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# PREAKNESS PREVIEW: TAJ MAHAL HOLDS HOME-TRACK ADVANTAGE

By Sean Collins

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Preakness Stakes (G1) history will be made the moment 14 3-year-olds break out of the starting gate May 16 as, for the first time since 1908, the middle jewel of the Triple Crown will not be contested at Pimlico Race Course. Instead, the host is Laurel Park—located about 20 miles south of Pimlico.

The move to Laurel allows for something that has not been possible in a long time for the Preakness: a home-field advantage for [Taj Mahal](#).

As Pimlico's structure decayed and the track only opened for Preakness week, it became impossible for any contender to have previous racing experience over the surface, even for the locally based Maryland horses.

That makes the conversation around Taj Mahal all the more different this year. A perfect 3-for-3 at Laurel since debuting Feb. 6, Taj Mahal seeks to become the first winner of the local Federico Tesio Stakes—which now awards an automatic berth to the Preakness—to win the Preakness since Deputed Testimony in 1983. By racing at home, he is the lone contender who has remained in his normal daily routine while exiting his own stall.

"I think just being here, he hasn't had to ship, he's familiar with the surface. All those things I think will play on our side," trainer Brittany Russell, who seeks to become the first female trainer to win the Preakness, told Preakness publicity. "He loves this racetrack. They're all positive things."

The Florida-bred son of [Nyquist](#) will have his work cut out for him as he breaks from the rail with Russell's husband, Sheldon, aboard for the ownership of SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Stonestreet Stables, Bashor Racing, Determined Stables, Golconda Stable, Waves Edge Capital, and Catherine Donovan. Luckily, he has proven versatile. In his two stakes



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Taj Mahal trains for the Preakness Stakes at Laurel Park

attempts, he's led at every point of call. In his debut, he closed from last of six.

"Like most tracks, it's always nice to have a run or breeze over it," Sheldon Russell said. "It's hard to go fast on this sort of track where the turns are wider, so naturally it's going to slow the horse down. Had 'Taj' run any of his races at another racetrack, his times would have been a lot faster. I think (having raced at Laurel previously) is a huge advantage. Hopefully that pays off."

## PACE LIKELY TO BE QUICK

Sheldon Russell will likely need to utilize the colt's speed to get in a good position, and there is no shortage of pace signed on. [Crupper](#), [Chip Honcho](#), [Iron Honor](#), [Napoleon Solo](#), [Corona de Oro](#), and [Pretty Boy Miah](#) are all horses who have been successful on the lead. [Great White](#), [Robusta](#), and [The Hell We Did](#) also tend to be more forwardly placed in their ideal scenarios.

All of that competition will lead to some horses being required to take back. One of those could very well be [Pretty Boy Miah](#) way out in gate 14. He is campaigned by Team Penney Racing, Echo Racing, Flower City Racing, Anthony Bruno, and Christopher Meyer and will have Ricardo Santana Jr. in the irons.

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The son of **Beau Liam** is jumping up in class after a front-running win in a starter optional claiming race at Aqueduct Racetrack. However, his numbers in his last two victories have been solid, earning a 95 and 96 Equibase Speed Figure, respectively. The 96 in his 1-mile victory is the third-highest last-out number in the field behind **Ocelli's** 99 in the Kentucky Derby (G1) and Taj Mahal's 97 in the Federico Tesio. The other two runners to have run a higher number in their careers are Napoleon Solo, who ran a 99 in last October's Champagne Stakes (G1), and Chip Honcho, who ran a 98 when runner-up in February's Risen Star Stakes (G2).



**WATCH: Englehart, Pretty Boy Miah Ready for Preakness Test**

However, trainer Jeremiah Englehart points to his last defeat, a fourth-place finish in maiden company going 6 1/2 furlongs at Aqueduct in February, as

reason to believe Pretty Boy Miah can be effective from off the pace.

"We're looking to try to break sharp and establish a position, whether he's on the lead or just off the first flight," Englehart told BloodHorse. "On the one race where he was fourth, he broke slowly. On that day, nobody closed. He was the only one to pass any horses it seemed for the whole day. I really don't think there's a scenario—other than leaving the gate slowly and not having any running room—where he can't be successful. I really think he can make his own race, he's a pretty smart horse."

Gold Square's Napoleon Solo is the lone grade 1 winner in the field thanks to his victory in last year's Champagne. However, his two starts this year have led to fifth-place finishes.

Still, the son of **Liam's Map** ran boldly on the lead in the April 4 Wood Memorial Stakes (G2) despite missing his final workout with a heel bruise and shipping up from Florida for the race. Now making his third start of the year, trainer Chad Summers is hopeful the colt's competitive spirit will lead him to classic glory.

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**WATCH: Summers Hopes Napoleon Solo's Luck Changes in Preakness**

"He loves to compete, he loves to run, you can see it in the morning time," Summers said. "He's a horse that loves to train. When he's out there on the track, if he sees something in front of him, he wants to go get it. That competitiveness, I haven't had a horse like that since (multiple grade/group 1 winner) Mind Your Biscuits. ... He's shown that in the morning time, now he just has to equate that to the afternoon."

St. Elias Stable, William Lawrence, and Cathi Glassman's Iron Honor was awarded the honor of morning-line favoritism at 9-2 odds for trainer Chad Brown, who makes an important equipment change for the Preakness. The son of Nyquist will race without blinkers for the first time.

First or second early in his first two starts, which both resulted in wins, Iron Honor turned aggressive

when bumped early in the Wood Memorial and started pulling against the rider, burning energy and eventually finishing seventh, beaten 4 1/4 lengths. His rider that day, Manny Franco, suggested removing the blinkers after the race. He has breezed well without them since and adds two-time reigning Eclipse Award rider Flavien Prat.

The removal of blinkers could see him relax more and sit a better trip off the pace. That new strategy is also planned to be implemented by trainer John Ennis for Great White, who he co-owns with Three Chimneys Farm. The **Volatile** gelding set the pace in the Blue Grass Stakes (G1) last month, but Ennis felt when riding him in his May 9 workout that he will run better with a target.

**[READ: Ennis Breezes Great White Himself After Preakness](#)**

## HIGH-QUALITY CLOSERS EXIT KENTUCKY DERBY

With the pace expected to be hot, it should set up well for two of the three horses who return on two weeks' rest from the May 2 Kentucky Derby: third-place finisher Ocelli and sixth-place finisher **Incredibolt**.

Both came from off the pace in the Derby: Incredibolt 7 3/4 lengths behind after a half-mile in :46.44 while Ocelli was 12 3/4 lengths back. The Derby's top three finishers—**Golden Tempo**, **Renegade**, and Ocelli—were among the last four horses to enter the clubhouse turn. Riley Mott, who trains Incredibolt for Pin Oak Stud, said that being closer to the pace than that trio may have lessened his closing kick in comparison. Now he has the chance to rectify that in the Preakness with 2024 Preakness-winning rider Jaime Torres aboard.

"He looks fantastic in the flesh, he's training well, he's got good energy," Mott said of how the **Bolt d'Oro** colt has emerged from the Derby. "On paper, I think there's going to be a pretty hot pace in it's own right and hopefully we can get comfortable and make a run."

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**WATCH: Riley Mott on Incredibolt's Last-Minute Preakness Entry**



Iron Honor trains May 13 at Laurel Park

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Ocelli nearly won the Derby, beaten only a length after taking command around the sixteenth pole. The son of [Connect](#) still seeks his first career win for owners Ashley Durr, Anthony Tate, and Front Page Equestrian, but trainer Whit Beckman believes jockey Tyler Gaffalione—who was riding Ocelli for the first time in the Derby—figured out the way the colt prefers to be ridden: dropping out the back and making a late run.

"It's the most effective way for him. His best races come when he has targets and when he can move late," Beckman said on the [May 11 episode of BloodHorse Monday](#). "We've tried a few things to get him a little more engaged early, but I think we take him out of his natural rhythm. (The Kentucky Derby) was his best race by far. Tyler just really figured out where he fell into it and was just letting him travel through that comfortably. I think a couple other times we were trying to maybe force him into something he didn't want to be doing."



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Ocelli trains May 12 at Laurel Park

Another horse who has proven to be effective late is Peachtree Stable and Mark Corrado's [Bull by the Horns](#), who overcame a 9 3/4-length deficit in the Rushaway Stakes over Turfway Park's Tapeta track to win by a half-length. **BH**

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## PREAKNESS S. (G1)

Laurel Park, May 16, Race 13

9.5f (dirt), \$2,000,000, 3YO, 7:01 PM (local)

PP	Horse	Sire	Dam	Trainer	Jockey
1	<a href="#">Taj Mahal</a>	Nyquist	Oola Gal	Brittany T. Russell	Sheldon Russell
2	<a href="#">Ocelli</a>	Connect	Zalia	D. Whitworth Beckman	Tyler Gaffalione
3	<a href="#">Crupper</a>	Candy Ride (ARG)	She's All In	Donnie K. Von Hemel	Junior Alvarado
4	<a href="#">Robusta</a>	Accelerate	Urbane Legend	Doug F. O'Neill	Rafael Bejarano
5	<a href="#">Talkin</a>	Good Magic	Rote	Danny Gargan	Irada Ortiz, Jr.
6	<a href="#">Chip Honcho</a>	Connect	Miss My Rose	Steven M. Asmussen	Jose L. Ortiz
7	<a href="#">The Hell We Did</a>	Authentic	Rose's Desert	Todd W. Fincher	Luis Saez
8	<a href="#">Bull by the Horns</a>	Essential Quality	No Sweat	Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.	Micah J. Husbands
9	<a href="#">Iron Honor</a>	Nyquist	Orencia	Chad C. Brown	Flavien Prat
10	<a href="#">Napoleon Solo</a>	Liam's Map	Atomic Blonde	Chad Summers	Paco Lopez
11	<a href="#">Corona de Oro</a>	Bolt d'Oro	Lemon de Oro	Dallas Stewart	John R. Velazquez
12	<a href="#">Incredibolt</a>	Bolt d'Oro	Sapphire Spitfire	Riley Mott	Jaime A. Torres
13	<a href="#">Great White</a>	Volatile	Kelly Bag	John Ennis	Alex Achard
14	<a href="#">Pretty Boy Miah</a>	Beau Liam	Tryingtolookpretty	Jeremiah C. Englehart	Ricardo Santana, Jr.

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Track Record: Testing(7), 121 lbs; 1:54.51 (10-21-00)

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Laurel Park

4 30-1 Yellow Owner: Calumet Farm Silks: BLACK, gold chevrons, gold chevrons on sleeves, gold cap Trainer: Doug F O'Neill (0-0-0-0) 0% Robusta 126 Rafael Bejarano (0-0-0-0) 0% LRL: 0 0 0 0 93 \$83,000 Dirt: 6 1 1 0 93 \$83,500 Wet Dirt: 0 0 0 0 na \$0 \$83,500 AllWeather: 0 0 0 0 na \$0 \$0 Distance: 0 0 0 0 na \$0

5 20-1 Green Owner: Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Pine Racing Stables, Legendary Thoroughbreds, Belmar Racing and Breeding, LLC and R. A. Hill Stable Silks: WHITE, dark green diamond, white "R," green & gold diamonds on sleeves, green cap Trainer: Danny Gargan (0-0-0-0) 0% Talkin 126 Irad Ortiz, Jr (0-0-0-0) 0% LRL: 0 0 0 0 na \$132,375 Dirt: 5 1 1 1 88 \$288,625 Wet Dirt: 0 0 0 0 na \$0 \$288,625 AllWeather: 0 0 0 0 na \$0 \$0 Distance: 0 0 0 0 na \$0

6 5-1 Black Owner: Leland Ackerley Racing, LLC, James Sherwood, Jode Shupe and John Cilia Silks: BLUE, orange yoke, orange hoops on sleeves, orange cap Trainer: Steven M Asmussen (0-0-0-0) 0% Chip Honcho 126 Jose L Ortiz (0-0-0-0) 0% LRL: 0 0 0 0 na \$130,000 Dirt: 6 2 2 0 98 \$280,475 Wet Dirt: 1 1 0 0 84 \$69,300 \$280,475 AllWeather: 0 0 0 0 na \$0 \$0 Distance: 1 0 0 0 80 \$20,000

7 15-1 Orange Owner: Peacock Family Racing Stable, LLC Silks: BLUE, lime 'JP' brand, lime blocks on sleeves, blue cap Trainer: Todd W Fincher (0-0-0-0) 0% The Hell We Did 126 Luis Saez (0-0-0-0) 0% LRL: 0 0 0 0 na \$93,280 Dirt: 4 2 2 0 95 \$134,818 Wet Dirt: 0 0 0 0 na \$0 \$134,818 AllWeather: 0 0 0 0 na \$0 \$0 Distance: 0 0 0 0 na \$0

8 30-1 Pink Owner: Peachtree Stable and Mark Corrado Silks: PURPLE, tan braces, tan bars on sleeves, purple cap Trainer: Saffie A Joseph, Jr (0-0-0-0) 0% Bull by the Horns 126 Micah J Husbands (0-0-0-0) 0% LRL: 0 0 0 0 83 \$158,715 Dirt: 5 2 2 0 83 \$187,115 Wet Dirt: 0 0 0 0 na \$0 \$187,115 AllWeather: 1 1 0 0 83 \$151,140 \$0 Distance: 0 0 0 0 na \$0

9 9-2 Turquoise Owner: St. Elias Stable, William H. Lawrence and Cathi Glassman Silks: GREEN, white 'STE,' two white hoops on sleeves, green cap Trainer: Chad C Brown (0-0-0-0) 0% Iron Honor 126 Flavien Prat (0-0-0-0) 0% LRL: 0 0 0 0 91 \$182,500 Dirt: 3 2 0 0 91 \$229,250 Wet Dirt: 1 1 0 0 91 \$165,000 \$229,250 AllWeather: 0 0 0 0 na \$0 \$0 Distance: 0 0 0 0 na \$0



RACE 13 CONTINUED

10 8-1 Purple

Owner: Gold Square LLC
Silks: BLACK, gold block frame, gold cuffs on sleeves, gold cap
Trainer: Chad Summers (0-0-0-0) 0%

Napoleon Solo

Gr/ro.c.3 Liam's Map (\$50,000) - Atomic Blonde by Scat Daddy - Bred in Kentucky by John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock (Feb 17, 2023) KEE SEP YRLG 2024 \$40,000

Table with columns for race date, track, distance, time, and various performance statistics for multiple horses.

Workout(s): 9 May 26 Bel tr 4F ft :48.06 Breeding 20/184
Scratch(es): 28 Mar 26 OP13 1XM ft Stk - ArkDerbyG1 - 1500k; Stakes Scratch
Trainer (Last 365 days): All: 131 21% \$2.07 Dist/Surf: 41 20% \$2.31 31-60Days: 50 16% \$2.25 Stakes: 20 10% \$1.65

11 30-1 Grey

Owner: On Our Own Stable, LLC, Commonwealth Stable, U Racing Stables, LLC, Saints or Sinners, Tiltetown Racing, LLC, Jim Nichols, Edwin S. Baker, Daniel Rivers, John Haines and Dallas Stewart
Silks: BROWN, white dots, black sleeves, brown cap
Trainer: Dallas Stewart (0-0-0-0) 0%

Corona de Oro

B.c.3 Bolt d'Oro (\$25,000) - Lemon de Oro by Lemon Drop Kid - Bred in Kentucky by Willow Oaks Stable, LLC (Mar 10, 2023) FTI SPR 2YO 2025 \$160,000

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Workout(s): 8 May 26 CD 5F ft :59.80 Breeding 3/13
Scratch(es): 02 May 26 CD12 1XN ft Stk - KyDerbyG1 - 5000k; Also-Eligible 20 Nov 25 CD10 1M My Msw 12000k; Trainer
Trainer (Last 365 days): All: 256 13% \$1.46 Dist/Surf: 47 17% \$1.78 31-60Days: 109 14% \$1.47 Stakes: 37 14% \$1.47

12 5-1 Lime

Owner: Pin Oak Stud LLC
Silks: ROYAL BLUE & SILVER STRIPES, silver sleeves, royal blue cap
Trainer: Riley Mott (0-0-0-0) 0%

Incredibolt

Dk B/ Br.c.3 Bolt d'Oro (\$25,000) - Sapphire Spitfire by Awesome Again - Bred in Kentucky by Deann Baer & Greg Baer DVM (Apr 4, 2023) KEE SEP YRLG 2024 \$75,000

Table with columns for race date, track, distance, time, and various performance statistics for multiple horses.

Workout(s): 26 Apr 26 CD 4F ft :47.23 Breeding 2/73
Trainer (Last 365 days): All: 281 15% \$1.45 Dist/Surf: 107 19% \$1.65 Stakes: 33 21% \$3.29

13 15-1 Brown

Owner: Three Chimneys Farm and John Ennis
Silks: BLUE, red diamonds, white sleeves, blue cap
Trainer: John Ennis (0-0-0-0) 0%

Great White

Gr/ro.g.3 Volatile (\$10,000) - Kelly Bag by Uncle Mo - Bred in Kentucky by Stud TNT, LLC (May 14, 2023) FT DECEMBER DIGITAL 2024 \$55,000

Table with columns for race date, track, distance, time, and various performance statistics for multiple horses.

Workout(s): 9 May 26 Ttc 4F ft :52.20 Breeding 54/57
Scratch(es): 02 May 26 CD8 1M ft Stk - PDayMileG2 - 750k; Stakes Scratch 02 May 26 CD12 1XN ft Stk - KyDerbyG1 - 5000k; Reg/Vet - Injured
Trainer (Last 365 days): All: 262 9% \$1.49 Dist/Surf: 64 9% \$1.12 31-60Days: 80 11% \$2.06 Stakes: 19 21% \$4.88

14 15-1 Maroon

Owner: Team Penney Racing, Echo Racing, Flower City Racing LLC, Anthony Bruno and Christopher J. Meyer
Silks: GOLD, royal blue yoke and 'TPR', blue diamond hoop on sleeves, gold cap
Trainer: Jeremiah C. Englehart (0-0-0-0) 0%

Pretty Boy Miah

Dk B/ Br.g.3 Beau Liam (\$7,500) - Tryngtlookpretty by Mineshaft - Bred in Kentucky by Thoroughbred by Design (Apr 9, 2023) FTK OCT YRLG 2024 \$60,000

Table with columns for race date, track, distance, time, and various performance statistics for multiple horses.

Workout(s): 9 May 26 Sar tr 4F ft :49.04 Breeding 12/42
Trainer (Last 365 days): All: 209 22% \$1.43 Dist/Surf: 66 32% \$1.95 NonLastStart: 38 18% \$1.19 Stakes: 22 5% \$0.58

L - Lasix, L1 - 1st Lasix, O - Off Lasix, B - Bute, B1 - 1st Bute, A - Adjunct Med, FTG - 1st Start Since Reported As Gelding; OBS - OBS Graduate

\* Denotes Triple Crown Nominee.
Equipment Change: Iron Honor will race with Blinkers Off
Payouts displayed next to statistics are average payouts based on a \$2 wager.

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Rank	Stallion, YOB (Sire) Farm, Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BTW/ % Rnrs	BTH/ % Rnrs	GSW/ G1W	Lifetime AEI	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'26 Earnings
1	Aurelius Maximus, '16, (Pioneerof the Nile) Red River Farms, LA, \$4,000	48 / 21	4 / 8.3%	7 / 14.6%	0 / 0	1.36	Braken Poppa \$185,400	\$1,345,538
2	Coal Front, '14, (Stay Thirsty) Red River Farms, LA, \$4,000	45 / 18	1 / 2.2%	4 / 8.9%	0 / 0	1.57	Haulin Ice \$233,500	\$1,027,726
3	Awesome Slew, '13, (Awesome Again) Ocala Stud, FL, \$4,000	55 / 22	2 / 3.6%	4 / 7.3%	1 / 1	1.14	R Disaster \$713,835	\$1,567,163
4	I'll Have Another, '09, (Flower Alley) Pnsd	56 / 20	0 / 0.0%	4 / 7.1%	0 / 0	1.02	Pokerknightatvees \$82,152	\$734,978
5	Central Banker, '10, (Speightstown) McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, NY, \$7,500	76 / 16	1 / 1.3%	5 / 6.6%	0 / 0	1.25	Hot Currency \$125,400	\$1,049,308
6	Maximum Security, '16, (New Year's Day) Breakway Farm, IN, \$3,500	67 / 24	2 / 3.0%	4 / 6.0%	0 / 0	0.87	Maximum Bourbon \$204,210	\$1,109,020
7	Collected, '13, (City Zip) Rancho San Miguel, CA, \$7,500	121 / 41	3 / 2.5%	7 / 5.8%	1 / 0	1.12	Thought Process \$120,000	\$1,977,077
8	Neolithic, '13, (Harlan's Holiday) Pleasant Acres Stallions, FL, \$5,000	72 / 25	2 / 2.8%	4 / 5.6%	0 / 0	1.15	Ababajoni \$109,700	\$1,186,387
9	Adios Charlie, '08, (Indian Charlie) Ocala Stud, FL, \$3,000	57 / 24	1 / 1.8%	3 / 5.3%	0 / 0	1.16	Hola Joey \$85,040	\$1,119,187
10	Bucchero, '12, (Kantharos) Ironhorse Stallions, NY, \$12,500	96 / 34	2 / 2.1%	5 / 5.2%	1 / 0	1.17	My Boy Star \$104,500	\$1,443,827
-	Stanford, '12, (Malibu Moon) Eclipse Thoroughbred Farm, CA, \$4,000	58 / 22	1 / 1.7%	3 / 5.2%	0 / 0	0.70	Man O Rose \$147,000	\$842,846
12	Echo Town, '17, (Speightstown) Leadem Farm, AR, \$3,500	60 / 23	0 / 0.0%	3 / 5.0%	0 / 0	0.97	Echo Valley \$79,810	\$931,483
13	Star Guitar, '05, (Quiet American) Clear Creek Stud, LA, \$7,500	82 / 26	1 / 1.2%	4 / 4.9%	1 / 0	1.00	Touchuponastar \$390,000	\$1,458,184
14	Mucho Macho Man, '08, (Macho Uno) Adena Springs North, CAN, 4,500 CAN\$	67 / 29	1 / 1.5%	3 / 4.5%	0 / 0	1.21	Queen's Martini \$130,388	\$987,798
15	Midnight Storm, '11, (Pioneerof the Nile) Milky Way Farm, CA, \$4,000	69 / 23	2 / 2.9%	3 / 4.3%	0 / 0	0.86	Courtinbymoonlight \$52,907	\$635,328

Listed above are the 2026 leading sires by % of black-type performers (from number of starters) with 41 starters or more (based on the top 80% of stallions by starters), through May 14, 2026. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2022 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2026 Northern Hemisphere only.

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# CRUPPER A LOTTERY TICKET FOR NAMESAKE IN PREAKNESS

*Edited Press Release - Preakness Stakes*

Robert Zoellner was down to three broodmares in the spring of 2023. One mare hadn't gotten pregnant the year before. One foal died. The third is on the cusp of being the longtime owner/breeder's first starter in a Triple Crown race when **Crupper** runs in the May 16 151st Preakness Stakes (G1) at Laurel Park.

"If there are about 20,000 foals and half are fillies, your chance is just one in 10,000," Zoellner said of the only 3-year-old in his racing stable getting to the middle jewel of the Triple Crown. "I feel like I've won the lottery."

Zoellner—an optometrist, owner of five radio stations, and entrepreneur from Tulsa, Okla., called "Dr. Z" or simply "Z" by his friends—has been in horse racing for 26 years, the last 20 with trainer Donnie K. Von Hemel. While he has had good horses, Dr. Z has never before been in American racing's signature series.

Crupper may be 30-1 on the morning line for the Preakness, but he's showed marked improvement in his last three races with blinkers and getting added distance, most recently in Oaklawn Park's Bathhouse Row Stakes at 1 1/8 miles. That victory gave the colt an automatic spot in the 1 3/16-mile Preakness.

"This horse Crupper, he's a third-generation baby of mine, to have that legacy of his parents and grandparents, to see him mature," Zoellner said. "Every step of the way, there are traps and snares

waiting for him, right? And then to get through all of that, get to the races and now to be at this level. Every race he's been in, they've said he doesn't have a chance. He's the Rodney Dangerfield of horse racing."

But Crupper's success was predicted by Keith Crupper, who was smitten with the **Candy Ride** colt from literally Day 1. The colt out of Zoellner's graded stakes-winning mare She's All In was born and raised on Crupper's farm near Paris, Ky.

"He FaceTimed me when he was born; he was so excited," Zoellner said. "Even the night he was born, he was just taken with him. (The colt) popped up and was just very active. He was always dominant around the farm with the other colts and horses. He was just 'the man' coming out of the womb. Keith was always talking about him. I said, 'I'm going to name this colt after you. This is the most you've ever talked about a horse since I've known you.' So there you go."

Keith Crupper agrees.

"This one stood up, and I was like, 'This is the horse we've been waiting on,'" he said. "He was just special from the jump."

Crupper is special to his team in other ways. She's All In died while foaling last year. Keith Crupper rushed her baby to the clinic in his truck in bad weather, but the colt couldn't be saved. Crupper is also the last horse that prominent Texas horseman Al Pike, who gave Zoellner's horses their pretrack training for years, had for the owner before his death last summer after a long battle with cancer.

"This was the last horse he had for Z," Keith Crupper said. "He'd call me up and say, 'He's really good, but he's got to overcome your name.' Then he'd start laughing and hang up."

Even with a few mares still waiting to foal, Keith Crupper is joining Zoellner at the Preakness.

"I was talking to my son about that, and my brother the other day," Keith Crupper said. "I was like, 'You know what? If this horse wins and we get him in Kentucky standing in stud, he'd going to be in pedigrees on the sale (catalog) pages for 80 years.' I mean, how cool is that? In all honesty, how do you top that?"

Crupper needed four starts to win, but those races were all good efforts except for his debut sprinting. He won for the first time after Von Hemel added blinkers. After a third in an allowance race, he made his first stakes appearance in the April 18 Bathhouse Row.



**Crupper trains at Laurel Park**

*(continued on page 17)*

# CRUPPER A LOTTERY TICKET FOR NAMESAKE IN PREAKNESS

(continued from page 16)

The perk of a fees-paid spot in the Preakness wasn't on Von Hemel's radar at the time.

"It never crossed my mind," he said. "I just wanted it because it was a mile and an eighth."

But Zoellner was highly aware of what was up for grabs beyond the first-place check and trophy.

"Oh, heck yeah," he said. "You kidding me? As an owner, we sit around all day and we get to dream and hope and pray. What ifs. You're always looking at 'if we win this, what's next? What's next? What's next?' When you run once a month roughly, you've got 29-30 days between races to dream. That's what we owners do. We're the head cheerleaders and head dreamers for the horses.

"When I was interviewed right after the Bathhouse Row, I gave the 'owner' speech: 'We'll see how the horse comes out of the race. I'll consult with my trainer. We'll do what's best for the horse'—all the things an owner is supposed to say. But inside, I'm screaming and doing cartwheels, going, 'Oh my gosh, I just qualified for the Preakness. And Oaklawn is even going to pay my way.'"

The deal was sealed when Junior Alvarado, aboard Crupper for the first time in the Bathhouse Row, was available to ride in the Preakness.

"I've got a great trainer. I've got a great jockey,"



COURTESY KEITH CRUPPER

Keith Crupper with 5 1/2-month-old Crupper and Crupper's dam, the late She's All In

Zoellner said. "They've all got to run on the same surface. I love the line, 'You can't win if you're not in.' Right? It's exciting. It will be fun. As an owner, it's a victory just to be in this race, especially a little guy like me.

"I had one horse born three years ago. One baby, and here I am running in the second leg of the Triple Crown," he said. "That's a dream come true. I'm competitive and would love to win. But even hitting the board would be a victory."

*This press release has been edited for content and style by BloodHorse Staff. BH*

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# INCREDIBOLT, TAJ MAHAL AT 5-1 IN EARLY PREAKNESS WAGERS

By Sean Collins

✂ @BH\_SCollins

If early wagering May 15 is any indication, betting the winner of the May 16 Preakness Stakes (G1) should lead to a decent payout.

When pari-mutuel pools closed Friday evening, grade 3 winner **Incredibolt** and dual stakes winner **Taj Mahal** were co-favored at 5-1.

John Battaglia Memorial Stakes winner **Great White** is the third choice at 7-1, while Kentucky Derby (G1) third-place finisher **Ocelli** and Preakness morning-line favorite **Iron Honor** are both 8-1. At 9-1, Blue Grass Stakes (G1) third-place finisher **Talkin** is the final of six horses with single-digit odds.

At the bottom of the tote board in the 14-horse field is **Pretty Boy Miah**, who is making his stakes debut, at 30-1.

The will-pays for the \$1 George E. Mitchell Black-Eyed Susan Stakes (G2)—won by **My Miss Mo**—and Preakness double tell a somewhat different story. **Incredibolt** is a clear standout as the only one who will pay under \$20 at \$15.40. Next is **Taj Mahal** (\$21.80), **Iron Honor** (\$25.30), and **Napoleon Solo** (\$26.40).

Despite being the third choice in win odds, **Great**



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**Incredibolt trains for the Preakness Stakes at Laurel Park**

**White** ranks as the 11th choice by the double odds at a \$127.50 payout. The longest shots based on double payout are **Crupper** (\$260.30) and **Robusta** (\$235.40).

## PREAKNESS ODDS AS OF 7 P.M. ET MAY 15

1. Taj Mahal, 5-1
2. Ocelli, 8-1
3. Crupper, 24-1
4. Robusta, 25-1
5. Talkin, 9-1
6. **Chip Honcho**, 11-1
7. **The Hell We Did**, 10-1
8. **Bull by the Horns**, 16-1
9. Iron Honor, 8-1
10. Napoleon Solo, 11-1
11. **Corona de Oro**, 15-1
12. **Incredibolt**, 5-1
13. **Great White**, 7-1
14. **Pretty Boy Miah**, 30-1

## BLACK-EYED SUSAN/PREAKNESS DOUBLE WILL PAYS

A \$1 double with No. 10 **My Miss Mo** winning the Black-Eyed Susan pays:

1. Taj Mahal, \$21.80
2. Ocelli, \$30.30
3. Crupper, \$260.30
4. Robusta, \$235.40
5. Talkin, \$54.40
6. **Chip Honcho**, \$41.80
7. **The Hell We Did**, \$53.30
8. **Bull by the Horns**, \$186.70
9. Iron Honor, \$25.30
10. Napoleon Solo, \$26.40
11. **Corona de Oro**, \$97.60
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# MY MISS MO FINDS MORE IN BLACK-EYED SUSAN

By Bob Ehalt

✂ @BobEhalt

It wasn't the Kentucky Oaks (G1).

But for trainer Saffie Joseph Jr., it was as sweet as could be.

After the disappointment of scratching [My Miss Mo](#) from the Oaks, emotions were at the other end of the scale when the daughter of Uncle Mo showed some grit in taking the \$300,000 George E. Mitchell Black-Eyed Susan Stakes (G2) for 3-year-old fillies May 15 at Laurel Park.

"I always say everything happens for a reason," Joseph said after My Miss Mo's 1 3/4-length victory. "Today she proved it. She's a grade 2 winner. Could she have won the Oaks? Probably not. Today we're going to enjoy this as much as (winning) the Oaks."

Joseph said what happened at Churchill Downs was that veterinarians were concerned about the filly and wanted a PET scan. Joseph said he was unwilling to do that and had X-rays taken. But, in the end, the decision was made to scratch the filly rather than risk landing on the vets' list, which would have prevented her from running in the Black-Eyed Susan.

"They had a question mark on her Monday and they wanted us to do things we didn't want to do to put ourselves in jeopardy of missing this race," he said. "We took her out (of the Oaks) basically. ... It's a slow

process and I am not going to let that process happen to miss a race like this.

"Obviously she was good to race today."

Joseph called for better dialogue between vets and horsemen in making decisions on a horse's ability to race.

"I do believe they need dialogue with everybody to make a system that will be more protective of the horse and also more respectful and not rushing to rash decisions that ruin a horse's career. There's a fine balance. Horse safety, yes. But also balance so that (the horse) does not miss opportunities that never come again. It's like if you put 10 guilty people in jail and also one innocent person, that's not a good system," Joseph said.

Owned by Averill Racing, Mathis Stable, and Tristan de Meric, My Miss Mo was the 5-2 favorite in the Black-Eyed Susan off seconds in the Gulfstream Park Oaks (G2) and Davona Dale Stakes (G2).

Breaking from the outside post under Tyler Gaffalione in a field of nine, she was second behind 62-1 outsider [Savor It](#), who set the early fractions of :24.14 and :49.10. My Miss Mo grabbed the lead midway on the final turn and was soon joined by Imaginary Stables' [Jumping the Gun](#), who was third after a half-mile.

My Miss Mo (\$7) dueled with the [Gun Runner](#) filly through the stretch before edging away in the final sixteenth to cover the 1 1/8 miles in 1:52.15 in the initial Black-Eyed Susan run at Laurel while Pimlico Race Course is being rebuilt.

[Jumping the Gun](#), trained by Andrew Simoff, was a length ahead of C R K Stable's [A. P.'s Girl](#), an [Honor A. P.](#) filly trained by Peter Eurton.

Bred by Valerie Mastromonaco, de Meric, and Uncle Mo Syndicate out of the [Quality Road](#) mare [In a Dream](#), My Miss Mo was bought for \$320,000 at the 2025 Ocala Breeders' Sales March 2-Year-olds in Training Sale.

She has now earned \$328,030 after registering her first stakes win and second victory in six career starts. **BH**



My Miss Mo wins the George E. Mitchell Black-Eyed Susan Stakes at Laurel Park

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# NAVAJO WARRIOR WINS PIMLICO SPECIAL IN STAKES DEBUT

By Frank Angst

✂ @BH\_FAngst

Showing toughness on the front end, [Navajo Warrior](#) delivered a 2 3/4-length victory in his graded stakes debut May 15 at Laurel Park in the \$250,000 Pimlico Special Stakes (G3).

The bump up in class did nothing to slow the winning ways of the 5-year-old [Candy Ride](#) gelding as the former claimer landed his eighth win in his last 10 starts. While trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. expects to give Navajo Warrior a bit of a break as this race was his spring target, the performance also had the trainer thinking big for next year.

"This was the main plan for now but there's a lot of goals down the line," Joseph said. "He's a gelding and we can think about next year. The dream might be getting to the Saudi Cup, because it's a mile and an eighth around one turn. Even if you run fifth, it's a million dollars. So there's a lot of reasons to try to get there, but there's a long way to go. Still, it's a long-term goal."

Besides the step up in class Friday, the 1 3/16-mile distance of the Pimlico Special—matching the distance of the upcoming Preakness Stakes (G1) Saturday at Laurel—marked the longest race to date for Navajo Warrior. While he typically comes from just off the pace, or occasionally a bit farther back, Navajo Warrior broke well Friday.

Aboard for the first time, Flavien Prat, the reigning two-time Eclipse Award winner as outstanding jockey, decided to roll with the good start. Navajo Warrior looked comfortable throughout as he cruised through a half-mile in :48.40 and 6 furlongs in 1:12.43 while pressed by last year's Pimlico Special winner [Awesome Aaron](#). Navajo Warrior put that one away and had enough to hold off a stretch challenge from [Maclean's Rook](#), who put together a big move on the far turn to rally from sixth on his way to a second-place finish.

"It didn't look like there was a whole lot of speed. I wanted to break clean and see what other riders were doing. He jumped very well and found himself on the lead," Prat said. "I got a little pressure down the backside, but he kind of got away from that and, after that, he did the rest."

Navajo Warrior drew off late for the victory,

completing the 1 3/16 miles in 1:56.61 on a fast track; he returned \$4.60 as the 6-5 favorite. Maclean's Rook earned his first graded stakes placing, while [San Siro](#) finished third in a grade 3 stakes for a third straight time.

Previously trained by Tim Yakteen, Navajo Warrior won a maiden claiming race in October 2024 at Del Mar and, after a loss, he won his next three races at Santa Anita Park. After a private purchase, current owners BAG Racing Stables, Miller Racing, Dr. Derek Paul, Mathis Stable, Paul Braverman, and Timothy Pinch took over and moved the horse to Joseph. They watched Navajo Warrior win a late August starter optional claiming race at Saratoga Race Course last year and Friday marked his fifth win in seven starts for Joseph.

"I think he has the will, he has the will," Joseph said. "When he started off early, he wasn't running. But once he got into form... he hasn't looked back."

Bred in Kentucky by Hinkle Farms, Navajo Warrior is out of the unplaced Storm Cat mare Crosswinds, who has produced six winners from seven starters, including grade 1 winner [Weep No More](#) and grade 3 winner [Current](#). Navajo Warrior's second dam is Flute, winner of the 2001 Kentucky Oaks and Alabama Stakes (both G1).

Consigned by his breeder to the 2022 Keeneland September Yearling Sale, SF Bloodstock, Starlight Racing, and Madaket Stable (Donato Lanni, agent) went to \$125,000 to land the horse. **BH**

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Navajo Warrior draws off in the stretch to post a clear victory in the Pimlico Special Stakes at Laurel Park

# PEACH TIE DEFENDS HOME TRACK IN MISS PREAKNESS

By Sean Collins

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The husband-and-wife team of jockey Sheldon and trainer Brittany Russell are set to be the hometown team in this year's Preakness Stakes (G1) May 16 with **Taj Mahal**. On May 15 at Laurel Park, they got a taste that holding their own against the shippers is indeed possible when **Peach Tie** won the \$148,500 Miss Preakness Stakes (G3).

Peach Tie had gradually increased in distance through her races in an attempt to see if she would fit in races such as the 1 1/8-mile George E. Mitchell Black-Eyed Susan Stakes (G2), also held Friday at Laurel. After a pair of stakes wins at 7 furlongs, she was beaten a head when stretching out to a mile in the Beyond The Wire Stakes March 21. After that, Brittany knew it was time to cut the daughter of Preservationist back to 6 furlongs.

"She's a tough filly and she tries and handled everything we threw at her, but I think ultimately she's a sprinter," Brittany said.

"She was getting the job done, but I think all of her sprint races she's looked the most impressive," Sheldon said. "It was a tiring second last time when we stretched her out, the second wire caught her. She runs hard, and I definitely think this is what she is: a midrange, stalking, closing sprinter."

The chestnut filly had been in the top two positions at every point of call in her last two stakes victories, but stepping into graded company the Russells expected there to be some quicker early foot from her rivals. They were right as Peach Tie was last, 7 lengths behind, in the five-



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**Peach Tie wins the Miss Preakness Stakes at Laurel Park**

horse field after an opening quarter-mile in :22.04 set by **Little Miss Curlin** with **Lights Out Leni** in close pursuit.

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**Sheldon and Brittany Russell kiss after winning the Miss Preakness Stakes at Laurel Park**

## PEACH TIE DEFENDS HOME TRACK IN MISS PREAKNESS

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"My filly is pretty adaptable. I knew coming off a long race, she probably wasn't going to flash her usual speed," Sheldon said. "She's also running against horses that are better and faster today. I don't think that was ever the plan to have her up. The plan was to break her sharp and just keep them (in sight)."

Florida-based [Tessellate](#) got the first jump on the pacesetters, moving up to take the lead down the lane. But Sheldon was building Peach Tie's momentum. She came with the last rally down the center of the track and surged on for a 1 1/2-length triumph in 1:11.87. The only Maryland-based filly in the race paid \$16.60 as the second-biggest price. Tessellate was second with Little Miss Curlin holding third.

"They got away from her, but she was always traveling," Sheldon said. "It was just whether or not when I made the move could she keep going and were they going to slow down; sometimes those ones don't slow down. She's got a big heart, she loves to win, she knew what her job was, and she's going on with it."

The win was the second of three on the card for Brittany, who won the Hilltop Stakes with [Coach Mazzula](#) one race later.

Peach Tie's first graded win and third stakes win lifted her career earnings to \$339,995 with a record of 6-1-1 from eight starts. A homebred for the Estate of Brereton C. Jones, she is the first stakes winner out of the winning [Orb](#) mare [Belles Orb](#). All four of the dam's foals to race have won.

Peach Tie became the second graded winner this year for Preservationist after [Antiquarian](#) won the Westchester Stakes (G3) earlier this month. The stallion died in South Korea last year. **BH**

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# MARGIE'S INTENTION REPEATS MARYLAND MAGIC IN DUPONT

By Olivia Newman

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Returning to Maryland for the first time since her 2025 George E. Mitchell Black-Eyed Susan Stakes (G2) triumph, [Margie's Intention](#) snapped a year-long winless streak by capturing the \$123,750 Allaire DuPont Distaff Stakes at Laurel Park May 15.

Despite being winless in four starts since that 2025 victory, the 4-year-old daughter of [Honor A. P.](#) consistently delivered respectable performances. She hit the board in every outing, highlighted by a third-place finish in last year's Alabama Stakes (G1) behind subsequent champion 3-year-old filly [Nitrogen](#) and 2025 Kentucky Oaks (G1) winner [Good Cheer](#).

Breaking under Irad Ortiz Jr., Margie's Intention settled comfortably, tracking the pace set by [Low Country Magic](#), through moderate fractions of :24.70, :49.07, and 1:13.60.

"I let her find her stride, take a little hold of her," Ortiz said. "When it was time to let her do her thing, she did it easy."

Coming into the far turn, Margie's Intention started



Margie's Intention wins the Allaire DuPont Distaff Stakes at Laurel Park

to make her move on the outside and wore down a stubborn Low Country Magic to win by 2 3/4 lengths. [Late Nite Call](#) was third.

Ortiz was confident throughout that he was going to catch the leader.

"She gave me a good feeling every step of the way," Ortiz said. "I was bidding time. When I let her do her thing, she jumped in the bridle and did it easy."

Margie's Intention's final time for the 1 1/8-mile race on a fast track was 1:52.26. The Brad Cox trainee paid \$3.20 to win.

Delta Squad Racing and Michael Dubb purchased Margie's Intention for \$1.3 million at last year's Fasig-Tipton's The November Sale. This was the first win for her new owners, Delta Squad Racing, Dubb, and Madaket Stables, who kept her with Cox after her sale.

Margie's Intention was bred in Louisiana by Coteau Grove Farms. She is out of the [Into Mischief](#) mare Playful Dancer.

## COACH MAZZULA CAPS RUSSELL'S THREE-WIN DAY

Trainer Brittany Russell secured her third win of the day when [Coach Mazzula](#) went to the lead early and held on late in the \$125,000 Hilltop Stakes.

The filly by [Authentic](#), owned by Madaket Stables, achieved her first stakes success in the Hilltop. Coach Mazzula came into the race off a confidence-boosting, 2 1/4-length win in an April 18 allowance race at Laurel.



Josh Isner of Delta Squad Racing (center) celebrates after the Allaire DuPont Distaff Stakes at Laurel Park

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# MARGIE'S INTENTION REPEATS MARYLAND MAGIC IN DUPONT

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Ridden by Jevian Toledo, the 3-year-old led the field through fractions of :24.15, :48.89, and 1:12.37. She looked clear coming down the stretch, but favored **Ultimate Love** was putting in a strong late run under John Velazquez to miss the win by a head.

"I was praying for the line there," Russell said. "She ran just how I thought she would. She was comfortable early, and she kicked on, and it was just a matter of her holding them off late.

"When I was looking at the Form and talking to Toledo in the paddock, I said, 'I like this filly today. Maybe with what's in here and the speed, she could maybe have her way.'"

Russell, who trains local hero **Taj Mahal**, entered in Saturday's Preakness Stakes (G1), said the wins have certainly fueled the connections.

"It gets everybody's blood pumping," she said. "It feels good. It's good for the team. It gets everybody in the right mindset."

Coach Mazzula's final time for the 1-mile race on firm turf was 1:35.52. She paid \$11.20 to win.

## SUNNA TAKES THE VERY ONE STAKES

Leverett Miller's homebred **Sunna** secured her first stakes victory in the \$100,000 The Very One Stakes, leading from gate to wire in the 5 1/2-furlong test over the turf.

Miller is most recently known for breeding Santa Anita Derby (G1) winner and Kentucky Derby (G1) participant **So Happy**.

After setting a quick pace of :22.59 and :45.26, Sunna accelerated away from the field in the stretch under Luis Saez. However, the race turned into a thriller late, as **Somnium** and **Saturday Flirt** closed rapidly under Jose Ortiz and Irad Ortiz Jr, respectively. Sunna crossed the wire 1 length in front of Saturday Flirt. **Lost and Found**, tracking in third most of the race, edged Somnium for the show. The



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Coach Mazzula wins the Hilltop Stakes at Laurel Park

final time for the race was 1:01.84.

"When the Charles Town horse (Julee's Legacy), who was going to be the real speed, was scratched, I told Luis that if you break good, which she always breaks good, just go," winning trainer Kent Sweezey said.

Saez, who was aboard the **Dominus** filly for the first time, said he was confident the whole way.

"She controlled the race. When she came to the top of the stretch, I had a ton of horse," Saez said.

Sunna paid \$4.80 to win. **BH**

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Sunna wins the The Very One Stakes at Laurel Park

# HAILEYSFIRSTNOTION TOPS MARYLAND SPRINT STAKES FIELD

By Bob Ehalt

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After starting 2026 with a smashing allowance optional claiming victory, [Haileysfirstnotion](#) will chase his first stakes win May 16 in the \$150,000 Maryland Sprint Stakes (G3).

Part of the Preakness Stakes (G1) undercard at Laurel Park, the 6-furlong stakes attracted a field of nine, all of whom are seeking an initial graded stakes win.

A Maryland-bred 5-year-old Great Notion gelding, Haileysfirstnotion returned from a 6 1/2-month layoff May 1 and romped on the front end by 7 3/4 lengths in the time of 1:09.19 for the 6 furlongs.

Owned by Daniel Crowley and Non Stop Stable and trained by Gary Capuano, Haileysfirstnotion was coming off a third as the 3-2 favorite in the Oct. 11 Maryland Million Sprint Stakes at Laurel.

Lewis Family Racing Stable's [Celtic Contender](#) was third in last year's Maryland Sprint Stakes and posted a 3 1/4-length victory in a March 28 Laurel allowance race in his lone 2026 start.

A Maryland-bred son of [Irish War Cry](#), Celtic Contender loves the Laurel surface as he has a mark of 6-3-3 in 14 starts at the track.

Lael Stables' [Floodlites](#) won a Keeneland allowance optional claimer by 4 lengths last month in his 4-year-old debut. Trainer Wesley Ward has the son of [City of Light](#) cross-entered in an allowance optional claiming race May 22 at Churchill Downs.

The Sprint Stakes kicks off the Breeders' Cup Dirt Dozen series, 12 North American graded dirt races in which horses finishing first, second, or third earn a bonus that can go toward pre-entry and entry fees at the World Championships. The Breeders' Cup will be held Oct. 30-31 at Keeneland.

## BROWN SEEKS SEVENTH GALLORETTE VICTORY

Trainer Chad Brown, who had a streak of three straight Gallorette Stakes (G3T) wins snapped last year, will try to register a seventh victory in Saturday's \$150,000 turf stakes for fillies and mares when he sends out the duo of [Accent](#) and [Child of the Moon](#).

Accent, a [Pinatubo](#) filly owned by Jeffrey Drown, enters the 1 1/16-mile grass test off a rough trip when she was checked and finished fourth in the April 17



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(Top): Haileysfirstnotion wins a 2025 allowance optional claimer at Laurel Park

(Bottom): Child of the Moon wins the 2024 Athenia Stakes at Aqueduct Racetrack

Plenty Of Grace Stakes at Aqueduct Racetrack, her stakes debut.

Child of the Moon won the 2024 Athenia Stakes for Brown and the ownership group of Madaket Stables, Michael Dubb, and Louis Lazzinnaro, but was sidelined for more than a year until she returned Feb. 6 with a second in an allowance optional claimer at Gulfstream Park.

The daughter of [The Grey Gatsby](#) was fifth April 15 in an allowance race at Keeneland in her most recent start.

[Austere](#) set the pace in that Keeneland race and finished fourth. The [Mendelssohn](#) mare was second in last year's Gallorette for trainer Brendan Walsh and owners Belmar Racing and Breeding, Bradley Thoroughbreds, Cambron Equine, Tucci Stables, and Gary Finder. **BH**

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# FORT WASHINGTON AIMS TO DEFEND 2025 DINNER PARTY WIN

By Frank Angst

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Last year's Arlington Million Stakes (G1T) winner **Fort Washington** will aim to return to top form May 16 when he tries to win the \$250,000 Dinner Party Stakes (G3T) for a second straight year, this time around at Laurel Park.

The 1 1/8-mile turf race for 3-year-olds and older will be contested as race 10 on Saturday's Preakness day card.

A year ago when the Dinner Party was contested on the Pimlico Race Course turf, Fort Washington rallied from seventh early to post a 1-length victory over **Cash Equity**. The effort followed Fort Washington's narrow victory in the Canadian Turf Stakes (G3T) at Gulfstream Park and came two starts before his half-length victory in the Arlington Million Stakes at Colonial Downs.

To add a second win in the Dinner Party—and become the answer of a future trivia question as the horse to win an Arlington Million at Colonial and a Dinner Party at Laurel—the 7-year-old son of **War Front** will need a turnaround in form after three straight off-the-board finishes (all in graded stakes).

Trainer Shug McGaughey sees reason for hope though as he thought Magic Cap Stables' Fort Washington's sixth-place finish to open this season in the Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational Stakes (G1T) was better than it appeared. Fort Washington had an outside post that race and then in his next race got started a bit too late when fourth in the Canadian Turf.

"The way he's been training, the way he's doing—he had a really good work (4 furlongs in :48.10 May 9) up here (at Belmont Park)—I'd be disappointed if he didn't run good," McGaughey told Maryland Jockey Club publicity. "He's a very nice horse. He's won some races and he won one big race and, hopefully, we'll be on the road to some others."

According to MJC publicity, if Fort Washington is able to repeat Saturday, he would be just the second back-to-back winner of the race—matching Hall of



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After winning the 2025 Dinner Party Stakes at Pimlico Race Course, Fort Washington will try to win the race again this season at Laurel Park

Famer Sarazen—in the 125-year history of the race. Sarazen doubled 100 years ago in 1925-26.

While Fort Washington aims to defend his title, **Dresden Row** is the race's 7-5 morning-line favorite in the expected field of seven. A multiple grade 3 winner in Canada for trainer Lorne Richards, the son of Lord Nelson will make his first United States graded stakes start for Todd Pletcher off an allowance win for the new trainer last month at Keeneland.

Dresden Row was named champion 3-year-old male in Canada in 2024 and last year secured a second Sovereign Award as champion older dirt male.

"He had a very successful career up in Canada, and we were fortunate enough to pick him up after he was sold in the digital sale," Pletcher said. "He has been a very straightforward horse and likes to train. He trained well up to his comeback and I thought he handled that nicely at Keeneland so we thought we would take a look at this."

Dresden Row was acquired for \$575,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Digital January Sale, where he was purchased by Marc Gunderson as MWG from the consignment of Jeffrey Bloom, agent. He is campaigned by Gunderson's Twin Oaks Bloodstock.

Dresden Row has been cross-entered in an allowance optional claiming race May 21 at Churchill Downs. **BH**

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# OBLITERATION RETURNS STATESIDE IN CHICK LANG

By Lizzy Madden

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**O**bliteration makes his return to the United States as the 6-5 favorite in the \$150,000 Chick Lang Stakes May 16 at Laurel Park.

The 3-year-old son of **Violence** is coming off a second-place finish in the Feb. 14 Saudi Derby (G3). Trained by Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen, his first start this year came in the Jan. 3 Renaissance Stakes, which he won by 7 1/2 lengths going 6 furlongs, the same distance as the Chick Lang.

As a 2-year-old, Obliteration became a graded stakes winner in his second career start in the Sanford Stakes (G3) at Saratoga Race Course by 10 1/2 lengths. Owned by Leland Ackerley Racing, James Sherwood, Jode Shupe, and John Cilia, Obliteration raced the second half of his 2-year-old season on grass, running second in a pair of stakes and wrapping up his year with a fourth-place finish in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint (G1T) before switching back to dirt this year.

Obliteration will have to beat seven rivals, including front-running **Shane's Wonder**, the undefeated Alfredo Velazquez trainee and Uptowncharlybrown Stud homebred who comes into the Chick Lang off a win in the Wait For It Stakes at Parx Racing.

## MODO LOOKS TO MAKE IT THREE IN A ROW IN SKIPAT

In the \$125,000 Skipat Stakes, **Modo** looks to earn her third victory in a row in the 6-furlong dirt race.

Trained by Kinnon LaRose, who recently took over Tom Amoss' stable, Modo has won back-to-back non-black-type stakes—the Yellow Rose Stakes at Sam Houston Race Park and the Bluebonnet Stakes at Lone Star Park. The Texas-bred filly will be in her comfort zone, never racing beyond 6 1/2 furlongs in her 11-race career. Owned by Joel Politi, the 4-year-old daughter of **Liam's Map** is the 9-5 morning-line favorite.

She will face six others, including graded stake winners and the newly crowned Pennsylvania Horse of the Year **Kappa Kappa**, who was the upset winner of the 2025 Raven Run Stakes (G2) at Keeneland.

## FINAL STORY JUMPS INTO STAKES ACTION IN SIR BARTON

With the scratch of morning-line favorite **Reagan's Honor**, who developed a fever shipping into Laurel, the \$100,000 Sir Barton Stakes run at 1 1/16 miles on the dirt is now led by Brad Cox trainee **Final Story**.

The lightly raced son of **Candy Ride** is making just his third career start in the Sir Barton. He broke his maiden last out, April 19, at Keeneland by 6 widening lengths.

Final Story is expected to go to the lead and set the pace as he did in his maiden victory, and will look to add a stakes win to his résumé as he stretches out to a route for the first time. At odds of 2-1, he is now the morning-line favorite in a six-horse field. A homebred for Gary and Mary West, he is out of the grade 1-winning mare **Book Review**.

## MOTION BRINGS DUO TO JAMES W. MURPHY STAKES

Trainer Graham Motion brings two into the \$100,000 James W. Murphy Stakes, led by **Proton**. The race goes 1 mile on the turf.

The son of **Astern** is the 9-5 morning-line favorite. Owned by Stone Farm, Tom Reiman, Ken Wheeler Jr., Lynwood Napier, and Deborah Easter, the gelding is taking a step back in company and distance, coming into the race off a seventh-place finish in the Transylvania Stakes (G3T) going 1 1/16 miles. He has not found his way into the winner's circle since Sept. 27, when he won the Laurel Futurity, but has been twice stakes-placed since then.



Obliteration wins the Renaissance Stakes at Oaklawn Park

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# OBLITERATION RETURNS STATESIDE IN CHICK LANG

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Motion's second entry, the 5-2 **Turf Star**, is a son of **Caravaggio**. His lone win came at 1 mile last summer at Kentucky Downs, and he followed up with a runner-up finish in the Bourbon Stakes (G2T). In his last start, the Calumet Farm homebred was a well-beaten ninth in the 1 1/8-mile Jeff Ruby Steaks (G3) on the all-weather track at Turfway Park, which encouraged his connections to move him back to his preferred surface and distance.

## CHASING LIBERTY LEADS WIDE-OPEN JIM MCKAY TURF SPRINT

The \$125,000 Jim McKay Turf Sprint Stakes going 5 1/2 furlongs attracted a field of 11, led by 3-1 morning-line favorite **Chasing Liberty**. The 4-year-old son of **Constitution** is trained by Rob Atlas for owners Twin Creeks Racing Stables and CMNWLTH.

Chasing Liberty was narrowly defeated in his last start by **Outlaw Kid** in the April 26 King T. Leatherbury Stakes at Laurel. Outlaw Kid also enters the Jim McKay at odds of 5-1. The 7-year-old gelded son of Violence is looking



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Proton wins the 2025 Laurel Futurity at Laurel Park

to make it back-to-back wins for owners R. A. Hill Stable and SGV Thoroughbreds and trainer George Weaver.

**Run Curtis Run** is looking to get back into the winner's circle after just narrowly missing his 2026 debut in an allowance-level turf sprint at Churchill Downs. At 4-1, the multiple graded stakes-placed Mike Maker trainee is the second choice on the morning line. **BH**

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## BURNHAM SQUARE SEEKS ELKHORN-LOUISVILLE DOUBLE

By Byron King

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Rather than pursue late spring and early summer stakes options elsewhere, 2025 Elkhorn Stakes (G2T) winner [Utah Beach](#), trained by Ignacio "Nacho" Correas IV, remained in the Bluegrass State last May and repeated in the Louisville Stakes (G3T).

Now the latest Elkhorn winner from Keeneland, Whitham Thoroughbreds' [Burnham Square](#), will attempt to follow suit in the \$250,000, 1 1/2-mile Louisville Stakes, the May 16 feature on a Downs After Dark program at Churchill Downs.

Coming off a 9 3/4-length romp in the Elkhorn and facing only five rivals in Saturday's turf test, the Ian Wilkes-trained [Liam's Map](#) gelding is the 2-5 morning-line favorite under Brian Hernandez Jr.

Anthony Rogers' [Echo Lane](#) and Three Diamonds Farm's [Anegada](#)—both graded-placed in distance turf races in Florida this winter—head the opposition. Anegada also captured the John B. Connally Turf Cup Stakes in January at Sam Houston Race Park.

Three of Burnham Square's four wins from 12 starts have come in graded stakes, including the 2025 Holy Bull Stakes (G3) and Blue Grass Stakes

(G1), both on dirt. He also finished sixth in last year's Kentucky Derby (G1) on the Churchill Downs main track after a troubled trip.

Beginning late last summer, Wilkes shifted Burnham Square to turf, citing the gelding's running style and pedigree.

"I did think he was going to be a successful long-distance turf horse," Wilkes said. "What he was able to accomplish on the dirt was really remarkable because that's not really what his pedigree says he should be."

As for Burnham Square's placement in the Louisville Stakes, the rich purse makes a suitable spot for the Kentucky-based horse.

"With him being a gelding, it doesn't force us to run in every grade 1 to try to boost a resume," Wilkes said. "Our goal at the end of the year is the Breeders' Cup. We also know how much he appreciated Kentucky Downs last year so that's another target as well. Those are the types of races we've had on our radar and we've been working backwards from there."

The Sept. 5 Kentucky Turf Cup Invitational Stakes (G2T) at 1 1/2 miles at Kentucky Downs is worth \$2 million, counting incentives for Kentucky-breds, which Burnham Square is.

The Kentucky Turf Cup is also a Breeders' Cup

Challenge Series event, providing a paid, automatic berth into the \$5 million Breeders' Cup Turf (G1T) Oct. 31 at Keeneland.

The Louisville is race 8 on the 10-race card with a post time of 9:39 p.m. ET. First post is 6 p.m., and the Preakness Stakes (G1) from Laurel Park will be simulcast between races 3 and 4. **BH**

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Burnham Square dominates in the Elkhorn Stakes at Keeneland



## NO EASY ANSWERS FOR A TRIPLE CROWN UNDER SIEGE

By Jay Hovdey

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OK, so who killed the Triple Crown? Only three of the 18 runners in the May 2 Kentucky Derby (G1) are at Laurel Park for the Preakness Stakes (G1) May 16, with Derby winner [Golden Tempo](#) chief among the missing.

Was it Eddie Gregson, the trainer of 1982 Kentucky Derby hero Gato Del Sol, who stood on the winner's stand at Churchill Downs and told ABC's Jim McKay that, nah, he'd be passing up the Preakness Stakes to train for the Belmont Stakes (G1)? Gregson felt the Belmont was more suited to his long-winded, galloping son of Cougar II.

Was it Robert Brennan, who dangled a multimillion-dollar bonus in front of Spend a Buck if he could add a couple of races in New Jersey to his victory in the 1985 Derby? When Spend a Buck's people took up the challenge, both the Preakness and the Belmont were out of the picture for the swift son of Buckaroo.

Was it the 1987 version of the Triple Crown Challenge—created to answer the Brennan offer—when Alysheba's victories in the Derby and Preakness were not good enough to take home the rich participation bonus for the series? Two out of three? Too bad.

Then again, maybe it was that agonizing eight-year stretch between 1997 and 2004 during which no less than six 3-year-olds arrived at the threshold of Triple Crown glory, accompanied by a swirl of media madness, only to trip and fall over the mile and one-half obstacle at Belmont Park. Even Lucy finally let Charlie Brown kick the football.

After 37 years without a Triple Crown winner, Bob Baffert suddenly made it look way too easy with [American Pharoah](#) in 2015 and [Justify](#) in 2018. That also means it has been 48 years since a trainer other than Baffert has won the Crown, a daunting stat, since the previous 11 Triple Crown winners were trained by 10 different guys



Robusta trains May 13 at Laurel Park

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(always splitting Citation between father and son Ben and Jimmy Jones).

Trainer Cherie DeVaux and her ownership were afforded convenient precedent to pass the Preakness with Golden Tempo by Bill Mott, who dodged the middle bullet in 2025 with Derby winner [Sovereignty](#). Interestingly, in a head-scratching "Say what?" development, Mott reportedly encouraged his son, trainer Riley Mott, to give the Preakness a shot with sixth-place Derby finisher [Incredibolt](#), "...if you feel like he's doing good."

(This begs a question about elder Mott's last two Derby runners, [Sovereignty](#) and [Chief Wallabee](#). Both passed the Preakness because... they weren't doing good?)

Riley Mott is one of seven trainers among the 14 with Preakness runners who were born in the years since Affirmed won the 1978 Triple Crown. If this passes for a youth movement, I'm all for it. The others include Chad Brown ([Iron Honor](#)), Whit Beckman ([Ocelli](#)), Chad Summers ([Napoleon Solo](#)), and Brittany Russell ([Taj Mahal](#))—all of them given a good shot at the title—

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along with longshots trained by John Ennis ([Great White](#)) and Saffie Joseph Jr. ([Bull by the Horns](#)).

Doug O'Neill, who had just turned 10 when Affirmed won the Crown, is wheeling Calumet Farm's [Robusta](#) back from the Derby. The son of [Accelerate](#), second earlier this year in the San Felipe Stakes (G2), could do no better than 14th. Since this will be O'Neill's fifth Preakness rodeo with a Derby runner—including Derby winners [I'll Have Another](#) and [Nyquist](#)—he was asked what it takes to make both races, and why he thinks the move has fallen out of fashion.

"Paul and Zillah Reddam, the owners of Nyquist and I'll Have Another, have a real love for the tradition and history of the Triple Crown," O'Neill said. "As long as the horses came out of the Derby good, they were eating good, and doing well, why wouldn't we go in the Preakness? It was kind of a no-brainer."

O'Neill has a distinct recollection of the controversy surrounding Gregson's decision to pass the middle jewel, which prompted columnist Jim Murray to call Gato Del Sol "Pollo del Sol" and Pimlico Race Course general manager Chick Lang to put a goat in the stall reserved for the Derby winner.

"When I heard that, I couldn't imagine that if I ever got lucky enough to win the Derby not trying to hit the Triple Crown," O'Neill said.

Today, in an atmosphere of hyper-vigilant regulatory veterinary exams, running a horse back in two weeks is all but discouraged, especially at the Triple Crown level.

"A horse can go into the Derby feeling like an 18-year-old LeBron and come out like a 41-year-old LeBron," O'Neill said. "It's a tough grind for these 3-year-olds, and you're training in a fishbowl. They're checking your horse every other

day for about a week leading up to the races. We know horses can have a bad day, but if it comes on the day a regulatory vet is looking at them, you're red-flagged for a long time."

In order to make the gate for the Kentucky Derby, America's best available 3-year-olds are raced hard, though not often, then trained hard in the weeks leading up to the classic. The mandated 20-horse field usually precludes an honest trip for at least half the field. Were there a 14-horse Preakness a month down the road available as a high-class consolation—not to mention offering a place in history—much of the effort earned scrambling to make the Derby would not be wasted, and the quality of a Triple Crown event would be preserved.

"It's gotten to the point where if you're able to run back even in a month, you breathe a sigh of relief," O'Neill said. "But two weeks in a fishbowl, with the scrutiny of national TV, is a lot to ask to get some continuity with your top-end horses. We're missing top-notch horses in the Preakness because of the timing, that's for sure."

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**Skipping the Preakness Stakes, Kentucky Derby winner Spend a Buck instead goes to New Jersey to win the 1985 Jersey Derby at Garden State Park**



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As it stands, with the Belmont Stakes occupying that sweet spot five weeks after the Derby, New York racing is the prime beneficiary of the modern trend. It can even be argued that for owners and trainers in certain regions, a sweep of the well-spaced Kentucky Derby, Belmont Stakes, and Travers Stakes (G1) is held in higher regard than the dusty old Triple Crown.

O'Neill's last Derby also-rans to compete in the Preakness were [Happy Jack](#), who chased [Early Voting](#) to no avail in 2022, and [Goldencents](#), who finished fifth behind Happy Jack's sire [Oxbow](#) in 2013, then went on to win back-to-back runnings of the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1).

"For them to be able to come out of the Derby and pass all the regulatory checks, you've got to be lucky," O'Neill said. "We have been with Robusta.

Running 14th, maybe he didn't beat himself up too much in the Derby. He looks well, and he's definitely going to be fit enough.

"So I'm projecting his San Felipe and hoping a high 80s Beyer will be enough to win the race," O'Neill added, laughing a little at the sound of it. "I know he's at least got that in him."

If ever there was a good time to make adjustments in the Triple Crown, it is now. The eight years since Justify have been fraught with chaos and controversy.

In 2019, [Maximum Security](#) was disqualified for interference and [Country House](#) elevated to the victory. Neither ran in the Preakness. In Covid 2020, when the Crown was turned inside out, [Authentic](#) was beaten by [Swiss Skydiver](#) in the Preakness, a month after he won a September Derby.

In 2021, [Mandaloun](#)'s people didn't know they had won the Derby until the postrace positive of first-place finisher Medina Spirit was fully adjudicated. Medina Spirit ran in the Preakness, Mandaloun did not. Then came the recent cluster of three Preakness no-shows since 2022: [Rich Strike](#), [Sovereignty](#), and [Golden Tempo](#).

O'Neill's Derby winners were never the same after the Preakness. I'll Have Another, who won a tough battle with Derby foe Bodemeister at Pimlico in 2012, sustained a soft tissue injury and was scratched on the eve of the Belmont. In 2016, Nyquist suffered his first defeat on a sloppy track in the Preakness, raced twice more without winning, and was retired to what has become a stellar stud career.

"I think the move to more time between the races is inevitable," O'Neill said. "I would have loved to have had three or four weeks between the Derby and Preakness for both of them. Who knows? It might have been a different story." **BH**



I'll Have Another (outside) wins the 2012 Preakness Stakes at Pimlico Race Course

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## GRADED/GROUP STAKES

### George E. Mitchell Black-Eyed Susan S. (G2)

Laurel Park, 5/15, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 9f (dirt), 1:52.15, track fast.

1—**My Miss Mo**, 118, b f, 3.....\$180,000  
Uncle Mo—In a Dream, by **Quality Road**  
O—Averill Racing, LLC, Mathis Stable, LLC and De Meric, Tristan, B—Valerie Mastromonaco, Tristan de Meric & Uncle Mo Syndicate (FL), T—Saffie A. Joseph, Jr., J—Tyler Gaffalione

**Sale History:** 2025 OBSMAR, \$320,000.

2—**Jumping the Gun**, 118, b f, 3.....\$60,000  
**Gun Runner**—Breaking Bread, by **Quality Road**

O—Imaginary Stables, B—John Guarnere (KY), T—Andrew L. Simoff, J—Luis Saez

3—**A. P.'s Girl**, 118, b f, 3.....\$30,000  
**Honor A. P.**—March X Press, by Shanghai Bobby

O—C R K Stable LLC, B—Parks Investment Group, LLC (KY), T—Peter Eurton, J—Irada Ortiz, Jr.

**Margins:** 1¾, 1, 4½. **Others:** Majestic Lucia (\$18,000), Miss Fulton Gal (\$9,000), Holly's Holiday (\$3,000), Braken Poppa, Ivy Girl, Savor It.

**Scratched:** Haute Diva. **View Equibase Chart**

### Pimlico Special S. (G3)

Laurel Park, 5/15, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 9.5f (dirt), 1:56.61, track fast.

1—**Navajo Warrior**, 120, dk b/br g, 5.....\$150,000

**Candy Ride (ARG)**—Crosswinds, by Storm Cat

O—BAG Racing Stables, Miller Racing, LLC, Paul, Dr. Derek K., Mathis Stable, LLC, Braverman, Paul and Pinch, Timothy, B—Hinkle Farms (KY), T—Saffie A. Joseph, Jr., J—Flavien Prat

**Sale History:** 2022 KEESEP, \$125,000.

2—**Maclean's Rook**, 120, ch g, 4...\$50,000  
**Maclean's Music**—Bohemian Queen, by Animal Kingdom

O—PrepsToThePros Racing Stables, LLC and July Cavalry Racing, B—Determined Stud (MD), T—Michael J. Trombetta, J—Ismerio Villalobos

**Sale History:** 2023 FTMOCT, \$20,000.

3—**San Siro**, 122, b g, 5.....\$25,000  
Classic Empire—Catenaria, by Bernardini

O—Andrew Farm, Mountmellick Farm, Ocean Reef Racing, White Mountain Stables and Stonecreek Farm, B—Frankfort Park Farm, Bemart, Equinow, Valle Falcone & K. Byrne (KY), T—Brendan P. Walsh, J—Tyler Gaffalione

**Sale History:** 2022 KEESEP, \$150,000, 2022 KEEJAN, \$80,000.

**Margins:** 2¾, ¾, 1¼. **Others:** Duke of Duval (\$15,000), Xcellent Start (\$7,500), Yo Daddy (\$2,500), Awesome Aaron. **View Equibase Chart**

### Miss Preakness S. (G3)

Laurel Park, 5/15, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 6f (dirt), 1:11.87, track fast.

1—**Peach Tie**, 120, ch f, 3.....\$90,000

Preservationist—Belles Orb, by Orb  
O—Estate of Brereton C. Jones, B—Brereton C. Jones (KY), T—Brittany T. Russell, J—Sheldon Russell

**Sale History:** 2024 KEESEP, (\$19,000 RNA).

2—**Tessellate**, 122, b f, 3.....\$30,000

**McKinzie**—Shotdowninflames, by Trappe Shot

O—Magic Cap Stables, Braverman, Paul, Pinch, Timothy, Castle Gate Farm, LLC, BAG Racing Stables, Reinhardt, John and Turf Express Racing, Inc., B—Castle Gate Farm LLC (FL), T—Saffie A. Joseph, Jr., J—Irada Ortiz, Jr.

**Sale History:** 2024 KEESEP, \$170,000.

3—**Little Miss Curlin**, 124, ch f, 3...\$15,000

**Charlatan**—Mylady Curlin, by **Curlin**  
O—Coteau Grove Farms LLC, B—Coteau Grove Farms, LLC (LA), T—Steven M. Asmussen, J—Jose L. Ortiz

**Margins:** 1½, 3¾, 2. **Others:** Lights Out Leni (\$9,000), Getting Closer (\$4,500). **Scratched:** Late Night Text, Victory Music. **View Equibase Chart**

### BOODLES YORKSHIRE CUP STAKES (G2)

York, 5/15, £177,066, 4yo/up, 13.8f, 3:00.70, good.

1—**Rahiebb (GB)**, 129, b c, 4.....£102,078

**Frankel (GB)**—Playful Sound (GB), by Street Cry (IRE)

O—SHEIKH AHMED AL MAKTOUM, B—Newsells Park Stud (GB), T—VARIAN ROGER, J—DAWSON RAY

**Sale History:** 2023 TATOC1, (\$304,594 RNA).

2—**Al Nayyir (GB)**, 129, b g, 8.....£38,700

**Dubawi (IRE)**—Bright Beacon (GB), by Manduro (GER)

O—ELBASHR SALEM AB ELHRARI, B—Godolphin (GB), T—CLOVER TOM, J—DOYLE JAMES

3—**Epic Poet (IRE)**, 129, b g, 7.....£19,368  
**Lope de Vega (IRE)**—Sagaciously (IRE), by Lawman (FR)

O—AKELA THOROUGHBREDS LTD, B—George Kent (IRE), T—O'MEARA DAVID, J—TUDHOPE DANIEL

**Sale History:** 2023 TATAUT, \$61,727, 2022 ARQDCO, (\$395,234 RNA), 2020 TATOC1, \$610,426, 2019 TATDEF, \$244,017.

**Margins:** 2¼, neck, 5. **Others:** FURTHER (IRE), TARRIANCE, AMILOC, DEIRA MILE (IRE).

### SAVAL BEG LEVMOSS STAKES (G3)

Leopardstown, 5/15, €65,380, 4yo/up, 14f, 3:00.93, good.

1—**Scandinavia**, 136, dk b/br c, 4..€41,230

**Justify**—Fabulous (IRE), by Galileo (IRE)

O—MICHAEL TABOR & DERRICK SMITH & MRS JOHN MAGNIER, B—ORPENDALE/ CHELSTON/WYNATT (KY), T—O'BRIEN AIDAN, J—MOORE RYAN

2—**Happy Pharoah (IRE)**, 131, b g, 4.....€13,230

**American Pharoah**—Happily (IRE), by Galileo (IRE)

O—F W LYNCH, B—COOLMORE (IRE), T—O'BRIEN DONNACHA, J—HARNETT PADDY

**Sale History:** 2023 GOFORB, \$47,575.

3—**Le Destrier (IRE)**, 131, br h, 7.....€6,230  
Le Havre (IRE)—Quanzhou (FR), by **Dubawi (IRE)**

O—STAWOMIR PEGZA, B—Haras De La Perelle (IRE), T—MULLINS WILLIE, J—LEE BILLY

**Sale History:** 2020 ARQAUG, \$47,258.

**Margins:** ½, ¾, 2¼. **Others:** LEINSTER (IRE), DALAS STAR (FR), MONT ST MICHEL (IRE).

## BLACK-TYPE STAKES

### Allaire DuPont Distaff S.

Laurel Park, 5/15, \$125,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f (dirt), 1:52.26, track fast.

1—**Margie's Intention**, 120, dk b/br f, 4.....\$75,000

**Honor A. P.**—Playful Dancer, by **Into Mischief**



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0—Delta Squad Racing, LLC, Dubb, Michael and Madaket Stables, LLC, B—Co-teau Grove Farms, LLC (LA), T—Brad H. Cox, J—Irad Ortiz, Jr.

**Sale History:** 2025 FTKNOV, \$1,300,000, 2024 OBSAPR, \$185,000, 2023 FTKOCT, \$57,000.

2—**Low Country Magic**, 120, ch m, 5 ..... \$25,000

**Good Magic**—Marsh Harbour, by Malibu Moon

O—Haymarket Farm LLC, B—Haymarket Farm LLC (KY), T—Horacio De Paz, J—Tyler Gaffalione

**Sale History:** 2022 KEESEP, (\$50,000 RNA).

3—**Late Nite Call**, 120, b f, 4 ..... \$12,500

**Audible**—Clockstrucktwelve, by Malibu Moon

O—Richard E. Harris, B—R. Larry Johnson (VA), T—Niall Saville, J—Xavier Perez

**Sale History:** 2023 FTMOCT, \$25,000.

**Margins:** 2¾, 7½, 10¼. **Others:** Queen Azteca (\$7,500), Complexity Jane (\$3,750). **Scratched:** Waveless, Too Many Kisses, Ourdaydreaminggirl. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## Hilltop S.

Laurel Park, 5/15, \$125,000, 3yo, f, 8f (turf), 1:35.52, course firm.

1—**Coach Mazzula**, 118, ch f, 3 ..... \$75,000  
**Authentic**—Crown and Sugar, by Crown of Thorns

O—Madaket Stables, LLC, B—Reitman Stables LLC (KY), T—Brittany T. Russell, J—Jevian Toledo

**Sale History:** 2024 FTSAUG, \$125,000, 2023 FTKNOV, (\$180,000 RNA).

2—**Ultimate Love**, 122, ch f, 3 ..... \$25,000

**Curlin**—Tsunami of Love, by Bernardini

O—Live Oak Plantation, B—Live Oak Stud (FL), T—Michael J. Trombetta, J—John R. Velazquez

3—**Brat Pack**, 118, ch f, 3 ..... \$12,500

**Gun Runner**—Ultra Brat, by Uncle Mo

O—Alex G. Campbell, Jr. Thoroughbreds, LLC, B—Alex G. Campbell, Jr. Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY), T—H. Graham Motion, J—Jorge Ruiz

**Margins:** head, 1¼, nose. **Others:** Siouxsie (\$7,500), Use Me (IRE) (\$3,750), Unmiztak-en (\$1,250). **Scratched:** I Love Giraffes. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## The Very One S.

Laurel Park, 5/15, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 5.5f (turf), 1:01.84, course firm.

1—**Sunna**, 120, dk b/br f, 4 ..... \$60,000

**Dominus**—Warm, by Flatter

O—Leverett S. Miller, B—Leverett S. Miller (KY), T—J. Kent Sweezey, J—Luis Saez

2—**Saturday Flirt**, 120, b f, 4 ..... \$20,000

**Mendelssohn**—Dragic, by Broken Vow

O—Mrs. Fitriani Hay, B—Wesley Ward (KY), T—Wesley A. Ward, J—Irad Ortiz, Jr.

3—**Lost and Found**, 124, gr/ro f, 4 . \$10,000

**Liam's Map**—Tapparri, by **Tapit**

O—Golden Lion Racing, B—Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY), T—Brittany T. Russell, J—Sheldon Russell

**Sale History:** 2026 FTOMAR, \$140,000, 2023 KEESEP, (\$120,000 RNA).

**Margins:** 1, ¾, neck. **Others:** Somnium (\$6,000), Les Reys (FR) (\$3,000), Strutsherstuff (\$1,000), Sporting Lady, Malibu Hooch. **Scratched:** Julee's Legacy. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## E B F MARYGATE FILLIES STAKES

York, 5/15, £68,859, 2yo, f, 5f, :59.85, good.

1—**Love A Giggle (IRE)**, 126, b f, 2. £39,697

**Kodiac (GB)**—Silver Bullet Lady (IRE), by Decorated Knight (GB)

O—C WATERS, B—PETER & HUGH MC-CUTCHEON (IRE), T—BURKE KARL, J—LEE CLIFFORD

**Sale History:** 2025 TATOC1, \$182,966, 2024 GOFNOF, \$40,266.

2—**Armor Supreme (IRE)**, 126, b f, 2 ..... £15,050

**Armor (GB)**—Hayaku, by Arch

O—TEAM VALOR INTERNATIONAL, D DIAS, M EVES, B—J & F REILLY (IRE), T—DIAS DIEGO, J—RYAN ROSSA

**Sale History:** 2025 TAISEP, \$4,695.

3—**Lover Girl (IRE)**, 126, gr f, 2 ..... £7,532

**Gregorian (IRE)**—Jungle Jane (IRE), by **Bungle Inthetjungle (GB)**

O—AMO RACING LIMITED, B—Rathasker Stud (IRE), T—PHILIPPART DE FOY KEVIN, J—EGAN DAVID

**Sale History:** 2025 TATSOM, \$59,733.

**Margins:** head, 2, 2. **Others:** ANGELS PASSING (IRE), PRINCESSE D'ORANGE, LAKE MURITZ, LAURALYNN (IRE), LADY BLANCHE (IRE), NIEWIADOMA (IRE), MARGARET'S PEARL.

## SKY BET FILLIES' STAKES

York, 5/15, £68,859, 3yo, f, 7.87f, 1:39.78, good.

1—**Lilt (GB)**, 128, b f, 3 ..... £39,697

**Lope de Vega (IRE)**—Dank (GB), by Dansili (GB)

O—James Wigan, B—James Wigan (GB), T—HAGGAS WILLIAM, J—MARQUAND TOM

2—**So Regal (GB)**, 128, b f, 3 ..... £15,050

**Kingman (GB)**—Queen's Trust (GB), by Dansili (GB)

O—Cheveley Park Stud, B—CHEVELEY PARK STUD LIMITED (GB), T—GOSDEN JOHN & THADY, J—TUDHOPE DANIEL

3—**Botagoz (IRE)**, 128, br f, 3 ..... £7,532

**Mehmas (IRE)**—Bocca Baciata (IRE), by Big Bad Bob (IRE)

O—NURLAN BIZAKOV, B—Yulong Investments (IRE), T—VARIAN ROGER, J—DAWSON RAY

**Sale History:** 2024 GOFORB, \$281,435.

**Margins:** 1½, 2, ¾. **Others:** ACT OF KINDNESS, PACIFIC MISSION, FASHION PEOPLE (IRE), SYNCHRONICITY (IRE).

## ALLOWANCE RESULTS

### Belmont At The Big A, Race 4, ALW

5/15, \$88,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (turf), 1:35.63, course firm.

1—**Pop Art**, 126, dk b/br f, 4, Medaglia d'Oro—Painting, by Distorted Humor, \$48,400, O—Glen Hill Farm, B—Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. & Hill 'n' Dale Farms, N.E.T.P. LTD, et al (KY), T—Thomas F. Proctor, J—Kendrick Carmouche

**Sale History:** 2023 KEESEP, \$750,000.

**Margin:** ½, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Belmont At The Big A, Race 6, ALW

5/15, \$82,000, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:10.99, track fast.

1—**Projectability**, 126, b g, 4, Street Boss—Royale Rose, by Macho Uno, \$45,100, O—Linda Rice, B—Don M. Robinson & Christophe Clement (NY), T—Linda Rice, J—Ricardo Santana, Jr.

**Sale History:** 2023 FTNAUG, \$200,000.

**Margin:** ¾, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Belterra Park, Race 7, ALW

5/15, \$21,300, 3yo/up, 5.5f (dirt), 1:07.50, track fast.

1—**My Trooper**, 119, dk b/br g, 3, **Yorkton**—Small Secret, by Ministers Wild Cat, \$12,780, O—Smith Red Gate Farm LLC, B—Hal Snowden Jr. (OH), T—Larry E. Smith, J—Yarmarie L. Correa

**Margin:** 2¾, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Belterra Park, Race 8, ALW



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5/15, \$24,500, 3yo/up, 8.32f (dirt), 1:45.25, track fast.

1—**Just Like Rambo**, 122, ch g, 4, Kiss the Ghost—Uknowi'mbusy, by Concord Point, \$15,190, O—Smith Red Gate Farm LLC, B—Hal Snowden Jr. & Cathy H. Comley (OH), T—Larry E. Smith, J—Guillermo Rodriguez

**Margin:** 2¼, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Charles Town, Race 8, ALW

5/14, \$34,100, 3yo/up, f/m, 4.5f (dirt), :52.16, track fast.

1—**Golden Circles**, 122, dk b/br m, 5, Golden Years—Truly Theresa, by Bwana Charlie, \$20,460, O—Shade Tree Farm LLC, B—William Ray Lewis Jr. (WV), T—M. Joanna Boggs, J—Christian Hiraldo

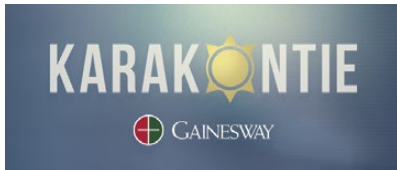
**Margin:** ¾, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Churchill Downs, Race 5, AOC

5/14, \$134,000, 3yo/up, 11f (turf), 2:12.86, course firm.

1—**Soleil Volant**, 122, ch g, 4, **Karakontie (JPN)**—Valentine Wish, by Lemon Drop Kid, \$76,392, O—Dupuis, Jr., Jacques, Bourque, Luke and Sutton, Bobby, B—G. Watts Humphrey Jr. (KY), T—H. Graham Motion, J—Ben Curtis

**Sale History:** 2023 KEESEP, \$25,000.



**Margin:** 2, 11 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Churchill Downs, Race 6, AOC

5/15, \$134,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 11f (turf), 2:14.53, course firm.

1—**Unmerited Favor**, 122, b f, 4, Summer Front—Going for Broke, by Blame, \$76,392, O—Shamrock Stables LLC (Rob Hutcherson), MJM Racing and Polard, Kevin J., B—Waterford Stables, Inc. (KY), T—Kenneth G. McPeck, J—Florent Geroux

**Margin:** 1¾, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Churchill Downs, Race 7, ALW

5/14, \$127,000, 3yo/up, 9f (dirt), 1:50.64, track fast.

1—**Master Controller**, 124, b c, 4, **Tapiture**—Key Is to Win, by Dixie Union, \$72,444, O—AJMAC and Family Thoroughbreds, LLC, B—Doug Branham & Felicia Branham (KY), T—Brittany A. Vanden Berg, J—Christopher A. Emigh

**Sale History:** 2024 FTMMAY, \$75,000, 2023 KEESEP, (\$19,000 RNA).

**Margin:** 1, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Churchill Downs, Race 8, AOC

5/15, \$141,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (dirt), 1:44.25, track fast.

1—**Yes It Tiz**, 122, b f, 4, **Tiz the Law**—Entangle (GB), by Pivotal (GB), \$80,344, O—Full of Run Racing II LLC, B—Newstead Corp (KY), T—Brad H. Cox, J—Florent Geroux

**Sale History:** 2023 KEESEP, \$110,000, 2022 FTKNOV, (\$95,000 RNA).

**Margin:** 3, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Churchill Downs, Race 9, AOC

5/15, \$141,000, 3yo/up, 8f (turf), 1:33.23, course firm.

1—**Silent Heart**, 122, dk b/br h, 5, Heart to Heart—

Mega Monster, by Silent Name (JPN), \$80,344, O—Hamilton, Terry and Kooconusa Ventures, B—Terry Hamilton (KY), T—Brian A. Lynch, J—Florent Geroux

**Margin:** 1, 10 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Evangeline Downs, Race 7, AOC

5/14, \$33,000, 3yo/up, 8f (dirt), 1:39.86, track fast.

1—**Tickle Me Unclemo**, 122, b g, 5, Uncle Mo—Tickled Pink, by Shackelford, \$19,800, O—Salome, Robert Joseph and Salome, Dana, B—Burning Daylight Farms, Inc. & November Hill Farm, Inc. (KY), T—Joe O. Duhon, J—Jose Riquelme

**Sale History:** 2024 FTOLT B, \$320,000, 2022 KEESEP, \$350,000.

**Margin:** 1½, 4 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Gulfstream Park, Race 7, ALW

5/15, \$65,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (turf), 1:41.67, course good.

1—**Bayou Brigid**, 120, b f, 3, **Neolithic**—Courageous Cajun, by Treasure Beach (GB), \$39,000, O—Sea Warrior Stables LLC and Smullen, Heather, B—Helen Barbazon & Joseph Barbazon (FL), T—Heather Smullen, J—Samy Camacho

**Sale History:** 2025 OBSAPR, \$20,000.

**Margin:** 1¾, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Horseshoe Indianapolis, Race 8, ALW

5/14, \$40,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (turf), 1:36.93, course firm.

1—**Kam's Rockin Gold**, 122, dk b/br m, 5, **Mohaymen**—Orangeblackandgold, by Rock Hard Ten, \$24,000, O—Thompson, Tonya and Thompson, Erin, B—Randy Burkett (IN), T—Erin Thompson, J—Hannah Leahey

**Margin:** ¾, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)



Silent Heart wins an allowance optional claiming race at Churchill Downs



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## Laurel Park, Race 2, ALW

5/15, \$62,860, 3yo/up, 5.5f (turf), 1:02.40, course firm.

1—**Big Tankness**, 121, dk b/br g, 4, **Uncle Lino**—Neva's Gal, by Gio Ponti, \$37,260, O—Jagger, Inc., B—Jagger Inc. (MD), T—Jamie Ness, J—Yedsit Hazlewood  
**Margin:** ¾, 10 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## Laurel Park, Race 3, AOC

5/15, \$59,740, 3yo/up, 8.5f (dirt), 1:44.03, track fast.

1—**Majorca**, 126, dk b/br g, 4, **Volatile**—Palma, by Malibu Moon, \$34,800, O—Rising Sun Racing Stables, Inc., B—Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate (KY), T—Daniel G. Eubanks, J—Martin Chuan

**Sale History:** 2025 FTKHRA, \$42,000, 2023 FTKJUL, \$135,000.

**Margin:** ¾, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## Laurel Park, Race 7, AOC

5/15, \$64,000, 3yo/up, 8f (turf), 1:34.61, course firm.

1—**King Size**, 126, b c, 4, **Twirling Candy**—Hiking, by First Defence, \$34,800, O—PIN OAK STUD LLC, B—Alice Bamford & Highfield Investment Group Inc (KY), T—Michael Stidham, J—Jose L. Ortiz

**Sale History:** 2023 KEESEP, \$925,000.

**Margin:** ½, 12 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## Laurel Park, Race 14, AOC

5/15, \$59,670, 3yo, 8f (dirt), 1:39.51, track fast.

1—**No More Calls**, 117, gr/ro g, 3, **Kobe's Back**—Stormy Love Affair, by Stormy Atlantic, \$37,260, O—B and C Stable, B—Eric Long (MD), T—Charles A. Frock, J—Jean Gregor Briceno

**Margin:** ½, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## Penn National, Race 2, ALW

5/15, \$37,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (turf), 1:35.73, course firm.

1—**Xmas in Cairo**, 120, b f, 4, **Cairo Prince**—Southern Christmas, by Harlan's Holiday, \$27,750, O—Belair Stable, B—Dunham Thoroughbreds (PA), T—Bernard G. Dunham, J—Andrew Wolfson

**Sale History:** 2023 KEESEP, (\$95,000 RNA).

**Margin:** neck, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## Penn National, Race 3, ALW

5/15, \$41,000, 3yo/up, 8f (turf), 1:35.36, course firm.

1—**Classic Nofty**, 119, b g, 3, **Classic Empire**—Move, by Silver Train, \$24,600, O—HnR Nothhaft Horse Racing LLC, B—HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC (PA), T—Phil Schoenthal, J—Angel Cruz

**Margin:** 2, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## Penn National, Race 6, AOC

5/14, \$39,000, 3yo/up, 8f (dirt), 1:37.29, track fast.

1—**Quasi Warrior**, 120, b g, 4, **Weigelia**—Awesome Angie, by Awesome Again, \$29,250, O—Wynoaks Farm and Warrior's Reward LLC, B—WynOaks Farm, LLC & Warrior's Reward, LLC (PA), T—Brandon L. Kulp, J—Angel R. Rodriguez

**Margin:** 1½, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## Santa Anita Park, Race 4, AOC

5/15, \$67,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:36.60, track fast.

1—**Lavender Love**, 126, gr/ro f, 4, **Grazen**—Lavender Touch, by Touch Gold, \$52,260, O—Nguyen, Calvin and Tran, Joey C., B—Gilman Racing & Nat Rubinfeld (CA), T—Richard Baltas, J—Armando Ayuso

**Margin:** 4½, 4 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## Santa Anita Park, Race 5, AOC

5/15, \$67,000, 3yo, 6f (turf), 1:09.25, course firm.

1—**Proletariat**, 120, b g, 3, **Raging Bull** (FR)—Kodiak West (IRE), by **Kodiac** (GB), \$40,200, O—Dutch Girl Holdings LLC and Irving Ventures LLC, B—Liberty Road Stables (KY), T—Jeff Mullins, J—Kyle Frey

**Sale History:** 2025 OBSMAR, \$200,000, 2024 FTKOCT, \$50,000.



**Margin:** 1, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## Santa Anita Park, Race 7, AOC

5/15, \$67,000, 3yo, f, 8f (turf), 1:35.33, course firm.

1—**Peanutbutterbombe**, 120, ch f, 3, **Collected**—Candy Store (IRE), by **Lope de Vega** (IRE), \$40,200, O—Little Red Feather Racing and Strauss, William, B—Speedway Stables LLC (KY), T—Philip D'Amato, J—Antonio Fresu

**Sale History:** 2025 OBSMAR, \$40,000.

**Margin:** 1, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## MAIDEN RESULTS

## Belmont At The Big A, Race 1, MSW

5/15, \$85,000, 2yo, 5f (dirt), :59.02, track fast.

1—**Goodbye to Romance**, 123, b c, 2, **Complexity**—Beckinsale, by **Curlin**, \$46,750, O—Pure Bred Funding LLC, B—Haymarket Farm LLC (KY), T—Jena M. Antonucci, J—Ricardo Santana, Jr.

**Sale History:** 2026 OBSMAR, \$50,000, 2025 KEESEP, \$15,000.

**Margin:** ¾, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## Belmont At The Big A, Race 5, MCL

5/15, \$55,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (turf), 1:41.74, course firm.

1—**Ocean Ripple**, 126, ch f, 4, **English Channel**—Charreada, by Kitten's Joy, \$30,250, O—Jacobson, David and Bowman, Daniel, B—Calumet Farm (KY), T—David Jacobson, J—Javier Castellano

**Sale History:** 2023 FTS AUG, \$285,000.

**Margin:** head, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## Belterra Park, Race 2, MSW

5/15, \$20,500, 3/4/5/6yo, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:42.98, track fast.

1—**Weelassie**, 121, b f, 3, **Mor Spirit**—Sister Janice, by Ecclesiastic, \$13,325, O—Julie Knott, B—Dr. Julie Veronica Knott (OH), T—Christopher Davis, J—John McKee

**Margin:** nose, 4 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## Charles Town, Race 6, MSW

5/14, \$32,900, 3/4/5/6yo, 4.5f (dirt), :52.64, track fast.

1—**Little Lino**, 118, ch g, 3, **Uncle Lino**—Magic Warrior, by Majestic Warrior, \$19,656, O—Ernest M. Haynes, B—Karmac Stables LLC (MD), T—Ernest M. Haynes, J—J. D. Acosta

**Margin:** 1½, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## Churchill Downs, Race 1, MCL

5/15, \$35,000, 3yo/up, 8.5f (dirt), 1:48.16, track fast.

1—**Carcar Express**, 125, ch g, 4, **Caracaro**—Foxbeau, by Bluegrass Cat, \$19,728, O—Dugan-McNichol Racing, LLC, B—LLP PERFORMANCE HORSE LLC (KY), T—Joe Sharp, J—Ben Curtis

**Sale History:** 2024 OBSMAR, \$60,000.

**Margin:** ½, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## Churchill Downs, Race 2, MCL

5/15, \$67,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (dirt), 1:46.89, track fast.

1—**Buckeye Bombshell**, 125, dk b/br f, 4, **Hit It a Bomb**—Theana, by Uncle Mo, \$33,992, O—Shamrock Stables LLC (Rob Hutcherson) and Magdalena Racing (Sherri McPeek), B—Daniel J. Yates & Patricia J. Yates (OH), T—Kenneth G. McPeek, J—Emmanuel Esquivel

**Sale History:** 2023 FTKOCT, \$25,000.

**Margin:** 1¾, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## Churchill Downs, Race 4, MSW

5/14, \$120,000, 2yo, 5f (dirt), :58.77, track fast.

1—**Captain Luke**, 119, dk b/br c, 2, **Knicks Go**—Well Hello, by **Quality Road**, \$49,056, O—Heiligbrodt,



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Corinne, Heiligbrodt, L. William, and Reimer, Ken T., B—Mast Thoroughbreds LLC (FL), T—Steven M. Asmussen, J—Keith J. Asmussen

**Sale History:** 2025 KEESEP, \$210,000, 2025 OBSJAN, \$30,000.

**Margin:** 5½, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Churchill Downs, Race 4, MSW

5/15, \$120,000, 2yo, f, 5f (dirt), :58.84, track fast.  
1—**Pierette**, 119, b f, 2, **Girvin**—Praising, by Pulpit, \$68,496, O—Tracy Farmer, B—Bret Jones (KY), T—Mark E. Casse, J—Axel Concepcion

**Sale History:** 2025 KEESEP, \$475,000.

**Margin:** 1¾, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Churchill Downs, Race 8, MSW

5/14, \$120,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (turf), :56.52, course firm.

1—**Twirling Claire**, 118, dk b/br f, 3, **Twirling Candy**—Clairenation, by Bernstein, \$68,496, O—Lloyd Madison Farms IV LLC, B—Lloyd Madison Farms IV, LLC (KY), T—Gregory D. Foley, J—Tyler Gaffalione

**Margin:** 2¾, 11 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Evangeline Downs, Race 1, MSW

5/15, \$32,000, 3yo/up, f/m, a8f (turf), 1:40.42, course firm.

1—**Angelic Katie**, 121, dk b/br f, 3, **Munnings**—Allegheny Angel, by Medaglia d'Oro, \$19,200, O—Norman, Mark and Norman Stables LLC, B—Doug Branham & Felicia Branham (KY), T—Jayde J. Gelner, J—Isaac Castillo

**Sale History:** 2025 OBSJUN, \$72,000, 2025 OBSAPR, \$15,000, 2024 FTKOCT, (\$45,000 RNA).

**Margin:** 1¼, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Evangeline Downs, Race 6, MSW

5/14, \$40,000, 3yo, f, 6f (dirt), 1:12.18, track fast.

1—**Peace of Justice**, 122, dk b/br f, 3, **Aurelius Maximus**—Jesse's Justice, by Lear Fan, \$24,000, O—Duhon, Joe and Meche, David N., B—Adcock's Red River Farm, LLC & J. Adcock (LA), T—Joe O. Duhon, J—Jose Riquelme

**Margin:** 4½, 12 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Gulfstream Park, Race 2, MSW

5/15, \$70,000, 2yo, f, 5f (dirt), :58.45, track fast.

1—**My Kid's Said No**, 120, dk b/br f, 2, **Omaha Beach**—Under Serviced, by Hook and Ladder, \$39,000, O—Joe Andrew Schumer, B—Helen Barbazon & Joseph Barbazon (FL), T—Tena Birdwell, J—Marcos Meneses

**Sale History:** 2026 OBSMAR, \$70,000.

**Margin:** 10¾, 4 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Laurel Park, Race 1, MCL

5/15, \$45,025, 3/4/5/6yo, 6f (dirt), 1:12.67, track fast.

1—**Bold Fact**, 118, ch g, 3, **Curlin**—True Royalty, by Yes It's True, \$24,600, O—Repole Stable, B—Jane Wingardner & Timber Town Stable LLC (KY), T—Brittany T. Russell, J—Irad Ortiz, Jr.

**Sale History:** 2024 KEESEP, \$400,000.

**Margin:** 1¼, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Laurel Park, Race 5, MCL

5/15, \$49,795, 3/4/5/6yo, 5.5f (turf), 1:03.19, course firm.

1—**Golden Descent**, 126, b g, 4, **Goldencents**—Justasprinkle, by Gilded Time, \$24,600, O—Steven D.

Keil, B—Belvedere Farm Inc. (KY), T—Caitlin Keil, J—Kevin Gomez

**Sale History:** 2023 KEEJAN, \$25,000.

**Margin:** 1½, 14 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Laurel Park, Race 6, MSW

5/15, \$54,000, 3/4/5/6yo, f/m, 8f (turf), 1:35.78, course firm.

1—**American Tapit**, 118, b f, 3, **American Pharoah**—By the Hour, by Tapit, \$31,200, O—JCB Stables, LLC, B—Agrofarm S.A. (KY), T—Horacio De Paz, J—Jose L. Ortiz

**Margin:** ¾, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Santa Anita Park, Race 1, MCL

5/15, \$35,000, 3/4/5yo, 8f (turf), 1:38.24, course firm.

1—**Knowhere**, 120, b g, 3, **Cat Burglar**—Class With a K, by Tapit, \$21,000, O—Cesar De Alba, B—Richard Barton Enterprises (CA), T—Cesar De Alba, J—Edgar Payeras

**Sale History:** 2024 FTCSEP, \$10,000.

**Margin:** ½, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Santa Anita Park, Race 6, MSW

5/15, \$65,000, 2yo, 4.5f (dirt), :51.88, track fast.

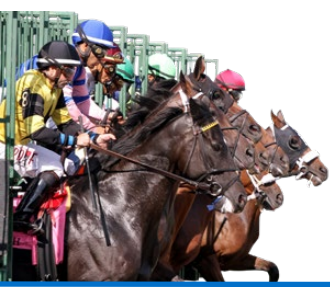
1—**He Is No Lie**, 120, dk b/br c, 2, **Early Voting**—Truth in the Lies, by Hold Me Back, \$39,000, O—Purple Rein Racing (Barton; Buss) and Davis, Mark D., B—Pope McLean, Marc McLean & Pope McLean Jr. (KY), T—Doug F. O'Neill, J—Emisael Jaramillo

**Sale History:** 2026 OBSMAR, \$150,000, 2025 KEESEP, \$70,000.

**Margin:** 8, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)



My Kid's Said No breaks her maiden at Gulfstream Park



# TODAY'S ENTRIES

## PREAKNESS S. (G1)

Laurel Park, Saturday, May 16, Race 13  
9.5f (dirt), \$2,000,000, 3yo, 7:01 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Taj Mahal	Nyquist	3/c	Sheldon Russell	126	5/1	SF Racing, LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, LLC, Stonestreet Stables, LLC, Bashor Racing, LLC, Determined Stables, Golconda Stable, Waves Edge Capital, LLC & Catherine Donovan
2	2	Ocelli	Connect	3/c	Tyler Gaffalione	126	6/1	Ashley Durr, Anthony Tate and Front Page Equestrian, LLC
3	3	Crupper	Candy Ride	3/c	Junior Alvarado	126	30/1	Robert H. Zoellner
4	4	Robusta	Accelerate	3/c	Rafael Bejarano	126	30/1	Calumet Farm
5	5	Talkin	Good Magic	3/c	Irado Ortiz, Jr.	126	20/1	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Pine Racing Stables, Legendary Thoroughbreds, Belmar Racing and Breeding, LLC and R. A. Hill Stable
6	6	Chip Honcho	Connect	3/c	Jose L. Ortiz	126	5/1	Leland Ackerley Racing, LLC, James Sherwood, Jode Shupe and John Cilia
7	7	The Hell We Did	Authentic	3/c	Luis Saez	126	15/1	Peacock Family Racing Stable, LLC
8	8	Bull by the Horns	Essential Quality	3/c	Micah J. Husbands	126	30/1	Peachtree Stable and Mark Corrado
9	9	Iron Honor	Nyquist	3/c	Flavien Prat	126	9/2	St. Elias Stable, William H. Lawrence and Cathi Glassman
10	10	Napoleon Solo	Liam's Map	3/c	Paco Lopez	126	8/1	Gold Square LLC
11	11	Corona de Oro	Bolt d'Oro	3/c	John R. Velazquez	126	30/1	On Our Own Stable, LLC, Commonwealth Stable, U Racing Stables, LLC, Saints or Sinners, Titledown Racing, LLC, Jim Nichols, Edwin S. Baker, Daniel Rivers, John Haines and Dallas Stewart
12	12	Incredibolt	Bolt d'Oro	3/c	Jaime A. Torres	126	5/1	PIN OAK STUD LLC
13	13	Great White	Volatile	3/g	Alex Achard	126	15/1	Three Chimneys Farm and John Ennis
14	14	Pretty Boy Miah	Beau Liam	3/g	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	126	15/1	Team Penney Racing, Echo Racing, Flower City Racing LLC, Anthony Bruno and Christopher J. Meyer

**Breeders:** 1–Vegso Racing Stable; 2–Rosedown Racing Stables, LLC; 3–Robert H. Zoellner; 4–Calumet Farm; 5–Fifth Avenue Bloodstock; 6–Venneri Racing Inc. & Tony Fanticola; 7–Joe R. Peacock, Jr; 8–Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables; 9–Mike Freeny & Pat Freeny; 10–John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock; 11–Willow Oaks Stable, LLC; 12–Deann Baer & Greg Baer DVM; 13–Stud TNT, LLC; 14–Thoroughbred By Design.

**Trainers:** 1–Brittany T. Russell; 2–D. Whitworth Beckman; 3–Donnie K. Von Hemel; 4–Doug F. O'Neill; 5–Danny Gargan; 6–Steven M. Asmussen; 7–Todd W. Fincher; 8–Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.; 9–Chad C. Brown; 10–Chad Summers; 11–Dallas Stewart; 12–Riley Mott; 13–John Ennis; 14–Jeremiah C. Englehart.

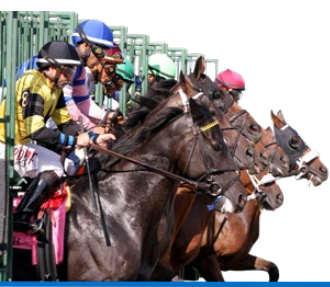
## MARYLAND SPRINT S. (G3)

Laurel Park, Saturday, May 16, Race 8  
6f (dirt), \$150,000, 3yo/up, 2:48 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Bring the Smoke	Preservationist	4/g	Tyler Gaffalione	120	10/1	Awestrike Racing, Berry Family Racing, LLC, Legion Racing, GLAM Racing and Clarke Ohrstrom
2	2	Faster Gator	Vekoma	4/c	Irado Ortiz, Jr.	120	9/2	Richard Burnsworth and Dunn Brothers Racing LLC
3	3	Faust	Volatile	4/c	Jose L. Ortiz	126	8/1	L. William & Corinne Heiligbrodt
4	4	Haileysfirstnotion	Great Notion	5/g	Jose E. Vargas	120	7/2	Daniel C. Crowley & Non Stop Stable
5	5	Floodlites	City of Light	4/g	John R. Velazquez	124	4/1	Lael Stables
6	6	Celtic Contender	Irish War Cry	5/h	Forest Boyce	120	9/2	Lewis Family Racing Stable
7	7	Hymn	McKinzie	4/g	Rafael Bejarano	124	12/1	Fleur De Lis Stables, Sparks, William S. and Jones, Bret
8	8	Slam Notion	Great Notion	4/g	Jevian Toledo	120	5/1	Eric A. Rizer
9	9	S S Sinatra	Desert Party	6/g	Raul E. Mena	120	30/1	3 Reasons Racing

**Breeders:** 1–Brereton C. Jones; 2–Romar Farm LLC & BRS; 3–Torie Gladwell & Terri Burns; 4–Daniel C. Crowley & Non Stop Stable; 5–Pitlochry Partners; 6–Fred T Lewis DVM; 7–Fleur de Lis Stables; 8–Eric A Rizer & Nancy M Rizer; 9–Dr. Stephen Sinatra.

**Trainers:** 1–D. Whitworth Beckman; 2–Anthony Farrior; 3–Steven M. Asmussen; 4–Gary Capuano; 5–Wesley A. Ward; 6–Hamilton A. Smith; 7–Ron Moquett; 8–W. Robert Bailes; 9–Kerry Hohlbein.



# TODAY'S ENTRIES

## DINNER PARTY S. (G3T)

Laurel Park, Saturday, May 16, Race 10  
9f (turf), \$250,000, 3yo/up, 4:11 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	What Say Thee	Sea The Stars	8/g	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	120	15/1	Liberty House Racing & Penwood Racing
2	2	Thundering	Mosler	4/g	Paco Lopez	120	15/1	Dastur Racing
3	3	Cruise the Nile	Cairo Prince	4/g	Jorge Ruiz	120	9/5	Hope H. Jones
4	4	Fort Washington	War Front	7/h	Junior Alvarado	120	7/2	Magic Cap Stables
5	5	A Bourbon for Toby	Bernardini	4/c	Irado Ortiz, Jr.	120	12/1	Titletown Racing Stables
6	6	Dresden Row	Lord Nelson	5/h	Flavien Prat	122	7/5	Twin Oaks Bloodstock LLC
7	7	Harrow	Lea	8/g	Tyler Gaffalione	120	12/1	Averill Racing LLC

**Breeders:** 1—Calumet Farm; 2—Jal Dastur; 3—Hope Jones; 4—Joseph Allen, LLC & White Birch Farm, Inc.; 5—Titletown Racing Stables (Paul Farr); 6—TCR Ranch; 7—Lantern Hill Farm LLC.

**Trainers:** 1—Horacio De Paz; 2—Derek S. Ryan; 3—H. Graham Motion; 4—Claude R. McGaughey III; 5—Thomas Morley; 6—Todd A. Pletcher; 7—Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.

## GALLORETTE S. (G3T)

Laurel Park, Saturday, May 16, Race 11  
8.5f (turf), \$150,000, 3yo/up f/m, 4:53 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Mahra's Love	Dark Angel	4/f	Luis Saez	120	15/1	Tropical Racing
2	2	Ribaltagaia	Blame	5/m	Junior Alvarado	120	6/1	Frassetto Stables LLC
3	3	Accent	Pinatubo	4/f	Flavien Prat	120	3/1	Jeffrey Drown
4	4	Warming	Global Campaign	4/f	John R. Velazquez	120	12/1	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners
5	5	Austere	Mendelssohn	5/m	Tyler Gaffalione	120	7/2	Belmar Racing and Breeding LLC, Bradley Thoroughbreds, Cambron Equine LLC, Tucci Stables, and Gary Finder
6	6	Cheetah Lady	Quality Road	4/f	Jose L. Ortiz	120	12/1	Pick View LLC
7	7	Child of the Moon	The Grey Gatsby	6/m	Irado Ortiz, Jr.	120	5/2	Madaket Stables, LLC, Michael Dubb and Louis Lazzinano LLC
8	8	Awesome Czech	Mendelssohn	5/m	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	120	5/1	Barry K. Schwartz

**Breeders:** 1—Grangemore Stud; 2—Mr. Wilbert Tan; 3—Fittocks Stud & Arrow Farm Stud; 4—M. Auerbach, LLC; 5—Summer Wind Equine LLC; 6—Rigney Racing LLC, Denali Stud & Valli Rose Equine LLC; 7—PATRICK CHEDEVILLE; 8—Stonewall Farm.

**Trainers:** 1—Michelle Nihei; 2—H. Graham Motion; 3—Chad C. Brown; 4—H. Graham Motion; 5—Brendan P. Walsh; 6—D. Whitworth Beckman; 7—Chad C. Brown; 8—Horacio De Paz.

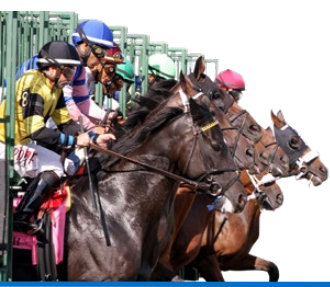
## LOUISVILLE S. (G3T)

Churchill Downs, Saturday, May 16, Race 8  
12f (turf), \$250,000, 4yo/up, 9:39 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Anegada	Midshipman	4/g	Edgar Morales	118	6/1	Three Diamonds Farm (Kirk Wycoff)
2	2	Echo Lane	Treasure Beach	5/h	Sonny Leon	118	4/1	ANTHONY ROGERS
3	3	Burnham Square	Liam's Map	4/g	Brian Joseph Hernandez, Jr.	123	2/5	Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC (Janis R. Whitham)
4	4	Freedom's Way	Declaration of War	7/g	Ben Curtis	118	30/1	Richard Snyder and Connie Snyder
5	5	Dancin in Da'nile	Pioneer of the Nile	7/g	Florent Geroux	118	12/1	Ralph Murray, John Menary, Gail Cox and Michael Balaz
6	6	Vote No	Divisidero	5/g	Adam Beschizza	118	20/1	Crowns Way Racing, LLC (Anthony Rallo), NBS Stable (John Ballantyne), Kevin Marko and Eli Diamant

**Breeders:** 1—Leonard Supchak; 2—Echo Lane Of Ocala, LLC; 3—Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC; 4—Cove Springs Farm LLC; 5—Sam-Son Farm; 6—Mr. & Mrs. A. John Price.

**Trainers:** 1—Michael J. Maker; 2—Rohan G. Crichton; 3—Ian R. Wilkes; 4—Eddie Kenneally; 5—Gail Cox; 6—Kelsey Danner.



# TODAY'S ENTRIES

## SKIPAT S.

Laurel Park, Saturday, May 16, Race 4  
6f (dirt), \$125,000, 3yo/up f/m, 12:16 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Striker Has Dial	Dialed In	5/m	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	120	8/1	Chief Horse Futures LLC
2	2	Passage East	Audible	4/f	Sheldon Russell	126	3/1	Larry E. Rabold
3	3	Kappa Kappa	Omaha Beach	4/f	John R. Velazquez	120	5/2	LC Racing, LLC and Wellesley Stable
4	4	Benedetta	City of Light	5/m	Jose L. Ortiz	120	8/1	Kaleem Shah, Inc.
5	5	Sporting Lady	Munnings	4/f	Tyler Gaffalione	120	12/1	Three Diamonds Farm
6	6	Complexity Jane	Complexity	4/f	Jevian Toledo	120	12/1	Golden Lion Racing
7	7	Modo	Liam's Map	4/f	Irard Ortiz, Jr.	120	9/5	Joel Politi

**Breeders:** 1—Kingswood Farm; 2—Don Alberto Corporation; 3—Stone Jug Ranch LLC; 4—Springhouse Farm & Dromoland Farm; 5—Audley Farm Equine, LLC; 6—Brereton C. Jones; 7—Stoneview Farm Inc..

**Trainers:** 1—Horacio De Paz; 2—Hugh I. McMahon; 3—Robert E. Reid, Jr.; 4—Steven M. Asmussen; 5—Keri Brion; 6—Brittany T. Russell; 7—Kinnon LaRose.

## SIR BARTON S. SPONSORED BY CONNOLLY FAMILY FOUNDATION TO BENEFIT THE THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE ALLIANCE

Laurel Park, Saturday, May 16, Race 6  
8.5f (dirt), \$100,000, 3yo, 1:28 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Minorinconvenience	Mendelssohn	3/g	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	118	12/1	Amelia J. Green, Amanda L. Gillman and Upland Flats Racing
2	2	Big Cuddle	Great Notion	3/c	Yedsit Hazlewood	118	9/2	Pocket 3's Racing LLC
3	3	Let's Go Lando	Game Winner	3/g	Paco Lopez	118	6/1	Eagle Up Stables, London Reid Thoroughbreds and Non Stop Stable
4	4	Final Story	Candy Ride	3/c	Irard Ortiz, Jr.	118	2/1	Gary & Mary West
5	5	Falcon Jet	Justify	3/c	Sheldon Russell	118	10/1	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Bashor Racing, LLC, Determined Stables, Golconda Stable, Waves Edge Capital LLC & Catherine Donovan
6	6	Pont Aven	Blofeld	3/c	Mychel J. Sanchez	118	30/1	Day At The Races LLC
7	7	Reagan's Honor	Honor A. P.	3/c	Jose L. Ortiz	118	7/5	West Point Thoroughbreds, David Ingordo and Gabriel Duignan

**Breeders:** 1—Steve Barberino; 2—Two Legends Farm; 3—ZWP Stable & Non Stop Stable; 4—Gary & Mary West Stables Inc.; 5—Monarch Farms & Steven Dvoskin; 6—Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman & Skeedattle Associates; 7—David Ingordo & Jerome S. Moss.

**Trainers:** 1—Amelia J. Green; 2—Gary Capuano; 3—Gary Capuano; 4—Brad H. Cox; 5—Brittany T. Russell; 6—Michael J. Trombetta; 7—Cherie DeVaux.

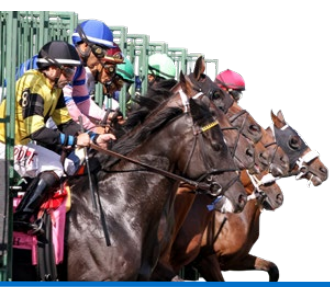
## CHICK LANG S.

Laurel Park, Saturday, May 16, Race 7  
6f (dirt), \$150,000, 3yo, 2:07 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Fulmine	Spun to Run	3/c	Luis Saez	120	20/1	AJ Suited Racing Stable, LLC, Frank Turman, Mark J. Blieden, Seth Eskind, July Cavalry Racing and Rachel L. Gerson
2	2	Hollywood Import	Honor A. P.	3/c	Paco Lopez	120	15/1	Pocket 3's Racing LLC
3	3	Buds Notion	Great Notion	3/g	Jose E. Vargas	118	12/1	Pinochle Partners LLC
4	4	Obliteration	Violence	3/c	Jose L. Ortiz	124	6/5	Leland Ackerley Racing, LLC, James Sherwood, Jode Shupe and John Cilia
5	5	Igniter	Volatile	3/c	Irard Ortiz, Jr.	122	5/2	Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (Goncalo B. Torrealba)
6	6	Shane's Wonder	Eastwood	3/g	Mychel J. Sanchez	118	3/1	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC
7	7	Top Manipulator	Blofeld	3/g	Forest Boyce	118	30/1	Mrs. E. Allen Murray, Jr.
8	8	Magic Wallet	Divining Rod	3/c	Victor R. Carrasco	118	15/1	William B. Bayne, Jr.

**Breeders:** 1—Porta Pia Stables LLC; 2—George Krikorian; 3—Frank A. Perri; 4—Ocala Stud; 5—Three Chimneys Farm, LLC; 6—Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC; 7—Murmur Farm; 8—William Bayne & Super C Racing.

**Trainers:** 1—Norm W. Casse; 2—Gary Capuano; 3—Gary Capuano; 4—Steven M. Asmussen; 5—Richard E. Dutrow, Jr.; 6—Alfredo Velazquez; 7—Timothy L. Keefe; 8—Kieron Magee.



# TODAY'S ENTRIES

## SERENA'S SONG S.

Monmouth Park, Saturday, May 16, Race 5  
8.32f (dirt), \$100,000, 3yo/up f/m, 2:58 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Tower Twenty Two	Connect	4/f	No Rider	118	20/1	PTJ Stable, Inc.
2	2	Lost Horizon	Into Mischief	4/f	Samuel Marin	120	8/5	Peter M. Brant
3	3	Riding Pretty	Jack Milton	6/m	Jorge A. Vargas, Jr.	120	6/1	Holly Crest Farm
4	4	Waveless	Gun Runner	4/f	Eric Cancel	120	5/2	Repole Stable
5	5	Domino Vitali	Uncle Mo	4/f	Daniel Centeno	120	7/2	AMO Racing USA
6	6	It's Goodtobe Jose	Constitution	5/m	Jose Antonio Gomez	118	12/1	Peter Vetrano
7	7	Ourdaydreamingirl	Instagrاند	4/f	Angel R. Rodriguez	118	9/2	Bran Jam Stable & David W. Clark

**Breeders:** 1–Brookstone Farm & Lee Mauberret; 2–White Birch Farm, Inc.; 3–Holly Crest Farm; 4–Corser Thoroughbreds LLC; 5–Repole Stable, Inc.; 6–Wilbert Tan; 7–Pippa's Hurricane.

**Trainers:** 1–Silvino Ramirez; 2–Chad C. Brown; 3–Eddie Owens, Jr; 4–Todd A. Pletcher; 5–Jorge Delgado; 6–Kathleen A. Demasi; 7–Louis C. Linder, Jr.

## MONROE S.

Gulfstream Park, Saturday, May 16, Race 5  
8f (turf), \$100,000, 4yo/up f/m, 3:05 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Turino	Kantharos	5/m	Rasheed Hughes	120	9/2	Carrie L. Brogden and Circle N Thoroughbreds
2	2	Fantasy Performer	Oscar Performance	5/m	Joe Bravo	122	15/1	R.A.F. Productions
3	3	Minty	McKinzie	4/f	Diego A. Herrera	120	6/1	Gary Barber
4	4	Silver Moonlight	Liam's Map	5/m	Micah J. Husbands	122	8/5	C2 Racing Stable, LLC
5	5	Public Defender	Constitution	5/m	Skyler Spanabel	122	4/1	Miller Racing, LLC (Myron Miller)
6	6	Little Jamie	Collected	5/m	Nik Juarez	120	20/1	J and J Stables (John I. Williams, Jr.)
7	7	Miss Mary Nell	Girvin	4/f	Leonel Reyes	122	8/1	Palm Beach Racing V LLC (Marc Haisfield)
8	8	Flowers for Me	West Coast	5/m	Edwin Gonzalez	122	15/1	Ad Hoc Stable, Inc. (Frank Frisoli)
9	9	Make the Boys Wink	More Than Ready	6/m	Rajiv Maragh	120	8/1	Phoenix Thoroughbred III (Ahmed Aamer Abdulaziz Salman)

**Breeders:** 1–Colts Neck Stables LLC; 2–Katierich Farms; 3–Highclere Inc.; 4–Dell Ridge Farm, LLC; 5–J. D. Stuart, Peter C. Bance & AR Enterprises, Inc.; 6–J & J Stables; 7–Palm Beach Racing III, LLC; 8–Whitehall Lane Farm; 9–Phoenix Thoroughbreds (III) LTD.

**Trainers:** 1–Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.; 2–Cam M. Gambolati; 3–Mark E. Casse; 4–Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.; 5–Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.; 6–Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.; 7–Carlos A. David; 8–Gerald S. Bennett; 9–Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.

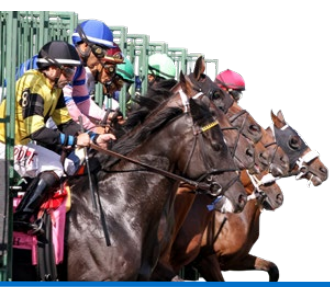
## JAMES W. MURPHY S.

Laurel Park, Saturday, May 16, Race 9  
8f (turf), \$100,000, 3yo, 3:30 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	My Favorite Bird	Noble Bird	3/g	Flavien Prat	118	10/1	Starry Night Racing
2	2	Thebabeslayer	Collected	3/c	Jose L. Ortiz	122	6/1	Bradley D. Kent and Ken T. Reimer
3	3	Zihnal	Quality Road	3/g	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	118	6/1	Augustin Stables
4	4	Attfield	Vekoma	3/c	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	122	9/2	Rainbow's End Racing Stable LLC and West Paces Racing LLC
5	5	Proton	Astern	3/g	John R. Velazquez	122	9/5	Stone Farm, Tom Reiman, Ken Wheeler, Jr., Lynwood Napier and Deborah A. Easter
6	6	Turf Star	Caravaggio	3/c	Jorge Ruiz	118	5/2	Calumet Farm
7	7	Jessica's Eyes	Mosler	3/g	Xavier Perez	118	30/1	No Guts No Glory Farm
8	8	J Cody	Basin	3/c	Mychel J. Sanchez	118	30/1	Albert P. Abdala III and Brooklin Farm

**Breeders:** 1–Arindel; 2–Elm Tree Farm, LLC; 3–George Strawbridge Jr.; 4–Jose Martin Ramirez; 5–Stone Farm & Lynn Hancock; 6–Calumet Farm; 7–Gina Robb & No Guts No Glory Farm; 8–Wasabi Ventures Stables, LLC, Black, Connie S., Thirst Productions, LLC, et al.

**Trainers:** 1–J. Kent Sweezey; 2–Steven M. Asmussen; 3–Jonathan Thomas; 4–Thomas Morley; 5–H. Graham Motion; 6–H. Graham Motion; 7–John J. Robb; 8–Marya K. Montoya.



# TODAY'S ENTRIES

## RULING ANGEL S. PRESENTED BY KETEL ONE

Woodbine, Saturday, May 16, Race 8  
7f (all-weather), \$100,000, 3yo f, 5:06 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Frosty Mojito	Frosted	3/f	Joseph C. Bealmear	118	12/1	Hall Stables LLC
2	2	Luster	Knicks Go	3/f	Fraser Aebly	120	8/5	Gainesway Stable and Andrew Rosen
3	3	Gray Dee One	Big Screen	3/f	Slade Jones	118	20/1	Bruno Schickedanz
4	4	Dixie Law	Tiz the Law	3/f	Rafael Manuel Hernandez	124	2/1	Hillsbrook Farms
5	5	Lakota Lady	Army Mule	3/f	Sofia Vives	118	5/2	CamHaven Farms
6	6	Meilani	Omaha Beach	3/f	Pietro Moran	118	8/1	X-Men Racing V LLC and Madaket Stables LLC

**Breeders:** 1–Matthew J. Nestor; 2–Mr. Ravi Sugrim & Ms. Joannie Dass; 3–Spring Farm; 4–Garland E. Williamson; 5–Nancy C. Shuford; 6–Jayne Johnson & Fergus Galvin.

**Trainers:** 1–Paul McEntee; 2–Josie Carroll; 3–Devon Gittens; 4–Dale A. Desruisseaux; 5–Preston Ferris; 6–Kevin Attard.

## MR. STEELE S.

Gulfstream Park, Saturday, May 16, Race 9  
8.5f (turf), \$100,000, 4yo/up, 5:09 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Tank	Adios Charlie	4/c	Samy Camacho	124	7/2	Arindel (Alan Cohen)
2	2	Gran Oriente	Classic Empire	5/h	Micah J. Husbands	122	5/2	Epic Horses LLC, WSS Racing, LLC, A M A Stables, BAG Racing Stables LLC and Paul Braverman
3	3	Paris Surprise	City of Light	5/h	Leonel Reyes	120	20/1	Gonzalez Racing Stables (Alexis Gonzalez, Jr.)
4	4	Indecisiveness	Decisive Moment	4/c	Jesus M. Rios	120	10/1	Just for Fun Stable, Inc. (Ruben Sierra)
5	5	Missed the Cut	Quality Road	7/g	Jose E. Morelos	122	9/2	Michael Iavarone, Jules Iavarone and TCC Stables
6	6	Discreet Dancer	Tapit	4/c	Diego A. Herrera	120	20/1	Alex Andres, LLC (Eduardo Soto)
7	7	War Bomber	War Front	8/g	Marcos Meneses	122	12/1	Bruno Schickedanz
8	8	Horsepower	Good Samaritan	5/g	Edwin Gonzalez	122	2/1	D. J. Stable, LLC (Leonard Green)

**Breeders:** 1–Arindel; 2–Haras Paso Nevado; 3–Haymarket Farm LLC; 4–Just For Fun Stable, Inc.; 5–Framont Ltd; 6–Mt. Brilliant Farm & Ranch, LLC; 7–COOLMORE; 8–Ledglands LLC & Andrew C. Ritter.

**Trainers:** 1–Carlos A. David; 2–Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.; 3–Ronald Coy; 4–Ruben Sierra; 5–Bobby S. Dibona; 6–Antonio Sano; 7–Ronald Coy; 8–Joseph F. Orseno.

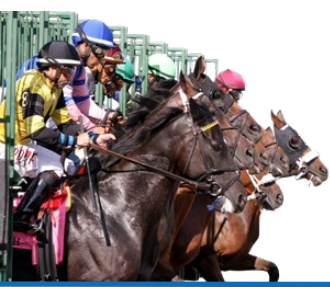
## MIZDIRECTION S.

Santa Anita Park, Saturday, May 16, Race 9  
a6.5f (turf), \$100,000, 4yo/up f/m, 5:20 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Marian Cross	Zoustar	5/m	Hector Isaac Berrios	122	15/1	Qatar Racing LLC
2	2	Candy Bar	Constitution	6/m	Tyler Baze	120	30/1	Steve P. Rusich
3	3	Amorita	Liam's Map	4/f	Antonio Fresu	120	6/1	Augustin Stables or Stone Farm LLC
4	4	Princesa Moche	Muwaary	6/m	Emisael Jaramillo	124	10/1	Rancho San Roberto, Inc.
5	5	Rosie Jeeks	World of Trouble	5/m	Armando Ayuso	124	30/1	Marsha Naify
6	6	Queen Maxima	Bucchero	5/m	Juan J. Hernandez	124	4/5	Dutch Girl Holdings LLC or Irving Ventures LLC
7	7	Antifona	Recoletos	5/m	Tiago Josue Pereira	124	20/1	Holly & David Wilson
8	8	Spirited Boss	Street Boss	4/f	Mike E. Smith	124	5/1	Tag Stables LLC
9	9	Certitude	City Light	5/m	Joel Rosario	122	6/1	Hronis Racing, LLC

**Breeders:** 1–THE CROSS PATTEE PARTNERSHIP; 2–Pippa's Hurricane; 3–Stone Farm; 4–Haras Los Azahares; 5–A Franics Vanlangendonck & Barbara Vanlangendonck; 6–Saul Rosas; 7–SARL DARPAT FRANCE; 8–Tag Stables; 9–1 Os.A.R.L. Ecurie Jean Louis Bouchard.

**Trainers:** 1–Dan Blacker; 2–Jose R. Valdez; 3–Richard E. Mandella; 4–Doug F. O'Neill; 5–Neil D. Drysdale; 6–Jeff Mullins; 7–Vladimir Cerin; 8–Jose Francisco D'Angelo; 9–John W. Sadler.



# TODAY'S ENTRIES

## JIM MCKAY TURF SPRINT S.

Laurel Park, Saturday, May 16, Race 12  
5.5f (turf), \$125,000, 3yo/up, 5:52 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Run Curtis Run	Summer Front	7/h	Tyler Gaffalione	120	4/1	Michael Dubb & Michael J. Caruso
2	2	Determined Kingdom	Animal Kingdom	7/g	Jose L. Ortiz	120	6/1	Estate of R. Larry Johnson
3	3	Jean Valjean	Uncle Lino	7/g	Flavien Prat	120	5/1	Hasting Farm LLC
4	4	Chasing Liberty	Constitution	4/c	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	120	3/1	Twin Creeks Racing Stables LLC and CMNWLTH
5	5	Incinerator	Flameaway	5/h	Ismerio Villalobos	120	30/1	Pepe Stable & J L M Jacona Stable
6	6	Tidewater	Outflanker	6/g	Jeiron Barbosa	120	30/1	Little Man Farm
7	7	Isivunguvungu	What a Winter	8/g	John R. Velazquez	120	10/1	Hollywood Racing
8	8	Outlaw Kid	Violence	7/g	Jorge Ruiz	124	5/1	R. A. Hill Stable and SGV Thoroughbreds
9	9	Card Trick	Liam's Map	5/g	Forest Boyce	120	30/1	Brian J. Tobin
10	10	Fore Harp	Weigelia	8/g	Paco Lopez	120	15/1	LC Racing LLC, James Bonner, & Robert E. Reid, Jr.
11	11	Had to Have Him	Force the Pass	5/g	Jevian Toledo	120	8/1	Gracie Mae Stables & Great Lake Stable

**Breeders:** 1–Larry Goichman; 2–Audley Farm Equine, LLC; 3–Hasting Farm; 4–Twin Creeks Farm; 5–Rosilyn Polan; 6–Little Man Farm; 7–Narrow Creek Stud; 8–Robert G. Harvey; 9–Orrin H. Ingram; 10–St. Omer's Farm; 11–Wes Carter.

**Trainers:** 1–Michael J. Maker; 2–Michael J. Trombetta; 3–Elizabeth M. Merryman; 4–Rob Atlas; 5–Jose J. Magana; 6–Anthony Aguirre, Jr.; 7–H. Graham Motion; 8–George Weaver; 9–Edward T. Allard; 10–Robert E. Reid, Jr.; 11–John E. Salzman, Jr.

## GOLDEN CIRCLE S.

Prairie Meadows, Saturday, May 16, Race 6  
6f (dirt), \$50,000, 3yo, 8:18 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Stormforged	Vekoma	3/c	Elvin Gonzalez	118	5/2	Wathnan Racing (Tameen Binhamad KH.H. Al-Thani)
2	2	How About Bob	Mister Lucky Cat	3/g	Ronnie Huckaby	118	12/1	Robert E. Lewis and Patrick E. Swan
3	3	Strollsmischief	Stroll	3/g	Walter De La Cruz	118	15/1	Daniel T. Rogers
4	4	How Bout That Curt	Mo Town	3/g	Alonso Quinonez	122	10/1	Sampson Racing Stables LLC (Russell Sampson)
5	5	Canned Heat	Candy Ride	3/c	Alfredo Triana, Jr.	118	4/1	Henry Thilmony
6	6	Clockin In	Not This Time	3/g	Alex Birzer	118	5/1	Cresran LLC (Carol Ricks)
7	7	It's All Right	Cairo Prince	3/g	Orlando Mojica	124	7/2	Ron A. Stolich
8	8	Omero	Sky Mesa	3/c	Alberto Pusac	124	9/2	Poindexter Thoroughbreds LLC (H. Allen Poindexter)

**Breeders:** 1–JDT Racing; 2–Pat Swan & Robert Lewis; 3–David R. Rogers & Daniel T. Rogers; 4–Sampson Family Real Estate Holding, LLC; 5–Lothenbach Stables, Inc.; 6–Cresran LLC; 7–Macassar Corporation; 8–H. Allen Poindexter.

**Trainers:** 1–Steven M. Asmussen; 2–Patrick E. Swan; 3–F. Dewaine Loy; 4–Tony Rengstorf; 5–Jesse Oberlander; 6–Kari Craddock; 7–Tristan Ashford; 8–Kevin Eikleberry.



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