses moving from a sprint to route in their second start off a 180+ day break.

R9: SHARMIN (9/2 ML)

Trainer Hugh McMahon and in-form apprentice Yedsit Hazlewood have combined for a 31% strike rate this year (\$2.20 ROI), so SHARMIN naturally warrants attention in today's nightcap. The Larry Rabold owned 4-year-old daughter of MOSLER was turned over at odds of 5/2 last time however, as noted in the above trip notes, a troubled beginning essentially did for her chances. In her prior turf start however - her only other turf race using both lasix and blinkers - she flashed early speed and pulled away for a confident 2 3/4-length win, earning a 65 Beyer that stacks up well against today's field. And so, as she now returns to make her second start off the layoff with a precious 7lbs off her back, a chance can be taken on her to put that troubled recent effort behind her and bounce back to form at an inflated price.

FUTURE HORSES TO WATCH

PERSIAN

Trainer: Linda Albert

Last race: Nov. 3, 4th

Finish: 4th by 7 1/4

Shuffled back to last on the rail behind a tiring pacesetter, she finished evenly along the fence in a race that produced three next-out winners.

LIL SEBASTIAN (*Entered Today at Pimlico – Race 7*)

Trainer: Justin Nixon

Last race: Dec. 20, 8th

Finish: 2nd by 1/2

OURDAYDREAMINGGIRL (*Breezed 4F – 49.45 at PRX on 4/15*)

Trainer: Lou Linder

Last Race: Feb. 22, 7th

Finish: 4th by 2 1/2

Steadied in opening stages of the Wide Country Stakes, angled out six wide entering the stretch, then closed willingly while drifting out.

PACO THE TACO MAN

Trainer: Annette Eubanks

Last race: Dec. 13, 1st

Finish: 4th by 4

Broke well going a one-turn mile over muddy going but rated four wide and lost ground through the turn and into the long stretch. Never stopped trying, however, and just fell short to an odds-on winner.

MIKES MO TOWN

Trainer: Carlos Mancilla

Last Race: Mar. 21, 5th

Finish: 6th by 13 3/4

Tracked in between rivals, dropped down to the pocket on the turn, then failed to threaten a pace-pressing runaway winner over a speed-friendly track. Perhaps he needs weaker company, so he's worth a follow at the dime maiden level here, or against nickel sellers at Charles Town.

TWAIN *(Breezed 4F– 49.00 at LRL on 5/3)*

Trainer: Madison Meyers

Last Race: April 19, 3rd

Finish: 1st by 3/4

3-year-old Kitten's Joy colt brought a sustained run after being angled out for clear sailing in 5 1/2 MSW event. Added distance probably not out of the question.

LEVISA

Trainer: Richard Sillaman

Last Race: April 4, 8th

Finish: 5th by 14

Set a pressured pace outside the 9-1 last-finisher, cleared to the rail to face a challenge from the 9-2 runner-up, then tired very badly as favorite in a race won by a deep closer. She's inconsistent, but she's also fast, and she fits in a conditioned \$7,500 claimer that lacks other early speed.

GREY FLANNEL BOSS

Trainer: Kerry Hohlbein

Last Race: April 13, 4th

Finish: 4th by 4 3/4

Much-improved effort second off the claim. Got into extended pace scrum, then showed gritty comeback after looking beaten at the head of the lane going a one-turn mile.

ADMIT NOTHING

Trainer: Carlos Mancilla

Last Race: March 29, 3rd

Might have been too aggressive in the early stages of recent \$30,000 “beaten” seller as he battled for the lead in a race that went to closers. He’s a proven commodity from off the pace and might opt for those tactics next time.

LOVE ME TENDER

Trainer: Michael Trombetta

Last race: Nov. 30, 8th

Finish: 7th by 6 3/4

Raced 4 wide in the City of Laurel, stalking a duel (22.43, 44.97), then made a slight run with one furlong to go. Should be able to score with slight step back in class.

MISSED THE TURN

Trainer: Genevieve Londono

Last Race: March 30, 4th

Finish: 2nd by 4 3/4

3-year-old a different sort since gelded, adding Lasix and landing in Maryland. Gritty effort against the talented Slam Notion in latest, registering a 19-point jump on the Beyer scale.

CUZ UR PRETTY

Trainer: Rodolfo Sanchez-Salomon

Last Race: April 19, 6th

Finish: 1st by 8 1/2

Sanchez-Salomon runner bounced back in a big way after troubled Colonial try. Right to the front against OCLM-NW2X F&M and rolled from there posting a 90 Beyer Speed Figure.

ST PETE’S PASSION

Trainer: Clyde Martin Jr.

Last Race: April 4, 3rd

Finish: 4th by 3

Broke well in one-turn mile event but wound up tracking the pace three-four wide in a tight pack behind a gate-to-wire winner. Churned on evenly in the stretch as the beaten favorite. Fits at the \$45,000 level here, or in a maiden special weight out of town.

BRIGHTNESS

Trainer: Jamie Ness

Last Race: April 18, 6th

Finish: 2nd by head

Pressed the pace outside the 7-1 last-place finisher, made the front in between that one and the 3-1 fourth-finisher on the second turn, then gamely battled the good-setup, odds-on closer in the final furlong to just miss. In-form gray fits going middle-distances at the \$12,500 "non-three" level.

ROYAL WINTOUR

Trainer: Graham Motion

Last Race: April 26, 10th

Finish: 6th by 4 3/4

Beaten favorite experienced a challenging journey in her 2025 debut. Raced in traffic and between horses at almost every juncture, angled out 4-5 wide turning for home, then wider in the final furlong. Hoping for better trip next start on turf.

WHENIGETTOHEAVEN

Trainer: Nolan Ramsey

Last Race: April 19, 8th

Finish: 3rd by 2 3/4

Bumped at start, then sent up between horses while involved in a three-way pace skirmish around the turn. Stayed on through the stretch behind speedy Fore Harp and Maryland Champion Witty.

CLASSIC JOKE

Trainer: Anthony Farrior

Last Race: April 27, 5th

Finish: 2nd by neck

Got back to turf and ran a bang-up second despite trouble. Stymied along the rail from the far turn to upper stretch, the 4-year-old was altered out for clear sailing and came with a furious run to just miss to the fave. Claimed by Farrior, and the new connections catch a break with the "saved" NW3L condition.

YO ADRIAN

Trainer: Brittany Russell

Last Race: April 25, 3rd

Finish: 2nd by 1/2

The Elkstone Group homebred got off to a rocky start (shuffled) in her debut, dropping 17 lengths off the early pace, and finished with a big flourish in the final sixteenth to the speedy winner. Appears to have some turf talent.

THIS IS GOOD

Finish: 2nd by 3 1/2

Improved performance when adding blinkers second out. Raced 4 deep early, then 3 wide around the far turn. Gave chase to energetic winner Ready For Magic in mid-stretch, then kept on gamely while well clear for place spot.

ISLAND DREAM GIRL *(Entered Today at Pimlico – Race 2)*

Trainer: Kieron Magee

Last Race: April 19, 4th

Finish: 3rd by 2

Sent along in pursuit of the pace skirmish, chased five deep nearing far turn, remained six wide approaching upper stretch, but persisted and managed to stay on, narrowly missing second place by a nose.

MOPO

Trainer: Phil Capuano

Last Race: April 25, 5th

Finish: 2nd by 3

3-year-old filly may have found her niche after being transferred to turf and sent long. Took pressure through solid internals and held well to the wire after being headed by a heavy favorite from the BTR barn.

EFF THIRTY FIVE

Trainer: Brittany Russell

Last Race: April 18, 9th

Finish: 1st by 3 3/4

BTR trainee excelling on grass right now. Dominated OCML-NW2X field with strong off the pace surge. Kept on eagerly through gallop. Stakes company might be next.

CHESAPEAKE DREAM

Trainer: Brittany Russell

Last Race: April 25, 4th

Finish: 3rd by 3

Sent up between horses early through a white-hot first quarter, then continued to duel through a strong half, tiring in the final sixteenth. Tab back in dirt allowance sprint up to 7 furlongs.

Trainer: Michael Trombetta

Last Race: April 26, 3rd

Finish: 3rd by 5

Off to an awkward break and pinched back at the start, yet demonstrated some grit and class while making up several lengths in the stretch run. Looking forward to his next turf sprint.

JOCKEY CALLS

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

Race 1 - Jaime Rodriguez: #3 - Minister; #4 - D Hopper; #8 - Fortheloveofrun >>> **Rodriguez rides MINISTER**

Race 2 - J. G. Torrealba: #1 - Island Dream Girl; #7 - Notiptoni >>> **Torrealba rides ISLAND DREAM GIRL**

Race 3 - Jaime Rodriguez: #2 - Sigmund; #10 - Boys of Summer >>> **Rodriguez rides BOYS OF SUMMER**

Race 4 - Jorge Ruiz: #1 - Top Blood; #3 - Tavern Time >>> **Ruiz rides TAVERN TIME**

Race 5 - Jean Briceno: #2 - Go to Bingo; #4 - Agent Kelly >>> **Briceno rides AGENT KELLY**

Race 5 - Yomar Ortiz: #6 - Rebel's Memory; #9 - Hot Truck Bob >>> **Ortiz rides REBEL'S MEMORY**

Race 8 - Weston Hamilton: #2 - Viennese Waltz; #3 - Sheilahs Warcloud >>> **Hamilton rides VIENNESE WALTZ**

Race 9 - Jevian Toledo: #6 - Chantico; #7 - New Boots >>> **Toledo rides CHANTICO**

TMJC PAST TRACK TRENDS

LAUREL: Jan. 17 – Fair
Jan. 18 – Fair
Jan. 24 – Fair
Jan. 25 – Fair
Jan. 26 – CLOSERS BIAS
Jan. 31 – SPEED BIAS
Feb. 1 – SPEED BIAS
Feb. 2 – CLOSERS BIAS
Feb. 7 – SPEED BIAS

Feb. 8 – CLOSERS BIAS
Feb. 9 – Fair
Feb. 14 – Fair
Feb. 15 – SPEED BIAS
Feb. 16 – Fair
Feb. 21 – Fair
Feb. 22 – Fair
Feb. 23 – Fair
Feb. 28 – Fair

Mar. 1 – Fair
Mar. 2 – Fair
Mar. 7 – CLOSERS BIAS
Mar. 8 – Fair
Mar. 9 – Fair
Mar. 21 – SPEED BIAS
Mar. 22 – Fair
Mar. 23 – Fair
Mar. 28 – Fair

Mar. 29 – Fair
Mar. 30 – Fair
Apr. 4 – Fair
Apr. 5 – Fair
Apr. 6 – Fair
Apr. 11 – Fair
Apr. 12 – CLOSERS BIAS
Apr. 13 – SPEED BIAS
Apr. 18 – INSIDE BIAS

Apr. 19 - Fair
Apr. 25 - Fair

Apr. 26 – SPEED BIAS
Apr. 27 - Fair

May 2 – Fair
May 3 – CLOSERS BIAS

May 4 – CLOSERS BIAS
PIMLICO: May 10 - Fair