



## AQUEDUCT

POST 1:10

By Mike Beer / David Aragona

First Race 3 POSEIDON'S MIST has blown clear stretch leads in two of her last four starts, including that first one off the Rice claim two back when part of a heavily-favored entry; cuts back today after tiring going a mile two weeks ago. 4 FOXY CARA is the lone entrant in this field to have posted her wins at the MSW and allowance levels; only recently started descending the class ladder, though she has not yet dropped down quite far enough, and the addition of blinkers did not lead to improved speed last time, even with the slight early trouble factored in; drops all the way down looking for the right spot. 3-4-2

Second Race 6 SHE'S COOL had an uneven trip off the claim in January when facing tougher, then was only second-best in a fast race for the level going this distance twelve days later; thought she ran well two back when once again in too tough; one final chance dropping all the way down after getting wired by heavily-favored Catchphrase two weeks ago. 4 FOCUS POCUS earned a 72 Beyer blowing out a field of maiden claimers shortly after being claimed by Rudy late last year; didn't run well when dropped back down in class two starts back, but she was back on track last time when firing out to a clear lead and only weakening late; threat right back. 6-4-3

Third 4 GONE AND FORGOTTEN moved up in class to win over this distance off the claim in January; returned from a freshening to just miss in that last one; picks up Franco with a versatile running style. 5 OUR LIBERTY BELLE was in form for her prior connections when claimed by Linda Rice for this tag on New Year's Day; came right back to win her next start with a 75 Beyer, then moved up in class and was no match for better in a race that came back fast three weeks ago; has also been listed as a vet scratch since. 4-5-2

Fourth Race 1 MOMMASGOTTAGUN was noticeably green in her sprint debut last April, before immediately improving in her next two starts - both over wet tracks; got wired off the layoff, then took a nice step forward when carrying a long, wide run to victory going this distance last time; still has room to improve, which she will likely have to do as she steps up in class. 3 P MUTTER PICKLE was convincing on debut after taking money, then came right back to hold her own vs a solid filly in her second start; handled the mile without issue when powering clear of N1x foes two starts back, and she faced tougher for the level last time when in against 11-time winner Khali Magic and multiple stakes-placed Dolomite, who returned to win with an 82 Beyer. 1-3-6



**Fifth Race 5. Limes Don't Lie 4. Candy Is Dandy 1. More Than Grace**

LIMES DON'T LIE lost early position after breaking from the rail in her Saratoga debut last summer, after which she made a wide run after subsequent multiple graded stakes winner Quietside before flattening out; returns with Lasix for Brown, who has excellent numbers with horses like this - 180+ day layoff, MSW, dirt: 19 for his last 48, 40%, \$2.77 ROI. CANDY IS DANDY is by 17% debut sire Twirling Candy, and out of a sister to versatile multiple stakes-winner and millionaire Dynamic Sky; sold for \$95k after breezing 10.1 last March; debuts off a bullet breeze for Brown, who has sent out a couple of live firsters already this year, including a 19/1 winner here a couple of weeks ago. MORE THAN GRACE ran well on debut when second-best with a 71 Beyer; was caught wide chasing when she turned up again two months later, then sat out another 71 days after being listed as a vet scratch in February; appeared to react poorly to blinkers last time when ducking in badly after making an early lead going a mile; can run a little and cuts back a furlong for this.

**Sixth Race 4. Patty Van Twinkle 5. Street View 1. Concrete Faze**

PATTY VAN TWINKLE has earned three straight Beyers in the 80s for Maker, while none of her rivals in this spot has earned a figure above 75; has speed but doesn't need the lead to be effective; the clear one to beat. STREET VIEW has paired-up 75 Beyers winning her last two starts out of two different barns; goes off the claim again, this time for Schauer, who is winning at 29% with a \$3.06 ROI from limited starts so far. CONCRETE FAZE and HOW SWEET SHE IS are an entry for Ness, and both have Silvera named, so only one will start. Prefer recent claim CONCRETE FAZE, who fits on figures and exits a win when dropped and turned back last time, though distance remains a bit of a question.

**Seventh Race 2. Miss Justify 1. EveryoneLovesLinda 3. Morning Matcha**

MISS JUSTIFY went three for four with a pair of stakes wins last summer while improving all the time, and the lone loss came when in over her head in the Grade 1 Alabama; lightly raced 4yo returns sprinting with forward to go and she has run well fresh in the past. EVERYONELOVESLINDA is a seven-time winner going off the claim for the fourth consecutive race, this time for Dutrow; hasn't won a race since going back-to-back on this track early last year, though her figures have held up, and she has speed. MORNING MATCHA was not up for graded stakes company last summer; she otherwise went 2 for 3 during that limited 5yo campaign, including two stakes wins, and she is also a prior stakes winner on this track; logical.

**Eighth Race 6. Full Pour 2. Material Girl 7. Eagle Rising**

FULL POUR was away last from the gate and raced very greenly while outrun early in her sprint debut behind a blowout, odds-on winner; appeared to need that experience, and she stretches out right away with the pedigree to handle added distance. MATERIAL GIRL earned a field-best 69 Beyer when along for second in a \$500k race last December; went heavily favored in her 3yo debut when denied by a longshot winner and settling for second again, though she earned another figure that gives her an edge on this field in that spot; tries again. EAGLE RISING made her debut in an open MSW race on the grass, where she wound up tiring behind a wire-to-wire winner; dam was a good turf horse, though she won and was stakes-placed on dirt, and her best foal so far is Governor Malibu, a multiple stakes winning and graded stakes-placed dirt router; Clement 1 for his last 20 with second-time starters in MSW races switching from turf to dirt (\$0.46 ROI) - the lone win came in a race rained off the grass.



# LAUREL ( Post 12:10)

First Race 2-5-8

By PATRICK MOQUIN

1. Kaladin

2. Blind Eye

3. Annihilate 'Em

**KALADIN** made his 3-year-old debut last month and improved off the layoff in a statebred maiden special weight at Colonial; gelding has never tried turf before, but runners by Street Magician have had considerable success on the surface and this is a winning move for Ashby; in the past five years, the trainer is 6-for-27 with runners making their first turf start (22%, \$2.74 ROI). **BLIND EYE** is a 22-race maiden, which will require bettors to tread lightly, but this is the lowest claiming level he has ever run in on turf and his performances on the surface last year were consistently better than anyone else's in this field; Morici has been running him on dirt without success, but those races have kept him on the track and helped him avoid a long layoff, for better or worse. **ANNIHILATE 'EM** has been running in much tougher maiden special weights on dirt and is now taking a massive class drop to switch surfaces; this sort of move can only go one of two ways, but the class edge figures as an advantage on paper.

Second Race 5-1-7

1. Paula's a Star

2. Double Airo

3. Chickin Lickin

**PAULA'S A STAR** has been racing in New York her entire career and returned from a layoff to break her maiden in February before immediately trying the Jimmy Winkfield; she had a good showing in that stakes debut, taking the early lead and holding on for third in the stretch; if she can maintain this form in her first trip to Laurel, she should be overwhelming here. **DOUBLE AIRO** was settling into solid form earlier this year but struggled with an unfavorable trip at Colonial last time out; it's pretty clear that this one strongly prefers settling near the front and she lost that chance that day; there's reason to believe that she will bounce back here. **CHICKIN LICKIN** has been trying at this level since February and seems to be putting the pieces together after two straight improved performances; there figures to be pace for her to shoot at from the back of the field and Figgins keeps bringing her from Charles Town to race.

Third Race 9-11-3

1. Princess Buttercup

2. Urban Star

3. Minari

**PRINCESS BUTTERCUP** returned from a second short layoff to break her maiden by 9 1/2 lengths at Tampa Bay Downs last time out; her trip that day seemed effortless, a clear sign that she's entering her 2025 campaign ready to roll; many in this field are trying turf for the first time but she's one of a few contenders that managed to get some starts in before this meet, which should be an advantage. **URBAN STAR** didn't deliver in her trip to Fair Grounds back in February, but the true hint here is that the connections were willing to ship her to get her on turf; her maiden victory at Delaware as a 3-year-old was very solid and makes her a contender in this field if she can regain that form in her second start of 2025. **MINARI** didn't do much running behind better turf runners at Gulfstream in February, but she demonstrated consistent form going back to her 4-year-old season; if she can take a step forward in her second start of the year on her maiden-breaking surface, she could make some noise here.

Fourth Race 6-5-4

1. Tycoon Mogul

2. Little Bit Risky

3. Zero Blitz

**TYCOON MOGUL** has raced at three different tracks in three starts since entering Ness's barn, but he's running it back at Laurel here after a very nice performance from off the pace at this level last time out; many of the other contenders in the field seem like they could hurt one another's chances on the front end, so the stars might be aligning for the capable colt. **LITTLE BIT RISKY** is sure to attract some attention after a blowout victory two back, and the class drop is also a major factor; the nagging problem has nothing to do with his recent competition, however, but his vulnerable running style; both of his career victories came with an abundantly easy lead on the front end, and it's a little difficult to see him finding that sort of trip against this field. **ZERO BLITZ** scratched out of a race in which he didn't figure last weekend, leaving his blowout maiden win against much weaker runners as his most recent performance; he has to improve to take down this seasoned group, but he might have more to offer in a competitive field.



## Fifth Race

3-11-7

## 1. Magic Path

## 2. Align

## 3. Elfuegomasbrillante

**MAGIC PATH** is technically coming into this race in the best form, rattling off two solid losing performances on the dirt at Penn National recently; a previous trainer tried hurdles with him, which suggests that there was some level of confidence that he could handle turf at the time, even if that idea proved to be a waste of time; maybe getting back to that surface wakes him up. **ALIGN** has finished better in some maiden claimers recently, but his lone turf start in a maiden special weight last year is still the race for which he received his career-best Beyer; he hasn't exactly improved as a 3-year-old on dirt, so there shouldn't be much hope for a step forward on turf either, but it won't take much to contend here.

## Sixth Race

10-8-3

## 1. Slipped Through

## 2. Brightness

## 3. Valerie Street

**SLIPPED THROUGH** is worth a look despite Morley's patience with firsters; dam has sent six horses to the track stateside and five of them have finished in the money on debut, including 2012 Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Trinniberg; filly had a really nice workout at Belmont on March 14 and might be able to do some running on debut here. **BRIGHTNESS** never seriously contended in a maiden special weight in the slop at Parx last time out, but she's sure to earn a second chance from many bettors as she drops in class and ships for Ness; this sort of move doesn't typically work as well for the trainer as one might expect, but this particular runner could certainly improve on a fast track against maiden claimers. .

## Seventh Race

1-10-12

## 1. Funny Lady

## 2. Parola Sicura

## 3. Gata Brazil

**FUNNY LADY** broke her maiden in a deep field at Fair Grounds off a layoff in February but failed to improve in her first try against winners last time out; despite being her first start against older horses, this seems like a more reasonable spot for her, and though Stidham doesn't have a ton of success in Laurel turf sprints, this one seems to be entering with very clear direction. **PAROLA SICURA** ran the best race of her career in his lone start at Laurel last year, finishing second in an ungraded stakes with a 77 Beyer; Sharp doesn't mess around much with runners coming off a layoff so it should be all systems go for a horse who clearly prefers the grass

## Eighth Race

1A-3-5

## 1. Stronsino

## 2. Legal Deal

## 3. Be Better

**STRONSINO** deserves this step up in class after finishing four straight races as runner-up or better at three different tracks; his victory last time out was easily the best of his career, a commanding score in a lower allowance condition by 8 1/2 lengths; there's not a ton of pace in this race, but he has a running style that seems nailed down at this point and he's tactical enough to make a run no matter what. **LEGAL DEAL** has had some outstanding races in claiming competition at Aqueduct recently, earning 86 and 87 Beyers in his last two starts over a fast track; De Paz doesn't always strike when he ships down to Laurel and this one might be stepping up slightly in class, but his recent performances could resolve those issues.

## Ninth Race

5-3-9

## 1. Eff Thirty Five

## 2. Point Dume

## 3. Worthington

**EFF THIRTY FIVE** rattled off three straight wins late last year before wading into deeper waters; after tailing off in November and returning about as flat in February, he nearly cleared this condition at Fair Grounds in March in a much improved performance; gelding seems like the one to beat as he continues to gather steam in his 4-year-old campaign. **POINT DUME** has never run a step on turf in 18 career starts, and his prospects on the surface might seem dubious because Baffert, Russell, Magee, and De Paz never once thought to try it with him; that being said, several runners by Into Mischief have been able to transition smoothly between surfaces, and Ness is giving it a shot after one of the best races of his career; he seems to be in excellent form and he might get the lead in this field

## Tenth Race

3-4-1

## 1. Lieutenant Brown

## 2. Sumo

## 3. Irish Hero



# Harrah's

PHILADELPHIA  
CASINO AND RACETRACK

POST 12:25

## PHILLY'S FINEST

A daily aid to handicapping the races at Harrah's Philadelphia

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025

### \$12,000 TROT FEATURE ON PHILLY FRIDAY CARD; BREAKDOWN OF UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Some promising younger trotters are gathered together for the \$12,000 feature at Harrah's Philadelphia today, with two four-year-olds and one three-year-old from stakes barns coming off wins: SHOW ME (the Millers' Team Orange Crush), MODIGLIANI S (Nifty Norman), and GREENMA (Trond Smedshammer). ... Harrah's Philly will be dark in observance of Easter this Sunday. After that and through the rest of June, the basic schedule will be Thursday and Friday at 12:25 and Sunday at 12:40, with one exception -- there will be a special LIVE Philly card starting at noon on Kentucky Derby Day, Saturday, May 3. "SUPER SUNDAY" is set for May 25.

### ANALYSIS OF KEY RACES

**2nd race:** SELINA'S CHOICE earns our selection in this race off of dropping off of a good midrace move that got her a third-place finish on Opening Night. She's scheduled for the right driver if early speed will help her chances in this contest. None of her opposition appears to be in imposing form at this juncture.

**3rd race:** Just trying to get away from some of the likely well-regarded horses in here with our pick of BARSTOOL MOUNTAIN. He could really relish the good starting slot after being saddled with outside posts for over two months now and Hall Of Famer David Miller is listed for the drive. Worth a small shot now.

**7th race:** The area newcomer KB'S SUMMER BREEZE shows three wins at this approximate level at Dover (all by small margins, which may indicate gameness). Nobody from midpack shows much gate jet, so she may be able to score some crucial early positioning in this contest. Beware of the "CNC"s in here.

**13th race:** Tossing out his last race vs. similar at Yonkers because of the slow getaway, we find IT'S MAHOMES A showing some close finishes; in those races he had speed from outer draws, and getting Philly-leading post five could be help. Australian James Herbertson knows how to win, and may have a decent chance in here.

### PHILLY DARK THIS SUNDAY FOR EASTER

### WATCH OUT FOR:

Only the racing of opening weekend had been conducted as of the presstime for PHILLY'S FINEST, so trends are difficult to spot, but it seems safe to say that the results of opening night (4-11) might be viewed with a circumspect eye, as many horses really seemed to relish the miserable conditions: the average win margin was just over four lengths, and GREENMA (in today's feature) won by eleven. ... The success rate of posts five and four, in that order, surfaced early, although post seven came out third (although last in in-the-money rate). At Pocono, posts seven and eight are both at or slightly above 10% as well; post four dominates.

## PHILLY'S FINEST

Race 1	5-6-4-7
Race 2	7-3-1-8
Race 3	2-5-4-7
Race 4	3-6-1-5
Race 5	1-5-6-2
Race 6	3-4-7-1
Race 7	7-2-4-1
Race 8	7-6-5-3
Race 9	1-3-4-6
Race 10	4-8-3-6
Race 11	8-7-1-2
Race 12	1-6-7-4
Race 13	5-1-8-2
Race 14	6-7-3-2



BEST BET: Crafty Collector (3rd race)

First Race 6. Our Khozie Rosie 8. Tariba Dream 3. My Fine Aquiline

OUR KHOZIE ROSIE is the first starter out of the dam but she meets a field in her debut that doesn't appear to be all that deep; trainer Gerald Bennett has won at 18% with firsters in dirt races at Tampa over the last five years

Second Race 6. La Vecchia Signora 2. Ihaveissues 3. Madam Prosecutor

LA VECCHIA SIGNORA is down in class after showing speed and finishing off the board against Maiden Special Weighters in her debut and this is an exceptionally strong angle for the barn, with trainer Juan Avila winning with six of his last nine such runners, good for a 67% win rate over that stretch

Third Race 12. Crafty Collector 1. Peaches Point 7. Pretty Thing

Fourth Race 2. Cajun Venom 1. Call Me Sue 4. Aero Star

Fifth Race 6. Lets Go Koko 1. Bonita Breeze 5. Katies a Lady

Sixth Race 2. Off the Meds 3. Namesake 1. Frosty the Soldier

Seventh Race 1. Mia Vita 4. Florida Flower 5. Das Ist Alles Ally

MIA VITA has competitive Beyers and comes off a good try for 2nd in her latest, under these same conditions; she has speed and the rail but she doesn't need the lead to win, and she should fall into an ideal stalking trip. FLORIDA FLOWER is another with the tactical speed to get position from the start, and that's been a big reason for her recent consistency and success; she hit the board in each of her last five starts, including a narrow loss on the grass two back.

Eighth Race 6. Lock and Load 2. Night of Magic 8. Currency Adios

LOCK AND LOAD doesn't offer all that much pedigree power, with the dam posting only one win and his lone sibling to start managing only a maiden win from 66 career starts, but this colt has some good works showing for his debut; that includes a couple of breezes that suggest he has some speed. NIGHT OF MAGIC may have been attempting to learn to rate off the pace in that last one, after showing speed and tiring in his first two starts off the extended layoff; may fall into a nice trip behind likely speeds NEOSTAR and CURRENCY ADIOS. The latter may appreciate this shorter distance after he tired on the lead when sent longer in his bow.

Ninth Race 6. Dear Santa 7. Post Facto 5. Mr Crowley

DEAR SANTA was caught too far off the early pace and then floated wide on the turn in is latest, a disappointing race for him but one that can be overlooked some given the strong back Beyers; one more shot, as he can compete with these given his best effort and he should once again be a very nice price. POST FACTO gets back on the turf and this could well be his best surface; expecting him to be closer to the lead this time around after he raced far back in the early stages in each of his last two, as this nightcap is not packed with pace. MR CROWLEY has proven speed, and he could in fact be the one they have to catch; the early leaders could have an edge if the fractions are in fact controlled.





# GULFSTREAM PARK (12:50)



**Friday, April 18** By Brian Nadeau (check @Brian\_J\_Nadeau for OFF turf updates)

**Race 1:** Not looking to beat **1 NO EVIDENCE** at a short price in the Friday opener, as he was just favored in a stakes when beaten neck in 2nd, now gets Lasix back on, and looks way too good for these. That turf bullet on 4/11 says **7 MR TYSON** could pack a punch on the grass, and this outside attack post works too, but he's spotting experience and firepower to the pick. Don't sleep on **5 EPITAPH** at a price underneath, as he's run well turf sprinting in the past, and now gets to do it with Lasix as well.

**SELECTIONS: 1-7-5-6**

**Race 2:** It sure looks like **2 VITO'S WILDCAT** is a fast 2yo, and with Lopez named, that says as much, so with Fawkes at 33% on debut, you have to think this one is ready to roll. Homebred **9 SQUIRE** was working well with a stablemate who went up to Kee and won at first-asking, which makes him live, especially since he has a slew of works showing, though this wide draw isn't ideal. No knocks on the Arindel homebred **8 JALAPENO**, who has Zayas and a string of solid works, though D'Angelo can be on the patient side (just 11% with firsters).

**SELECTIONS: 2-9-8-5**

**Race 3:** Though he lost to a pair of these last time on 3/23, **7 CHAPLIN** offers value off-the-claim for Wilensky, who is 3-for-7 with this move, which suggests he could turn the tables. No doubt **4 RACHEL'S COACH** hits hard after running 2nd and

beating the pick at 6-5, and he drew perfectly too, in what is his second start at the level. We finally get to the winner of the 3/23 heat, which is **2 ONE WHIRLWIND RIDE**, who surprised at 9-1, and while he did it easily, though the gut says he's regressing today, from a tricky post too.

**SELECTIONS: 7-4-2-5**

**Race 4:** Taking a fresh new face with Tapeta runner **2 SMART JENNY**, as she's just 0-for-2 on dirt but enters in good form, and meets a mighty iffy crew. The blinkers didn't work for **5 WEST BANK** last time, but her overall form without them is best, so she's worth inclusion, as is **6 CAJUN ANTHEM**, who has speed and adds blinkers, which means she could clear early and get brave late.

**SELECTIONS: 2-5-6-3**

**Race 5:** Let's try to blow this turf route up with **8 DEVELOP PRODUCT**, as it appeared he had run on the turn before going wide and losing focus late, and whoever you like here, he's not far behind on figures. It looks like Zayas had options, and he lands on **2 GENUINE GIZMO**, a Florida-bred who runs as a first-time gelding off a good 3<sup>rd</sup> when last seen, so he could break through on the drop. You get speed from **5 MURABEH**, along with a cutback, and that makes him a player on the MSW drop, though stamina hasn't been part of his package to date.

**SELECTIONS: 8-2-5-6**



**Race 6:** It's Best Bet time with **2 MOTOWN MIKA**, an easy winner at the level over a quartet of these last time OTC for Saffie. The cutback to 7Fs may help **1 MADNESS** get closer to the pick (he was beaten  $8\frac{3}{4}$  lengths last time), as his 6F form is solid, while **7 RED HOT SPARK** ran well sprinting three-back, so he too may like 6Fs better after getting walloped by the chalk.

**SELECTIONS: 2-1-7-6**

**Race 7:** The price will be short on **7 NESHUME**, and he is facing winners, but he enters off a dominant MCL win, and is now OTC for David (32%), so he looks good right back. Both **6 VENEZUELA IS GOLD** and **8 HOLLYWOOD MAYHEM** are proven with winners, and the former is dropping, while the latter is 3-for-4 on Tapeta, though neither has approached the pick's fast win.

**SELECTIONS: 7-6-8-3**

**Race 8:** It's Longshot time on **5 FULMINATE**, who is admittedly looking up at all of these, but for the first time in four starts she'll be off the rail, which is where she found herself in her last three, so maybe she can surprise at big odds. The class drop is a stiff one for **7 MY LADY JAMES**, who is also OTC for Delgado, not a move he does often, and getting back to Tapeta is big too. The post may hurt **2 HAPPY BELLA**, as she's likely the inside speed, so while she hits hard, she does so at underlaid odds.

**SELECTIONS: 5-7-2-3**

**Race 9:** Taking a shot in the finale with **5 BABY BLOCKS**, who has never won on the GP turf (0-for-4) but does have three grass wins, and might be one of the few can settle early, in a race loaded with speed.

The post works for **6 CONDORA**, who has by far the best turf form, but she hasn't been out since August, so she could need this, and she may get zapped by the other speed too. The other potential stalker is **7 CLAY SOLDIER**, and while she didn't fire in her lone turf try, she's now with Drexler, who has done no wrong here all year.

**SELECTIONS: 5-6-7-2**

**Best Bet: R6: #2 Motown Mika (7-5)**

- \* Just beat four of these last time
- \* Should relish the cutback to 6Fs
- \* Many enter with sketchy form

**Longshot: R8: #5 Fulminate (15-1)**

- \* Speed to press from the outside
- \* Should (finally) get off the rail
- \* ML favorites both have issues







## Keeneland - 1:00

By Tom Leach

1st Race 1-Tunisian Spring makes his first start for a claiming tag and the Ward barn runners are firing. This gelding won a dirt sprint here in the fall of '23 and shows a nice series of works in preparatoin for his 2025 debut. 6-Hesper broke his maiden first time out and has finished second in his last three so he's consistent but the Beyers are a tad light. 3-Pair of Socks broke his maiden at the Fairgrounds with a 77 Beyer and then followed it up with two solid efforts in restricted allowance company.

2nd Race Pletcher doesn't run many two-year olds at the Keeneland spring meet but they usually run well when he does, including one earlier this month. 4-Epic Desire shows multiple four-furlongs works and the last one was from the gate so he's my pick. 5-Fear shows a 35-and-2 work in Florida for a stable that knows how to win with young horses. And you have to certainly consider the two runners from the Ward barn--1-Victoria's Shances and 2-Vibora. The former has the faster set of works.

3rd Race I don't see a standout here so I'm trying an 8-1 shot in 6-Trouble Free. She's won two of four and shows a fast work at the training track at Churchill for a trainer who can hit off a layoff. 2-Gray Frost has won three in a row with improved Beyers and gets Irad Ortiz to ride. 3-Savannamarie ran one of her best races here last fall and she had six top-two finishes from 10 starts last year.

4th Race Trainer Joe Sharp hits at a 24 percent clip with newcomers to his barn and 6-Altered Shot shows a long series of works to be ready off the layoff and she has seven wins for her career. 4-Sunny Isle Beach makes the second start off a long layoff and ought to move forward with that seasoning plus a small drop in class level. 2-Liberty Belle has won nine times but most of her work has been done on much lesser circuits than this one so let's see how she handles the step up. 6-2-7



5th Race 6-Boss Lady Bailey is the upset pick for me in this spot. She's making her third start for Maker and he excels when it comes to finding horses who can improve going long on the grass. This one ran impressively at a mile-and-three-eighths last summer at Saratoga and a repeat of that effort would make her a player in this spot. Saez taking the mount is a nice plus, too. 4-Marksman Queen just missed in a turf marathon here last fall and the Motion excels in spots like this. 8-Dancing Dean had a nice allowance win in NY last fall and that prompted the connections to put her into a grade 3 race. 1-Bourbon Thief comes off a solid allowance win at Gulfstream but must handle tougher foes here. 7-Pisciotta has won her last two starts for these connections and the only big question is the rise in the level of competition in this race. **6-4-1-7**

6th Race Trainer Rudy Brisset picks up a mare in 3-Divine that showed some nice ability down in Florida in late 2023 and '24 and she makes her first start for him off a long series of good-looking works on this track. 5-Zen Moment makes her first start against claiming company and if that drop can get her back to the Beyer levels she posted last summer, she'll have a big shot here. 7-Itwillbefun gets Jose Ortiz ride for the McPeck barn, which hasn't started as many runners as usual by this point of a Keeneland spring meet but he often heats up in the second half of the meet. **3-5-7**

7th Race 8-Theatrix showed good speed in his only dirt start last fall and that helps this filly have a shot in a wide-open race, plus she's coming out of some good maiden turf sprints at Gulfstream. 4-Swift Kelce intrigues me at 12-1 in a race lacking a standout. The barn has decent numbers with first-timers and this filly gets Rosario to ride. 7-Order Restored posted a 64 Beyer in her debut for John Ortiz and showed speed--a repeat of that effort makes her a player. 11-True Passion runs for the connections of Derby-bound Coal Battle so perhaps they saw a chance to pick off a win at Keeneland since they were heading to Kentucky anyway. **8-4-7-11**

8th Race 6-That's Right ran well in his first two starts for the Cox barn in stakes company at Gulfstream and those races at five furlongs might have been too short for this one to do his best work. 4- Big Invasion has the class edge but will he be ready to fire his best shot off the layoff from Breeders' Cup weekend? 3-Clear the Air ran one of his best races in a turf sprint on this turf course. **6-4-3-5**

9th Race A well-matched group for the Gr. 3 Doubledogdare Stakes and 5-Tarifa gets the nod for me. She ran well in grade 1 company in four-year old debut at Santa Anita, at a distance that was probably less than her best trip, and she could be set to move forward off a long series of works in Florida for Cox. 6-Candied has run well in both starts here but she's coming off a long layoff and her Beyers are no better than top choice, despite a shorter price. 7-Occult ran one of her best races when second here in the grade 1 Spinster last fall but I think the other two are just a tad better than this one. 1-Just FYI doesn't seem to have yet returned to the promise she showed at two but if and when she does, she could be a player in a race like this so maybe she takes a big step forward in the second start off a layoff for Mott. **5-6-7-1**

10th Race 10-Alimara ran her best race in the first start off a long layoff for Chad Brown and she adds blinkers, which is a 24 percent win rate for this trainer. 11-Unreasonable makes her US debut for Clement and she kept some very good company in Europe last year. 6-Expensive Queen makes her US debut for Walsh and he excels with these kinds of imports. **10-11-6-2**



## Wheeling Greyhounds ( Post 1:00)



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15 <sup>TH</sup>	3 2 5 4
16TH	1 6 3 8
17 <sup>TH</sup>	2 7 6 4

**Best Bet      1-7 XMC Honeybean**



# Cumberland (Maine Harness)

( 3:15 p.m. )



By Lucky Lou

1. 5-4-3

2. 2-1-6

3. 2-3-1

4. 7-1-6

5. 4-1-3

6. 1-2-7

7. 5-2-4

8. 2-4-5

9. 4-3-1

10. 1-2-4

## Best Bets

Race 9 # 4 GOLDEN TREE – Old vet should be primed in 2<sup>nd</sup> start of 2025 , just toured the track last week

Race 10 # 1 PERFECT BLOOM -Moves all the way in from Post 8 – in 2<sup>nd</sup> start of the season

## .50 Pick Four Play

Race 7 : 2,3,4,5 / 2,4 / 4 / 1





## **SANTA ANITA - POST 4:00**

Analysis & Selections By: Brad Free

**BEST BET: Flyover (9th race)**

First Race 3. Let Seamus Go      4. Ghost Coast      7. Rowan August

Friday is re-opening day at Santa Anita, LET SEAMUS GO drops to maiden-50 for his eighth start, and benefits by a return to turf after finishing last in an experimental try on dirt. The MSW-to-MCL colt has run relatively fast against better rivals; he has enough speed to set or press the pace in a field light on real speed. If he can stay a mile and one-eighth, it's his race to win. GHOST COAST returns from a one-year layoff, which will be a challenge for the nine-start maiden. But the highest figure of his career was returning from a similar extended layoff, and he has run well at this nine-furlong trip. Looks like he trained well for his comeback. The past three years, the trainer-jockey combo of Jeff Mullins and Juan Hernandez has been highly productive: 37 percent wins (23 for 62, flat-bet profit).

Second Race 3. Eltonsingsanother      4. Mayacama      2. Cyprus Moon

A solid runner-up comeback by ELTONSINGSANOTHER stamps the front-running dirt mare the one to beat in this N2L starter sprint. She has a steady recent work pattern, her speed figures rank among the highest in the field. If there is a knock, it is the field she ran against last time was not great. Six from the race ran back, producing only a pair of modest third-place finishes. Top choice, nonetheless.

Third Race 2. Big Mama Sue      4. Zeyaraat      5. Myfavoritedaughter

BIG MAMA SUE scored her seventh victory last out as the favorite in a similar \$25k claiming turf mile, and runs back at the same level over a SA turf course on which she has won 4 of 12. Trainer Steve Miyadi won with his last seven turf-route favorites since spring 2023. ZEYARAAT and MYFAVORITEDAUGHTER, both trained by Vladimir Cerin, figure as contenders off their best races. ZEYARAAT might have needed the start last out when she pressed and faded while racing for the first time in nearly six months. With a race under her belt, and creditable figures, she could give the top choice a battle. MYFAVORITEDAUGHTER makes her first start in more than a year. Her best races in 2024 put her in the hunt. TIERGARTEN and MADEIRA WINE help insure an honest pace.



Fourth Race 1. Toughness 4. Winds of Freedom 5. Panuco

First time in a claiming race, TOUGHNESS enters this 3yo sprint as simply the fastest in the field. He returns to preferred footing (dirt) after finishing last in a turf sprint stakes, and has speed to establish position from the inside post.

Fifth Race 3. Lava Lucy 4. Miso Phansy 6. Cayucos

A return to turf benefits LAVA LUCY, whose dominating maiden win two starts back in a turf sprint is simply the fastest by any in the field. She ran only okay last out on dirt, runner-up by a length, but she ran faster two starts back on turf. Come and catch her. Her trainer-jockey combo, Luis Mendez and Edwin Maldonado, teamed to go 5-for-8 since February.

Sixth Race 3. Quick Brown Fox 1. Jubilant Joanie 4. Seismic Beauty

Expectations are high for well-bred QUICK BROWN FOX, who has worked super since her sharp comeback in a maiden turf sprint. She won despite possibly not liking the course; her dirt works since have been outstanding including a virtual heads-up team drill March 24 with G1 winner Kopion. 'FOX should relish two turns, sired by Justify and produced by multiple G1 dirt-route winner Bast. 'FOX might be a good one.

Seventh Race 2. Kissed by Fire 4. Pushiness 8. Ma Rae's Girl

The pace scenario of this N2X turf sprint could be problematic for one-two choices KISSED BY FIRE and PUSHINESS. Both are speed. If they get in each other's way, they could cancel out one another. Nonetheless, the call is KISSED BY FIRE, already a two-time winner at this level. She entered for the optional \$80k claim tag. She has won over the SA turf and has worked well for her first start in two months. The problem is she and PUSHINESS are dyed-in-the-wool front-runners. PUSHINESS set the pace all nine starts including a runner-up finish last out in a Cal-bred turf sprint stakes on the hill. PUSHINESS dueled early, put away favorite Shocking Grey, but got collared late. Nice try at six and one-half furlongs; the shorter distance of this six-furlong race on the main oval is beneficial. If the top pair hook up, MA RAE'S GIRL could get an ideal trip positioned right behind the speed. Drawn outside, with a versatile running style, 'GIRL would be first to attack if the pace falls apart. ROYAL CHARTER has run races good enough to win at this class level, and she can rally from behind.

Eighth Race 7. Zimba Warrior 1. Kingmeister 4. Mother's Prayer

ZIMBA WARRIOR and KINGMEISTER top this starter allowance/optional \$12.5k claiming route. ZIMBA WARRIOR won his last two starts by open lengths, and has enough speed to be forwardly placed in a race without an abundance of pace. Sharp horse is actually dropping in class to starter allowance after a win for \$16k claiming. KINGMEISTER looms the upsetter after a better-than-looked runner-up finish last out. He pressed a fast pace over a slow track that was closers-friendly, put away his pace rivals, and got collared late by a last-to-first winner. It was actually a strong effort by a veteran gelding in peak form. MOTHER'S PRAYER ran poorly his last two starts, but he was claimed last out and his runaway win three starts back would be fast enough.

Ninth Race 2. Flyover 5. Last Call Paul 10. Bonneville Jim

First-time starter FLYOVER has worked well and catches an apparently modest field of Cal-breds for his debut. His final workout looked okay on video; it was a dirt work. He might prefer turf based on pedigree and solid drills on the synthetic training track. Sired by Om (above-average turf-sprint sire, and above-average debut sire), FLYOVER was produced by a dam who had speed and won both her turf starts in front-running fashion. All systems go for FLYOVER, first time out. LAST CALL PAUL is a 20-start maiden with figures that actually fit vs. this group. Despite his status as a career maiden, he is better now than the only other time he tried turf. He'll be running late.





RACE 1

5 ROCKABILLY CHARM 7-2  
8 WEONA SIZZLER A 6-1  
1 TRANSFER THE ERA 4-1  
3 MOONWARDS HANOVER 8-1

( Post 6:20) By Bob Pandolfo

ROCKABILLY CHARM may have found a field he can beat...WEONA SIZZLER A won for the first time since 2023 when he wired the field at Monticello last week and he sliced four seconds off his recent final times...TRANSFER THE ERA gets a better post...MOONWARDS HANOVER showed some life in last.

RACE 2

1 BETTER THAN SOME 7-2  
10 BIG BAD BILL 4-1  
5 INCREDIBLE BADGER 9-2  
9 MAKE IT BIG 14-1

BETTER THAN SOME gets key trainer and driver changes here and seems likely to improve.

RACE 3

5 WINNERESS 7-2  
7 HURRIKANE WILLIE G 4-1  
8 BBC SPORTSBOY 9-2  
4 MASSTER BLUE 9-2

WINNERESS gets a better post and Beckwith sticks...HURRIKANE WILLIE G tried to bottom them out and weakened but he does fit well here...BBC SPORTSBOY has been racing over half mile tracks but he took his mark around two turns and takes a key drop...MASSTER BLUE beat this type three starts back.

RACE 4

7 PHELGON 8-5  
6 DUCK INTO THE NITE 2-1  
2 BETTE TINA 7-2  
8 POWERED BY MACH 5-1

RACE 5

4 SEIZE CONTROL 2-1  
2 JONAH 4-1  
7 FRAZIER HANOVER 4-1  
8 TERRE HAUTE 11-1

SEIZE CONTROL gets Yogi and form is solid...JONAH changes barns and drivers and can improve...FRAZIER HANOVER was in the photo with Seize Control last week...TERRE HAUTE had a tough trip in last.

RACE 6

7 LEXUS KODY 7-5  
5 OUTSIDE THE FIRE 3-1  
6 CELEBRITY BAMBINO 4-1  
4 ON HIGHER GROUND 6-1

LEXUS KODY drops and has a class edge here...OUTSIDE THE FIRE has been sharp and raced well when moved up to this level in last.

RACE 7

9 AS ALWAYS 2-1  
2 ALI 7-2  
4 TREY ROCKETTE 4-1  
1 HES A SWEETHEART 9-2

RACE 8

8 GOOD ROCKIN 2-1  
10 LYONS LIBERTY 5-2  
6 DUNSAN HARRY 7-2  
9 ROJAN'S WAY 4-1



RACE 9

6 FEARLESS SHEILA\*\* 3-1 **BEST BET**  
2 GOING AWAY 7-2  
4 QUEEN SUN RYSER 4-1  
3 MONEYMAKESHERHAPPY 9-2

FEARLESS SHEILA didn't have an easy trip in last, held nicely...GOING AWAY is in good form...QUEEN SUN RYSER has won three in a row, faces a better field but has a shot...MONEYMAKESHERHAPPY steps up off a career best and lightly raced filly can keep improving.

RACE 10

6 DISTANT DRUMS 5-2  
4 INTERVIEW FRA A 3-1  
9 LITTLE EXPENSIVE 7-2  
3 NO TURNING BACK 5-1

RACE 11

5 ON THE MONEY GB 8-5  
6 ROMA AMOR 6-1  
9 SWEETEST BELLE 6-1  
7 CHILLIN BYTHE POOL 6-1

RACE 12

5 EA MUSHU 2-1  
4 AINTNOROLLABACKGRL 5-2  
7 BRIGHTEN YOUR LIFE 5-1  
3 MACHING MILLIONS 10-1

EA MUSHU drops and gets a key driver change; she won the last three times she was in at this TR 68 level...AINTNOROLLABACKGRL only has 1 win in her last 47 starts and prefers the smaller ovals (she's only hit the board once in 11 starts over this track, but she takes a needed drop for hot barn and its noted that sharp driver Brett Beckwith took this one over EA MUSHU...BRIGHTEN YOUR LIFE was shuffled in last; both wins this year were at this level...MACHING MILLIONS drops and moves inside.

RACE 13

4 LANDIA 4-1  
9 MIGHTY DEO 4-1  
3 GOOGOO EYES 4-1  
7 BACARDI 7-1

LANDIA drops back to level of solid closing win two starts back...MIGHTY DEO ships in with a key drop and lures top driver...GOOGOO EYES was game winning first over, steps up but fits here...BACARDI best needed.

RACE 14

7 STONE COLD SAVAGE 4-1  
10 PACK YOUR BAGS 4-1  
4 EVER M 4-1  
6 ROCKIN STANDO 12-1

Tonight's tickets:

**PICK FOUR (RACES 6-9)**

\$1.00 ticket: 57/29/8/26 = \$8.00

**Race 6:** Lexus Kody is third off a layoff with a key drop. I'll also use Outside The Fire.

**Race 7:** I'm going to stick with two horses here, 2 and 9.

**Race 8:** I think Good Rockin will benefit from getting one of the best amateur drivers, Yogi Sheridan, back in the bike.

**Race 9:** Fearless Sheila had a busy trip last week and is my Best Bet tonight, but I'll also use Going Away, who is sharp now.



BEST BET: DOROTEA TRIO IT (8th)

SPOT PLAY: DOUGS BABE A (3rd)

Race 1: (3) WIN TOGETHER S returns from a failed effort at The Meadowlands and gets to face much softer local competition than he's been used to; he was a winner when last at this bottom level. (1) BEERTHIRTY K just missed last week with Brennan back in the sulky; figure he's bound to win eventually. (7) HAT TRICK MARLEAU makes his second start at this reduced level and Todd McCarthy catch drives again. Another outside post, however, so probably best used underneath.

Race 2: (1) GOLDEN QUEST N bounced back from that disaster of a start last month with a steady effort in traffic; veteran drops a class and moves all the way to the rail. (5) BLOOD MOON A and (6) DRAGONS LUCKY LADY are a couple of classy speedsters and either or both could be sailing off the gate. If they don't get in each other's way early on then can both be in the number.

Race 3: Blue Chip Matchmaker Pace Leg #4

Soft division here with all non-winners in the series so far. (1) DOUGS BABE A goes second time with Tetrick after he drove last week but didn't make much of an impact. I can see this mare taking a more aggressive stance tonight. (4) PROMISELAND A was a decent second last out and the recent import can build off that effort. (3) SEASIDE DIVA hasn't made a smooth transition from three to four yet but there's room for improvement.

Race 4: NW15000 in last 5 starts Trot

(3) TORRONE is winless on the year but has been competitive in every start where he's drawn well and Holland figures to be sending the Fanning trainee to the front. (1) SOUTHWIND ARTURO has raced very well recently at Pocono and he's got a successful local history; Bartlett drives from the rail. (4) DULY RESOLVED beat #1 easily in his latest Pocono race but now gives up a bit of a post edge drawing outside of the other favorites.

Race 5: Blue Chip Matchmaker Pace Leg #4

(2) WALKIN ON SUNSHINE was second best as no match to a sharp winner last week, and her prior start she managed to get beat at five cents on the dollar but the Pelling mare may just be a touch faster than these and I'll give her another chance. (4) LIT DE ROSE didn't fire last out in a quick back half but we know she's more than capable of stepping it up any given week. (3) MILLWOOD BLISS N tried a more aggressive approach in last week's start and it backfired badly. She's right back in for round four and Tetrick picks up the drive.



Race 6: (3) AQUARIUS FACE S has been much improved since the hobbles were added and the Engblom trotter looks to make it two straight after that recent strong win from off the pace. (5) MISSISSIPPI STORM has been okay recently and he's got way too much class to ignore. (2) ABRUZZO has hit the board in his last five with a win included among them; he'll need to go faster in order to come out on top but he can land a nice piece from this comfortable post.

#### Race 7: Blue Chip Matchmaker Pace Leg #4

(6) SILK CLOUD A looks to be back on top of her game as she's won in two of the first three weeks of the series and Stratton figures to be firing from the gate again on the Pete Tritton trainee. She seems more than capable if not roughed up too much. (1) ROCKET DEO finally broke through with a win last week after failing at odds-on in her first two rounds and the Pelling trainee figures to be a short price again. (2) HIGH FLYIN' FILLY failed to pick up any ground on the rim last week but was a winner the start prior from the pocket; Burke trainee figures to be looking at more of a rail ride here.

Race 8: (1) DOROTEA TRIO IT has dominated in her last two starts and the recent import figures to have little trouble stepping up again to make it three straight. (2) WINDSONG PIONEER is still shut out on the season but he figures to be right there like usual from this inside post. (3) TEXSONG SOPRANO has tired badly in his last two but he's better than that; Scran/Zeron trotter needs to step it up.

Race 9: (1) PASS AND STOW picked up right where she left off in her 3YO season by dominating at odds-on in her 2025 debut. Talented mare faces more seasoned rivals again but deserves top billing. (6) ELEKTRA A was not a major player last week at The Big M but her prior two local efforts were both solid front-end displays. (2) CHIAPANECAS put in her first subpar race of the year last , still merits respect.

Race 10: (3) TALENT TO SPARE A tries a new driver in Zeron and also draws better after a string of outside posts; she's beaten this type in the past and usually offers value. (6) YS SENSATIONCITY has clearly tailed off in her last few but she exits claimers to face a different type of field and also returns to Bartlett; plenty of early speed. (5) KISS MY CHEEK faces mostly more experienced foes after dominating a NW life condition.

Race 11: (5) HARPER SEELSTER had been dull in her latest Yonkers tries but she perked up in those two Meadowlands races and those were some quick miles she was involved with. Stratton trainee has a post edge on a couple of uber-classy veterans. (7) LUCKY ARTIST A drops back to the bottom and gets a notable driver change to Bartlett; we'll see how aggressive he can get with this 12YO mare. (8) MAN DONTFORGET ME has fallen on hard times as she looks to show more in her second start back with the Alexander barn. Tough spot though.

Race 12: (3) EVER HOPING A was a \$100K earner a year ago and is now 0 for 10 and counting in 2025; last start was the closest he's been in quite a while and will look to improve off that effort. (7) ROCKMYSTER N dropped to this level and fired from post eight to the lead, rolled along but gave way. He lands outside again and figures to be aggressive again from the gate. (5) MIDNIGHT LIGHTNING woke up with a form reversal the other day at Philly and the 13YO has plenty of local experience; maybe he can land a piece at a price.





# **CALEXPO**

## **HARNESS RACING**

POST 9:45

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| 2. 5-3-4 | 5. 4-2-8 | 8. 4-2-6  |
| 3. 6-3-4 | 6. 3-1-2 | 9. 3-4-1  |
|          |          | 10. 7-5-1 |
|          |          | 11. 3-1-5 |

**Best bet - Race 7. # 1 Overthemoonfor you**

**\$ 25 K Guaranteed Pick 4 : Race 8**

**2,4 / 1,3,4 / 5,7 / 1,3**