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8:30	DMR 8th	<b>SHAZARA (#1, 5-1)</b> was claimed for \$40K two races ago when a good 3rd in a race longer than her best. She was then asked to sprint last time and ran decently but that race was too short. It's like Goldilocks – this trip and level should be JUST right. – Michael Hammersly
5:40	SAR 9th	<b>CLIPTHECOUPONANNIE (#7, 5-1)</b> disappointed as the favorite in her latest but she was against the race flow today, and she seems to be the controlling speed in this relatively paceless sprint; can atone if able to shake loose early on. – Kenny Peck



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# Closer Looks: Del Mar

## RACE 1 - Michael Hammersly

**Inhibition:**Certainly had lots of chances (12) and doesn't have a lot to show for it (1 2nd, 1 3rd); in his defense, all that work has come vs. tougher than he faces here; returns from a long layoff (almost 7 months) with a significant drop; at least been working well the past month or so and the closest he's been to winning (3rd, beaten a neck in June 2016) came at this trip.

**Ruff House:**Debut at SA June 24 wasn't very pretty but hey, you can always be forgiving about a debut run; poor start didn't help matters either; returns as a gelding with a couple nice recent works; certainly capable of doing better...though it better be a lot better if he's to have a say and we still don't know if there's any talent here at all; 2 of 3 sibs to race are winners including Ruff Proof (2 for 6, \$63K).

**Rockin My Mojo:**Shown signs of life; displayed good speed in first 4 starts and then last time out July 16 at LRC he was a bit slow into stride but showed he could pass horses as he made a decent move into the lane before flattening out; at least that shows some versatility though you'd expect him to be more prominent early on here and it's not as if he's facing much power.

**Nicos Way:**3rd in his debut here last Aug. 17, which wasn't a bad way to start a career considering it was just his debut and he was facing much more expensive (\$62,500); that said, he wasn't really a factor in the lane (beaten by 12 lengths) and then wasn't seen for 11 months; and when he did return at LRC July 16 it was at this level and after showing a bit of speed gave way to end up 9th of 10; you can be a bit understanding about that run considering the layoff, but the fact they dropped him so much is disconcerting; at least there's no layoff since and he did work here since.

**My Perfect Gem:**Debut at SA June 3 for \$30K was encouraging - stalked the pace and kept to his task nicely to be a decent 2nd; returns as a gelding and with a class drop; worked nicely a bunch of times since that debut run for a trainer having a fine meet, a fine year and who does well 2nd time out (15%).

**Second Gear:**Dueled in his \$50K debut at SA June 10 but paid the price, fading to 8th; you can be forgiving about that as not only was it his debut, but also with the duel and the fact he was facing much more expensive; trouble is, he came back at this level there June 24 and showed little; at least there's no layoff since and he's worked a couple times since, though he gets his 3rd different rider in as many starts.

**Malibu d'Oro:**A rocky start to his career but the speed has improved and his last 2 were much, much better; it's no coincidence those 2 came in his first 2 tries at this level; last run July 20 came here so that gives him something no one else in here possesses - a race over this track this meet; figures prominent from the start and any further progression likely means he can stay prominent all the way around; lone sib to race is Secure in the Fact (1 win, \$16K).

## RACE 2 - Michael Hammersly

**Small Town Hero:**Looked promising last winter with 2 straight wins but things haven't gone so well in 3 starts since; in his defense, all 3 came vs. probably slightly tougher so today's drop may help; Ellis off to a nice start this meet (2 for first 6, 33%) and this guy has speed on the rail, never a bad thing routing here.

**Ucankmelater:**Found stakes foes too tough at EMD last time out July 2, though a lousy start didn't help either; back to his SoCal home base with a class drop; only 2 starts here, however, both last year, weren't any great shakes but he did work well here last week; just over a month ago he ran in a race just like this at SA and won so you know the situation suits - it's just a matter of whether that trip took something out of him and whether he can handle this place as well.

**Not Chopped Liver:**A good 2nd in his debut on this track last fall; form has been spotty since with just the maiden win on GG Polytrack April 6; after that came a layoff and 2 non-threatening outings; steps up in class and moves to a route so there are hurdles to be sure; at least he used to have some speed so maybe he can be more prominent from the start here...maybe.

**Spanish Eyes:**Finished 1st twice (was DQ'd from 1 of those), but both came on GG Polytrack; the good news is he comes off a real nice 2nd in a race just like this on SA dirt May 28 so the footing, trip and level suit; given some time since but has been working steadily in the interim and sharp young rider Roman stays puts; the 2 times he finished 1st (and that sharp 2nd last time out) came at this trip.

**Savrola:**Game winner at this trip at GG June 18, a win which looks even better when you note the guy he edged (Loma Cat) came right back to win; yes, that came on GG Polytrack but he was a decent 3rd on OTP dirt last time out July 9 (his first try on dirt); that also came vs. elders - he's back in with peers (3yos only) today, and a top rider takes the call; only 2 tries at this mile trip were 2 of his best (1st and 2nd).

**Slasher:**Plugged along to get 3rd last time out at SA June 25, though he wasn't ever really a threat (beaten by 7 lengths); that came sprinting, vs. more expensive (\$25K); today's drops helps, but his only 2 prior routes (both at this trip, weren't too any great shakes - in fact he finished 12-plus lengths behind Small Town Hero at this trip at SA March 4; did work well here July 19 and again 1 of his best outings (2nd) came at this level.

## RACE 3 - Art Gropper

**Bombardeo:**Sire is 0-for-1 with 1st-Turf starters and 3-for-16 (19% winners) with 2-year-old-1st-time starters; is the 1st foal to race out of a stakes-winning dam (3-for-11, 134K) (0-for-1 turf) who graduated in start 1 at 5F on CD dirt; the 1-post position began the DMR meet 1-for-23 (4% winners) in turf races.

**Restrainedvengence:**Sire yields 4% winners 1st Turf; 14% winners with 2-year-old-1st-time starters; dam began career 3-for-3 capturing 4 stakes (6-for-20, 215K) (1-for-6 turf 44K) graduating in start 1 at 5.5F on CRC dirt; 2 of 6 foals to race on turf are grass winners including SW-Latent Revenge (4-for-16 grass 190K) who graduated in start 3 at 5.5F on FG turf.

**Croatian:**Sire yields 10% winners 1st Turf; is out of an 0-for-2-grass dam; her only other foal to race is 1-for-8 Mia and Molly (36K) who went 0-for-6 on turf (11K); slow-gate break 1st-time out which why today's turn-back in distance to 5F is a concern; Baffert is one of the best 2nd-time starter trainers in racing.

**Butte City:**Sire yields 13% winners 1st Turf; 17% winners with 2-year-old-1st-time starters; is the 1st foal out of a 4-for-33 dam (202K) (1-for-7 turf 36K) who graduated in start 11 at 6F on HOL synthetic; trainer rarely connects with debut winners.

**Extraordinary Jerry:**Sire yields 17% winners 1st Turf; 6% winners with 2-year-old-1st-time starters; is out of a 2-for-10 dam (36K) who did not race on grass graduating in start 5 at 1-Mile and 1-8 on PRX dirt; her only other foal to race is 0-for-4 Lucky Litigator (0-2 turf).

**Cash Pilot:**Sire yields 50% winners (1-for-2) with 1st-turf starters; sire is 0-for-5 with 2-year-old-1st-time starters; is the 1st foal out of a 1-for-16 dam (19K) who went 0-for-7 on grass (6K) graduating in start 14 at 6F on BEU dirt.

**Desert Domination:**Sire is 0-for-5 with 1st-Turf starters; 1-for-11 (9% winners) with 2-year-old-1st-time starters; is out of a 1-for-7 dam (38K) who did not race on grass graduating in start 2 at 5F on DEL dirt; she produced 1 winner from 2 other foals to race Zo Zo (2-for-12, 41K) (0-for-1 turf) who graduated in start 8 at 6F on LRL dirt.

**Martin Riggs:**Sire yields 12% winners 1st Turf; 15% winners with 2-year-old-1st-time starters; is the 1st foal out of a 9-time-SW dam (14-for-27, 303K) (2-for-6 turf 41K) who graduated in start 1 at 5.5F on EMD dirt; trainer rarely connects with debut winners.

**Silver Fury:**Sire yields 4% winners 1st Turf; 17% winners with 2-year-old-1st-time starters; is out of a 1-for-15 dam (62K) who went 0-for-4 on grass (27K) graduating in start 10 at 6F on WO synthetic; her only other foal to race is 3-for-11 Madrugador (30K) who did not race on turf graduating in start 1 at 5.5F on CMR dirt in PR.

**Lombo:**Sire is 0-for-2 with 1st-Turf starters and 0-for-13 with 2-year-old-1st-time starters; is out of a SW-dam (4-for-22, 266K) (3-for-16 turf 204K) who graduated in start 2 at 6.5F on SA turf; her only other foal to race is 3-for-22 Backlash (61K) who went 0-for-2 on grass graduating in start 7 at 6F on OP dirt.

**Unobtainable:**Sire yields 6% winners 1st Turf; is out of a 2-for-11 grass dam (35K); her only other foal to race Shay Shay Marie is 0-for-2 and has not raced on turf; projects as a major-pace presence after dueling for the lead 1st-time out.

**Candyman Garret:**Sire is 0-for-4 with 1st-Turf starters; is out of a 1-for-4-grass dam (34K); 4 foals to race on turf are 0-for-6 combined (1K); dueled into defeat in his debut facing lesser- maiden claimers; turning back in distance to 5F adds to the appeal.

**Daddysprize:**Sire yields 14% winners 1st Turf; 15% winners with 2-year-old-1st-time starters; is the 1st foal out of a SW-dam (3-for-11, 58K) who went 0-for-1 on grass graduating in start 1 at 4.5F on EMD dirt; steady work-tab on display for a \$2.25 ROI- 1ster trainer since 2016.

**Wild Verse:**Sire yields 11% winners 1st Turf; is the 1st foal out of an 0-for-3 grass dam (20K); tired in the debut but races for a high-win percentage 2nd-time starters trainer; improvement is expected; likely presses the pace wide for this; hot apprentice takes over winning 37% for the Miller barn.

## RACE 4 - Steve Grabowski

**Hollywood Strike:**Moves to the rail for his return from a brief break after being beaten just over a length going a bit longer in his Santa Anita finale; he'll be making his 10th career start in this spot, but his better numbers do fit well here and he's quick enough to secure a good spot from the bell in here; he's a contender.

**Roosevelt:**Took another good step forward when stretched out in his third career try at Los Al and he has shown solid early foot; colt took all the money while debuting for the Bob Baffert barn here last summer though he didn't offer much while running into a pretty good one; guy who beat him quite handily last time again draws to his outside here and that will likely give him all he can handle from the outset.

**Thorpe d'Oro:**Just missed in each of his career tries including most recently when run down off a clear midstretch lead at 1-10 on the Los Al main track last month; 360K yearling buy makes his first local start for a barn that's going well here and he has the tactical foot to make his own trip; full brother to 2 time G1 SW router and 1.68 million earner Plum Pretty will be all the rage at the windows once again, but he figures tough to down.

**Ziconic:**Zenyatta's second foal to race returns to the dirt off a freshening after showing little while continuing his poor breaking habits on the Santa Anita lawn; he's earned some decent numbers going long on the main track, but he leaves himself with a lot of work to do late and will need plenty of pace help in front of him in order to get involved in the outcome at today's shorter trip.

**Beloved Holiday:**Debut sprinting at Los Al early last month and after getting solid fractions in front of him, ran on well late to get third money; barn boasts sharp numbers with runners who have had a race and though his sibs were all better sprinting, his most accomplished one, 421K earner Grand Sensation, did win going long.

**Deal With It Dude:**It took them a while to get last year's 100K in-training buy to the races and he didn't do much in that sprint debut late in the winter; colt earned a better number behind an impressive debut winner at Santa Anita who went on to go with the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winners in Saratoga's 9 panel Jim Dandy last weekend; he is kin to a couple of multiple route winners so maybe he added trip serves to move him up some at a decent price.

**Union Rebel:**Newly reported gelding switches surfaces with a sharp drill in tow after losing his best shot at the break before suffering through a wide trip in his initial turf spin; he has run ok on the main track in the past and maybe the conditioning run helps him move up some, but a minor award will likely be his ceiling today.

## RACE 5 - Brian Pochman

**Dreamarcher:**Minor stakes winner owns the best last-race Beyer Speed Figure in this field, and she's the only one in here entering this race off of a winning performance; this barn has been quiet to this point in the meeting, but this filly deserves to be respected as a contender.

**Do the Dance:**She's a stakes winner on grass, and if she brings her 'A' game to the table she'll be tough to tackle; she was beaten by a couple of today's rivals in her latest start, but her short comment points out the her rider was without a whip the final 3/16's.

**Shenandoah Queen:**She won her turf debut and her only other start over turf was in her latest outing, and have to like the way that she dialed it up along the Beyer Speed Figure scale in recording that third-place finish; Espinoza has won with 4 of 14 (29%) mounts for this barn in 2017.

**Kenriya (FR):**She's G3 stakes placed racing in France, and she's run well in two of three starts since arriving in America; Nakatani has won with 16 of 70 (23%) mounts for this barn in 2017.

**Bellamentary:**Multiple graded stakes-placed miss was sharp in defat in her only start over turf, she chased one of today's key rivals past the finish in that race; Pereira has won with 8 of 34 (24%) mounts for this barn in 2017

**Sheeza Milky Way:**Grade 3 stakes-placed filly routinely performs at a level that is strong enough to suggest that she can win this, and the runner-up finisher from her latest start returned to win next out at Dmr on 7/21 going 1 1/16m over turf in an 82k stakes with a 94 Beyer.

**Belvoir Bay (GB):**She's a G3 winner racing over dirt, and she's proven her turf ability while winning four of 11 turf starts; Prat gets his share of live calls from this barn, and as long as she can avoid an early pace dispute, she figures to be involved in the hunt throughout.

## RACE 6 - Jim Kachulis

**Blissful Lady:**Displayed much improved early speed when returning to the claiming ranks in early June; subsequent workout regimen is extremely steady; showed little firepower when beginning her career over this course last summer; remains a puzzling item now.

**Li'l Grazen:**Legitimate excuses when losing as the odds-on favorite in May; she then ran her best race when dropping in for a tag thereafter when claimed; can returns dividends for the new connections despite more than doubling in price this afternoon as recent workout activity is above average in quality.

**Settle Down Eileen:**She was compromised by a slow getaway in her last assignment; began her career around 2 turns, not the easiest of tasks, and made 2 moves in that race before tiring; should be a late factor with any kind of honest pace up front.

**Vegastruck:**First visit to the claiming realm for this mare who was caught wide in her grass debut nearly 2 months ago; note huge improvement to the most recent drill at five furlongs; looks like a good fit against this group especially with the weight advantage.

**Jeweled:**Rested since two even performances here last summer, failing each time while heavily backed; her sire won 1.1 million including G1 success while the dam was without victory in 3 attempts; among the winning siblings is 101K earner Java for Two; July workout pattern showed progression.

**Twirling Apples:**After setting a decent pace in her maiden voyage in May, she could not handle the difficult climb to the special weights class; her sire won 944K including G1 success while the dam won 4 of 24 and 150K; kin to 70K earner Appealing Lady.

**Dorita's Candy:**Exits a needed tightening race but she was only a brief factor that day; one of several in the field trying the claiming ranks for the initial time; she will have to improve several notches in order to be heard from; pass for now.

**Miss Remembering:**Attended a swift pace a month ago and stayed in contention until the final furlong; although outworked last Saturday by Jeweled (the other Baffert trainee in the field), this lass may hold the pace key to this race; worth serious follow-up if a square price is offered.

**Sweet Treat:**Returns to the races after nearly a year's absence; ignore the failed run on the turf; the previous try was dead game; switches to Desormeaux who has done well for these connections; even intervals to the workout regimen during July; daughter of the undefeated Candy Ride can work out a proper stalking trip.

**Ribbon of Jewels:**Local works are upbeat and she was cooked in a speed duel in her last encounter when losing to a blowout winner; another runner in the line-up who can improve by lengths and bounds with the first appearance at the claiming level; tough call.

## RACE 7 - Brian Mulligan

**Mama's Kid:**The winner of this race last year You're Late sat an ideal 3-hole trip and earned a 58 Beyer; toss debut when she reared at the start but she has to invent a way to deal with the Koriner runner among others; miss flashed solid speed last time but she figures to have a harder time clearing here; miss has already repaid her \$11K purchase price; she has to find a way to deal with the fence.

**Empress of Lov:**Considering the winner won by 8 in last, the stakes debut was not all that bad; there is class on the bottom side as dam won a Grade 3 and earned nearly \$350K; the blowout on Friday should have her on her toes; miss may have to come from a bit off the pace to excel this time.

**Gorgeous Ginny:**She was a poorly-kept secret in the debut and just hooked a freak last time; like the renewed energy she flashed on the 25th and she should be gunning from the sound of the bell; the quality is there as this runner's dam took a Grade 2 and earned over \$250K; dam also dropped stakes winner and over \$250K earner Rock and Glory; must display more.

**Estherfourteen:**Considering the barn is on the patient side, the fact she won the debut speaks volumes; the pace was on the slow side and the splits should be quicker here; homebred gets a more experience pilot this time but note they were all together on the line last time; that can be a sign of just an ordinary race.

**Show It N Moe It:**Nothing wrong with this progression as the Beyers are going in the right direction; sibling Unhitchthetrailor took a stakes at 2; she has trained fast and steadily for this but must find a way to contend with the Diodoro runner among others; must be left in the mix.

**Spiced Perfection:**This one figures to have the stalking duties of the Koriner pair; note place horse in last was over 4 clear last time but miss has been handled by some of today's rivals; the positive is she does have a win over the surface and that is huge; prefer stablemate a bit.

**Meet My Kitty:**Connections may have gotten away with one as she freaked for the tag; not bad for an \$8K purchase; she proved she could take the heat of a speed duel and live to tell about it; miss seems comfortable with these surroundings and just may like it at the beach.

**Kimberlea K:**Drawn right, she got a feel of the dirt last time and note the show horse was three clear in last; you know she is fit enough with several drills since the last effort; there is some class here as winning dam is kin to a stakes winner and near \$200K earner and if you go deep in the pedigree near \$500K earner Greeley's Conquest shows up; last angle: she is the only one in the field proven at this trip.

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**Family Girl:** Homebred was professional in the opener as she settled in third and then just extended when it counted; a bit more keen to drill last Thursday as Bejarano takes the reins; Miller can keep them going good once they are thriving to the tune of 27% in the last year; look out.

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## RACE 8 - Brian Pochman

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**Shazara:** If you're looking for the top last-race Beyer Speed Figure in this field, your hunt can end now, and it's encouraging to see that this mare has been at her best racing over this turf course; late-running type should see a fast and contested early pace.

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**Fly Far Away:** Sire wins with approximately 11% of his turf starters and dam won 3 of 20 turf starts for 93k; this filly is a 1/2 to Skinny Genes (3-13, 77k over turf); Desormeaux has won with 7 of 33 (21%) mounts for this barn in 2017.

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**Pure Perfection:** She's going to need to show up with a much improved performance if she's to get the job done, but she is a half to Cross Village (4-27, 127k over turf) and not against giving her another chance to see what she can do racing on grass.

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**Lady Ninja:** She's improved her game from start-to-start to begin her career, but she earned her first win on dirt in her latest start, and now it's on to winners; early speed type will likely be involved in a fast and contested early pace.

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**Quinn Murphy:** He's been competitive in his three starts racing over turf, but those starts were against softer competition, and he'll have to step it up along the Beyer Speed Figure scale in a major way if he's to threaten the top contenders.

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**Road Test:** Sire wins with approximately 8% of his turf starters and minor stakes-winning dam won 3 of 20 turf starts for 149k; this filly is a 1/2 to Commercial Flight (1-4, 56k over turf); she appears to be in tough for her first turf test.

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**Ragazza Di Vola:** Early speed type has shown a touch of rating ability, but her one win was earned against 20-18k maiden claimers, and she's going to need to show up with an improved performance in order to have a chance at the top spot.

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**Pistol Packin Rose:** Based on what she's shown from her two starts over turf, she deserves to be recognized as a top contender, and she appears to be well meant while getting a rider switch to Bejarano; however, she is an early speed type in a race loaded with speed.

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**Dixie Crystal:** Sire wins with approximately 16% of his turf starters and this is the first foal from a dam who won 4 of 29 starts for 92k, including 0-for-1 over turf; not wild about what she's shown so far, and her connections will hop for better with a move to turf.

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**Looking At Thelake:** She looks like one of the more legitimate options to consider in this field, and her ability to run well from off the pace can prove to be a key in a race that seems likely to have a fast and contested early pace; must respect.

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**Lethal Legacy:** Nicely-bred turfer has won just once from 22 career starts and she's going to need to top her previous best performance if she's to get the job done in this spot; she needs to see a scratch in order to get the opportunity to run.

# Closer Looks: Saratoga

## RACE 1 - Don Clippinger

**Kremlin:** Maiden win at Iroquois was intriguing, but his front-running tendencies may be a disadvantage in a race with an unusual amount of speed for a jump race; earlier efforts were respectable but not particularly close; claimed out of win in high-level Laurel turf race; long run to wire may help.

**Any Given Royal:** Hot stable, hot jockey, hot combination for improving veteran; maiden win in March was solid; showed grit in allowance win three weeks later; spent most of racing career in Canada and placed in 2012 Ontario Derby at Woodbine; was uncompetitive in high claimers at end of flat career.

**Unsinkable (IRE):** Handicap flat horse in Ireland has yet to make an impression over hurdles; arrived in U.S. last year and won first out over fences; usually runs on or near the pace, a disadvantage in a race filled with early speed; last out on the flat was second to subsequent Saratoga novice stakes winner.

**Reporter:** Late bloomer made one undistinguished start on the flat for owner-breeder and transformed into hurdler; won impressively in a Suffolk hurdle race last summer but has yet to duplicate that effort; no finishing kick in most recent start against a good group at Parx; needs to step up to win here.

**Alcazar de Maram:** Maiden on the flat has good speed for jumping and won last out at Parx on flat; making first 2017 jump start after a devastating maiden-hurdle score last November; from Hall of Fame stable and has services of leading jockey; son of Giant's Causeway runs on the front in speed-filled race.

**Personal Start:** Homebred by Jump Start made a decent start in Atlanta maiden race last year but has not impressed since then; has chased good novices this year but has yet to be close at the finish; had a low-level maiden-claiming win at Gulfstream in 2014; talented stable may be ready for a breakout win.

**Zio Elio:** New York-bred coming home for shot at rich NW2 purse; maiden on flat was not competitive on dirt at Finger Lakes; scored gritty win in hurdle debut against a respectable group at Charleston in April; may have gotten everything he needed from a well-beaten sixth in Parx handicap hurdle last month.

**Invocation (FR):** French-bred youngster has two hurdle wins but gets in NW2 because last year's runaway win was as a 3-year-old; probably needed his 2017 debut race at Queen's Cup near Charlotte; swamped a moderate group in his most recent start, a Radnor handicap; ability to rate early may help in field with speed. Race 2 - Michael Hammersly

**Top Brass:** Showed promise early this year with a nice N1X win at PRX and decent 4th vs. some toughies in AQU slop March 31; then tried turf for the first time while facing some stakes types at BEL May 7; OK, so that experiment didn't work so well (though it was a good heat, producing 4 next-out winners); been freshened, moves back to dirt and is well down in class... though he's by no means a giveaway for this kind of price; Servis off to a fine start this meet (2 for first 6, 33%).

**Blaze'n Prospector:** Chased the pace before finishing 3rd for \$40K at CD June 4, though let's be real, he wasn't a factor in the lane (beaten by 9 1/2 lengths); in his defense, he had some trouble that day; Diodoro saw fit to claim him, has given him plenty of time and it's most encouraging to see him moved up in price despite the fact he's long out of 'jail'; Diodoro a strong 25% off the claim and he had a super first full meet in NY at BEL recently; snappy training track work here July 22 encourages and note there's a touch of back-class to this guy.

**Avast Matey:** Well, shiver me timbers he comes here on the upswing; first came a couple 2nds at GP and then he added blinkers and improved further to easily win an N1X there May 19; hasn't been seen since but he's sure been working well; this is also his first time racing away from GP but as noted, he's been working nicely at BEL and most recently over this track; ample speed to be in a good spot from the start and that last win looks even better when you note the guy he easily beat back into 3rd came right back to win.

**Sound the Horns:** That big N1X win last time out June 7 came on synthetic at PID, yes, but note a big maiden win on dirt at LRL Jan. 28 so don't assume he's some synthetic-reliant runner; that last win looks even better, too, when you note 2 he beat that day came right back to win; freshened since but that June 7 win certainly shows he can fire off the bench and he's worked nicely and regularly since; that said, it's a tad disconcerting he won last time but they're now willing to part with him for \$50K, whereas they 5 times that to buy him.

**Fortuitous Path:** Recent stuff wasn't too hot but you can be a bit forgiving; after all, those 3 all came vs. tougher and the first of those came in his first try on turf, and that didn't go so well; freshened since by trainer Rudy and there's a significant drop which may help; lone time Saez rode this guy they just missed in Oct. 2015; bullet work at BEL July 23 says he's doing well, and note a decent 3rd in his only prior local try.

**Toohottoevenspeak:** Chased the pace before falling apart at this level here July 27; in his defense, that came at 1 1/8 miles - his work the previous couple years had been exclusively sprinting; moves back to such a trip here and it's nice to see no drop in price after that last dud; that July 27 run also gives him something which no one else in here possesses - a race over this track this meet; of course, it wasn't a good race so that likely doesn't earn him too many bonus points; still, this is a better situation distance-wise.

## RACE 3 - Art Gropper

**Nexrad:** Returns to the distance of his only victory on PRX turf nearly 24 months ago; projects to stalk the pace while saving ground; the 1-post position began the SAR meet 0-for-27 in turf races; the 2-back winner posted a 77 Beyer speed figure in his next-out PEN-20K-claiming victory.

**Inventor's Gate:** Late runner is eligible to improve making his 2nd start following a long layoff; the 2-back runner-up finisher Beyered 86 in his next-out AQU-25K-claiming victory; July, 2014, was his only other start during career at today's distance when racing on a sloppy-main track finishing a distant 4th in a SAR-65K-maiden claimer.

**He's Cheeky:** Deep closer raced much closer to the pace in last then finished full of run to produce a new-Beyer Top; stretches out to longest-distance test ever which seems to suit his style; rematch from the 2-back loss vs. Shamcat and the show finisher who Beyered 82 in his next-out BEL-starter-allowance win.

**Shamcat:** Defeated the show runner from last who Beyered 74 next-out finishing 6th in a BEL-starter-allowance. try to catch me; his lone win was gate-to-wire; stretching out to longest ever he figures to be a major-pace presence; troubled trips in last 2 and gets a new rider for this as the win rider sides with He's Cheeky; can he win it all right off this 47-day layoff is a concern to back on top.

**Carbon Data:** Has already won at longer so there are so no stamina issues for this; projects to stalk the pace; fires well fresh; graduated 2-back off the bench with 54 days idle and races here following a similar-47-day absence; beat the 2-back show finisher who graduated next-out in a BEL-MSW with an 86 Beyer; the 3-back runner-up posted a 79 speed figure in his next-out GP-MSW diploma earner.

**Long Night:** Defeated the runner-up from last who Beyered 60 next-out finishing 10th in a SAR-40K-claimant; he stretches out to longest-distance test ever; ridden patiently in last and hopes for similar handling today because in some of his starts was used early then had nothing left late; the 1st start vs. winners is often any runner's toughest-class assignment; gelded since his last start which can be an improvement angle.

**Cite:** Returns to the distance of his GP-2016-grass graduation when rallying from far back; hopes for a pace collapse up top; the 2-back winner repeated in a CD-optional-claimant with an 89 Beyer; fired well at today's distance 3-back where the winner repeated in a BEL-OPC with a 97 speed figure.

**Astounding:** Showed tactical-gate speed earlier in career but has become a deep closer in recent starts; will be stretching out to longest-distance test ever for this which can help his win chances; defeated the 2-back show finisher who graduated next out in a BEL-40K-claimant with a 79 Beyer; rider of last and the win rider sides with He's Cheeky.

**Going Strong:** MTO projects to rally from mid-pack; returns to the distance of his KEE-near-miss-dirt victory October, 2016; exits a best-last-race Beyer and new-career Top speed figure when claimed from a high-win percentage trainer; faced fast ones; the 2-back runner-up finisher Beyered 86-93 in 2 next-out wins including a MTH-99K stakes triumph; he defeated the 3-back show finisher who posted a 90 speed figure in his next-out BEL-starter-allowance victory.

**Djulpan:** Both wins when forwardly placed; projects as a major-pace presence stretching out to longest-distance test ever; the runner he defeated 2-back came right back to beat him in last; keeps the jockey of his latest victory as he steps up in class following the claiming score.

**Kabang:** A winner at today's distance in last helps the confidence level but steps way up in class; is eligible to improve off latest making his 2nd start following an 86-day absence; the 2-back runner-up finisher Beyered 86 in a next-out PIM-allowance win; defeated the 3-back show finisher posted a 75 speed figure in his next-out GP-50K-claimant graduation; began career 0-for-13 but late runner has captured 2 of his last 3 starts; can handle the main track if needs to; his 93 field-best Beyer speed figure was produced June, 2015, at 1M and 1-16th on BEL dirt when just missing in a BEL-MSW.

**King of Spades:** Returns to the distance of his CD-turf graduation May, 2016, when rallying from 10th; versatile runner also has a victory racing on the lead during career; recent form when finishing behind similar suggests to rank a notch below the top contenders; the 2-back show finisher Beyered 82 in his next-out BEL-starter-allowance win.

**Harlan Punch:** MTO defeated the show runner from last who Beyered 77 next-out finishing 3rd in an IND-OPC; enters on a 15-race losing streak winning his career debut August, 2015, in an ELP-MSW 5.5F-dirt event rallying from 5th; major-distance test stretching out to longest-distance test ever for this.

## :RACE 4 - Brian Mulligan

**Call Her Karma:** You have to put them where they belong in this game, hence the drop; note wraps re-added last time, try to get a good look at her on the track; considering she is fresh, would expect her to be on the muscle trying to flee the fence; far from disgraced in the last 2 stakes tries, but the last win was against much softer; blowout on the 23rd should have her on her toes.

**Jemmabelle:** Even on the drop last time, fans didn't exactly go to the well at 9-1 and they were right on the money; she has never won on a glib track as the maiden breaker came in the mud on the inner; in light again, runner has limited speed and things will need to unfold just right.

**Lady Paradime:** Mirror races in last pair and neither was all that pretty; mare was inching toward the winner in the local debut and backers have to hope the drop shakes her up; she may not be great at this distance though and things will need to roll out just right up front.

**Doinwhatshelikes:** Both from this barn have similar styles so don't really see an angle there; the back class is there as racer won vs. tougher in the first for this barn and at least runner has the two races to build on now; backers have to hope the pace is hot and heavy and the leaders melt.

**Little Miss Julia:** The good news is she has won in a second off the layoff spot; the bad news is that it was in a conditioned claimant and she is facing a few that have been around the block and back; that was a snappy move last Wednesday but not sure that will be enough to put over the top today.

**Northern Screamer:** Hung wide from post 7 in the only off effort this year; the confidence is sky high as miss is on a flat-out roll; she handles any kind of going, should be able to sit a nice stalk and pounce kind of a journey and interesting that Ortiz made the trip to Philly for the win last time; barn has been firing; can't fault those that stay on or jump on this bandwagon.

**Bon Heir:** Must respect everything from this barn but this racer has some things to iron out; mirror races in last pair but neither was an eye opener; like fact she has a local drill but with limited speed, backers need to hope the leaders duel and than just wilt.

## RACE 5 - Brian Pochman

**Markitoff:** Since a dull career debut, this colt has displayed solid form, and this is a top turf outfit that does go to Gaffalione with live calls; this is a tough 75k maiden claimant, but he's not entirely out of the question.



**Let's Get Loud:** This looks like a favorable spot for his first route attempt, and he was last seen in a productive race; winner from latest won next out at Bel on 7/16 going 7f over turf vs. N1X rivals with a 93 Beyer, and runner-up finisher from latest won next out at Bel on 7/8 going 7f over turf vs. MSW rivals with a 90 Beyer; Castellano has won with 29 of 109 (26%) mounts for this barn in 2017.

**Stan the Man:** Sire wins with approximately 13% of his turf starters and G3 stakes-placed dam won once from eight turf starts for 80k; like the drop in class for his turf debut.

**My Man Jax:** Although he's been a beaten favorite in his first two starts, he's run well, and he appears to be taking a well meant drop in class for his first start over the Saratoga turf; this barn has been clicking along at a 33% clip with turf starters, and Geroux has won with 14 of 46 (30%) mounts for this outfit in 2017.

**Here comes your man:** Don't like to see him losing the services of Ortiz to another in here, but this gelding has the look of an improving 3 year old, and he shares the best last-race Beyer Speed Figure in this field with Let's Get Loud.

**Harlan's Hunch:** Outside of his 3-year-old racing debut after a lengthy absence, he hasn't run a bad race, and he owns the early speed to take it right at this field from the bell; note that he beat a couple of today's rivals in his latest start while making his first start for this barn.

**Ninety One Assault:** He's been a consistent performer, and his best effort is fast enough to run with these; Lezcano has been aboard for a few of his better efforts, and perhaps the drop to the 75k maiden claiming level is just what he's looking for.

**Wingman:** He has at least mild appeal while making his first start for the Hushion barn, and Saez has won with 5 of 20 (25%) mounts for this outfit in 2017; he has been beaten by a couple of today's rivals in his two most recent races, but it isn't like he disgraced himself in those starts.

**Leviathan:** Sire wins with approximately 13% of his turf starters and dam was unraced; not wild about what he's shown so far, but he attracted a lot of wagering support for his career debut, and perhaps the move to turf will prove to be a key for him; Velazquez has won with 5 of 12 (42%) mounts for this barn at the current meeting.

**Mr. Smarty Pants:** Sire wins with approximately 10% of his turf starters and this is the first foal from a dam who won once from three starts for 41k, and she didn't make a turf start; he has some early speed to employ, but this looks like a tough test for his first turf start.

**O Captain my captain:** He was only so-so in his career debut, and even though he gets some turf from the bottom of his pedigree, To Honor and Serve has been a poor influence as a turf sire; prefer to side with others.

**One Last Strike:** Ramsey homebred is a 1/2 to stakes winner Leadem in Ken (6-22, 232k, including 2 of 5 turf starts for 88k) and perhaps he'll be better meant at second asking; this is a sharp turf outfit that has done well with the MSW-to-MCL move.

**River Deep:** If this race has to be taken off the turf, this colt will find himself in a favorable spot to go after his first career win; runner-up finisher from latest won next out at Sar on 7/22 going 6f vs. MSW rivals with a 109 Beyer.

**Like it, like that:** He shows up for a high win percentage barn, and this class dropper might appreciate blinkers being removed; runner-up finisher from latest won next out at EIP on 7/16 going 6f vs. MSW rivals with a 63 Beyer.

**Borsa Vento:** He doesn't look like a bad fit with this bunch, and it's worth noting how well he performed the last time he was entered off of a layoff; his recent workouts look sharp, and the presence of Castellano can't be ignored.

**Fastlane frontman:** West Point Thoroughbreds-owned runner is making his first start since being reported as a gelding, and he's also making his first start as a 3 year old; he flashed some ability as a 2 year old and the winner from his latest race returned to win next out at Prx on 1/17 going 1m vs. 50k OPC's with a 69 Beyer.

## RACE 6 - Jim Kachulis

**Presumptuous:** Failed twice here last season while big odds but she has improved several notches since then; the recent half-mile breeze was fair but remember how often this inside slot affects the performance at this distance; warrants trifecta inclusion nonetheless.

**Harkness:** Probably best in that last attempt at Churchill when closing with a rush to just miss; one-run type turned in a fine blowout over the Oklahoma training track recently; needs the proper pace set-up, something that is unclear in this particular race.

**Tiz Super:** Vast improvement in that second start when staying on well at this distance; her sire won the Kentucky Derby and 1.88 million while the dam was unraced; winning siblings include 93K earner Hipocrisy; excellent workouts during the last 2 weeks, and the possibility of her being the primary pacesetter, stamp her as a legit contender.

**Parade:** Exits the same race as the previous runner where she unleashed a fine rally as the blinker addition seemed to help matters; her sire won the G1 Wood Memorial and 557K while the mom won 1 of 4 and 47K; among the winning siblings is 530K earner Parading, a winner at the G2 level.

**Opined:** Strictly a route runner up to now, she may be able to cut back with some power and attend the early fractions in this 2017 debut; reverts to the handling of Carmouche who was aboard for that well-rated placing here last summer; steady breezes during July.

**Broad Stripes:** Scheduled to add blinkers after coming up empty over different surfaces; her sire won multiple G1s and 3.06 million while the dam won 2 of 17 and 99K; there are no winning siblings to mention; notice the sharp upgrade to latest training track drill.

**Devine Union:** Goes back to the handling of the original rider after performing well at different distances; this outside post offers a distinct tactical advantage and the filly should be able to work out a favorable stalking trip; the trainer has already compiled outstanding numbers at the meet; much respect.

## RACE 7 - Brian Mulligan

**Uncle Sigh:** Solid try off the claim at 12-1 but the fact of the matter is this racer has never been a win machine; check out the 9 seconds; he may be a type that waits on horses; he gave up the lead in the August race here last year and just doesn't seem to have that killer instinct; hard to adore on top only.

**Mr Harlan:** The freshening seems to have done him a world of good; professional from second to last in the return and he needed one more jump to repeat in the May race; if you figure he needed the last race, one can build a case for a jump forward; he has been handled by some of today's foes and that must be addressed.

**Leaveemathegate:**Colt broke through on the grass two back but basically ran around the course on July 4th; he does have positional speed and that should put him in a spot to quicken; runner does seem to move up in the off going so keep one eye to the sky; probably needs to improve to get there today.

**Birchwood Road:**Protected in the June finale, runner was a tough beat loser the last time offered for sale; he may be best to just let this one gun and let the chips fall where they may; the win on the course came in a state-bred N1X with an 80 Beyer at 14-1; last win was when he was also protected at this level back in 2015; expect much better result.

**Iron Power:**Since he is fresh, would not be shocked if this one is keen to run early; he has the stakes experience to draw from and he at least has a local drill under his belt; Rice super with new stock and note this rider was up for the last win; contention goes deep in an absolute scramble.

**West Hills Giant:**Can't take this hot claim box item lightly; Arroyo was aggressive with this one last time but runner may be better off in a tracking position; runner graduated on this course back in 2012 and the only local win came on the inner in a restricted \$100K stakes with an assist from the stewards; the concern: 21 slices and 4 wins.

**Nevisian Sky:**Toss the first two races and the muddy fiasco two back and the form brightens; there are no stars in the family but the two siblings are a combined 4 for 5 with a second; proven off the pine, love the spacing of the drills and favorite pilot strings along; this one has some upside to him.

**New York Song:**Violette has done a great job with this runner; he got away with a pretty soft pace in the maiden breaker but he has been solid this year; a bit more keen to drill last week and would not be shocked if he is on the muscle early since he is stretching out; racer has a right to get the trip as sibling Inglorious Song won multiple route races on dirt; interesting.

**Spin Cycle:**Bothered in the return, but only a brief threat in last; he has won off the layoff and that was a pretty snappy move last week; like fact he has some semblance of speed but can track and get the job done; capable barn due to get rolling.

**Cliffs of Dover:**Proven fresh here on the inner, like fact racer has a couple of local works and his tactical speed will give him an edge on the deep closers; he hooked a repeater in the November opener last year and last race was live too; the 6th finisher won in this very league, the place horse took a \$62.5K optional fray and the winner repeated in an N1X with and 89 Beyer; barn has spotted them great with limited starters this year.

**Startup Nation:**Nice bit of training to run so well off the year layoff last time; gelding seems comfortable upstate and both of his wins have come on this course; the fact he won his debut gives him a shot to fire fresh and the pace should be honest here; valid player for all the marbles.

**Dream Doctor:**The good Doctor fits the conditions to a T; bothered a bit the last time in town but racer has been consistent since he broke the maiden; looking at a stalk and kick kind of a trip but rider may have to invent a journey from this post position; must be left in the mix.

**Irish Prayer:**Maybe he just needed the last effort; he did hook a clear winner to boot; back with state-breds, and that is where the two wins came from in his career; with his style, backers have to hope they go bonkers early and the leaders fade quickly into the sunset.

**Jet Black:**Gelding is proven in this league; he was protected when he won at the level last fall and he may have just been a bit short in last; nothing wrong with the move on the 27th and gelding has every right to improve; Diodoro is not a household name but he wins on a number of different circuits and is 25% in the last year off the claim.

**Good Luck Gus:**Pro was on a stakes diet for most of last year and he can show sneaky speed if in the mood; repeatedly proven fresh in stakes company and runner won for this pilot back in 2015; the New Year's Eve finale was live as the show horse took an N1X next out and the winner clicked right back in a \$98K stakes with a 97 Beyer; nothing wrong with hitting the exacta in 9 of 20.

**John's Island:**Nothing like a quick turn on an investment to pick up the tempo around the barn; he has won for this \$40K tag in the past and he has a penchant for finding the wire; racer has been in some good barns in his career and he should continue to have a nice career since he brings back checks.

## RACE 8 - Steve Grabowski

**La Manta Gris:**Draws inside for the return to the scene of her debut effort last summer; gray was in with graded stakes runners in Kentucky when last sighted and the runner up from that heat returned to take the local G2 Lake George here; off the pace type is bred to handle the added trip and she worked well at Churchill Downs before leaving there, but it doesn't look like she'll get much pace in front of her today.

**Just Got Out:**MTO steps up to the allowance ranks while making her first start off the claim for a outfit that hits at a terrific clip with this type right back; 6 year old has taken 2 of her last 3 at shorter trips and she has early foot which could allow her to take control of this heat from the bell; proven over a wet track in the past and getting the services of a top pilot, she's the one to catch and beat if the rains moves this one off the lawn.

**Khaleesi Kat:**Statebred tries open company while stretching out off a couple of late running tries off shorter trips downstate; mare isn't the most consistent sort, but she has run numbers that fit here and she is a local course winner so maybe the return to this venue helps move her forward.

**Church Social:**Runner up in her last 2 at the level was running on well late through a fast final quarter mile fraction in her slow paced downstate finale; her rider goes elsewhere here, but she'll get the services of a top pilot and the added panel should only benefit her kick; fractions may not be to her liking here either, but she's the one to fear in the lane.

**Violet Blue:**Lightly raced filly will get back in with older runners after being overmatched in the G1 Belmont Oaks while trying winners for the first time last month; she dead heated in her maiden score at the trip down there 2 starts back so she likes marathon distances and she'll get a sharp pilot here, but don't know that she fits so well, even at this level.

**Seafire (IRE):**Makes her second stateside start for an outfit that hasn't won a race all year; didn't have much impact while chasing a slow clip from a wide spot at a shorter trip downstate, but she broke her maiden at 10 panels in France prior to that and showed some tracking foot in that one so maybe she finds herself in a closer spot early on the stretch out here; price will be right to try and get her in the mix.

**Homeland Security:** Tries winners for the first time after rallying and getting her head down to beat maidens at 10 panels while making her first start in 9 months; top barn and pilot are in her corner and though the pace in front of her is in question here she has shown that she'll make a run regardless of the clip up top; she'll need to take a step forward and her connections will limit the value offered, but she can't be dismissed.

**Flower Valley:** She'll go back to Rosario after failing to get to the last out runner up who returns in this spot as well in her downstate finale; 4 year old has settled for a lot of minor awards and won't get a great setup here, but she'll likely be running on late and can again have a big say in the outcome.

**Lucky Long:** Sophomore tries older for the first time while stretching out to her longest trip yet; she has some tactical foot and enters this with a sharp local drill in tow; catches a bunch without much zip so expect she'll prove to be the pacesetter and that could provide her with a big edge, but her SW dam who won 4 times on the lawn wasn't close in either of her surface marathon tries; one to catch.

**Majestic Trick:** Tries a better bunch than she faced when beaten chalk at Laurel Park last time out; outside drawn filly returns to the lawn for a barn that is profitable with this type and she'll get the services of a capable pilot who has been all around the money at the stand; on paper her numbers don't fit, but she's capable of sitting within striking range of the leaders in a field that doesn't figure to feature much pace and the price will be much longer today.

## RACE 9 - Art Gropper

**Going for Broke:** Projects to save ground then rally from far back; turns back to her shortest-distance test since April, 2016; making her 1st start of 2017 suggests to take a wait and see approach until stretched back out in distance; the 3-back winner posted a 101 Beyer speed figure in her next-out PRX-G1 stakes triumph.

**Indulgent:** The winner from last Beyered 95 next-out finishing 3rd in a SAR-Grade 2 stakes; she has not won beyond the 6F distance lacking stamina in both of her 7F races; the rider for all 8 starts sides with Going for Broke for this; projects to rally from mid-pack today after saving ground.

**Carina Mia:** Projects to rally from mid-pack; exits a key race where the winner Beyered 93 next-out capturing a DEL-G1 stakes; she defeated the 6th-place finisher a 71 Beyer next-out TDN-optional-claiming winner; her June, 2016, BEL-1-turn Mile-G1 stakes triumph represents the field's-best speed figure.

**Discreet Seniorita:** Fires her best races when stalking the pace like last; shoots very high 1st off the claim making her 1st-SAR dirt start when others have experience over the track; defeated the runner-up from last who Beyered 84 next-out finishing 3rd in a BEL-OPC.

**Absatootly:** 4 of her 5 wins were produced when racing right on the lead but in recent races she's stalked the pace; has won around 2 turns during career and is stakes-placed at 7F but did not see her best form 3-back at today's distance; has performed best on wet-main tracks during career.

**Birdatthewire:** Projects to rally from far back; exits a best-last-race Beyer when racing at today's distance but made no real impact and hasn't won since 2015; back class with G1 and G2 victories at 7F during career; defeated the 2-back show finisher who posted a 74 speed figure in her next-out MNR-allowance win.

**Clipthecouponannie:** She's only lost twice during career but in those races Absatootly and Indulgent finished ahead of her suggesting to rate a notch below the top contenders; projects to press the pace wide; defeated the 2-back runner-up finisher who Beyered 91 in a next-out MTH-OPC victory; the 3-back winner repeated in a BEL-G2 stakes with a 96 speed figure.

**Momameamaria:** All 5 wins were produced when racing on or near the front end; 22-1 longshot when she finished 2nd in this event in 2016; the 2-back runner-up finisher Beyered 88-80 in her next-out TP-OPC and PID-OPC wins; the 3-back runner-up finisher posted an 86 speed figure in her next-out AQU-OPC victory.

**Pawleys Express:** Projects to stalk the pace wide; defeated the 2-back runner-up finisher who Beyered 90 in a next-out CD-OPC win; makes her stakes debut against proven-stakes competitors; stays at the distance of her 3-back Beyer Top hoping to pass this class test.

**Wheatfield:** Projects to rally from mid-pack; has not won beyond 6.5F (0-for-5 in races at 7F or longer); earned her Beyer Top March 18 at today's distance on GP dirt but today needs a pace meltdown to earn a share; the 2-back winner Beyered 95 next-out finishing 3rd in a SAR-G2 stakes.

## RACE 10 - Steve Grabowski

**Carrera Cat:** Sire is 1 for 49 with his newcomers and the dam was winless from 3 main track starts prior to dropping 2 winners, one of whom twice on the green and the other was multiple, minor SW and 128K earner Quality Lane who won first time out; barn hasn't had any recent luck with newcomers and the listed drills are all easy breezes.

**Silverado Mist:** Sire is 1 for 11 with his debut runners and she's the first foal to race out of a dam who lost all 11 of her starts, 10 of which came on the green; solid pilot gets aboard for a barn that has been better with its newcomers of late; there is turf blood in her pedigree.

**Codrington:** Showed little first out on the main track downstate and now she'll give the local sod a try; filly is by a sire who is 2 for 32 with his new turf-fers and her SP dam was an 8 time winner, but 0 for 7 on the green prior to dropping 2 winners, 1 of whom scored on the lawn.

**Imperfect Union:** Showed good speed on the Belmont lawn early last summer but didn't have enough left late to hold off the money finishers; she'll get a big rider switch for her second start and catches an inexperienced bunch; she's got a right to take a step forward with the initial experience behind her and figures to again be rolling from the bell today; they'll have her to catch and beat.

**Unparalleled:** Sire gets 7% debut winners and is 1 for 50 with his new turf-fers and the limited sprint winning dam was 0 for 2 on turf prior to dropping 2 winning foals, one of whom did so on the green; recent local breeze was solid, but this barn hasn't had any recent luck first time out.

**March X Press:** Sire is 1 for 11 with his first out runners and is 0 for 1 with his new turf-fers; SP dam won 5 sprints including her juvenile debut but never stepped on the green prior to dropping SW, first time turf winner and 110K earner Harlan's Honor; barn excels with its firsters and a top pilot will get aboard.

**Dats Her:** Her sire gets 19% winners with his newcomers and is 0 for 19 with his first time surface starters; unraced dam dropped 4 winners but her foals were a combined 0 for 41 on the lawn; she's been working quickly of late on dirt and the barn has already saddled a winner here.

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**Purely Lucky:**Sire hits with 14% of his first out runners and gets 7% winners from his new turf starters; limited sprint winning dam dropped 8 winners including a few who won on the lawn including multiple SW and 482 earner Very Vegas as well as SW Manhattan Dan, who banked 183K; barn knows how to get them ready and they do quite well with first turfers.

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**New Pass:**Sire is 1 for 5 with his debut runners and his lone turf starter won first time over the footing; SP dam won twice on the green and banked 142K prior to dropping G3 SW and 227K earner Fifty Five; barn's been on a poor run with newcomers, but she has a right to take to this footing.

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**Reyana Reya Dreams:**First part of the coupling draws the outside slot for her turf debut while returning quickly for an outfit that doesn't do so well off either angle; her SW dam did win 4 times on the lawn including the first time she stepped over it and dropped 2 surface winners; sire gets 5% winners from his initial turf starters.

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**Northernstreetgal:**AE gets back to the green after failing to threaten in the stakes ranks on the Belmont main track; she got off to a rough beginning in her turf debut down there but wasn't beaten all that much in the heat; she is kin to a limited surface winner but will need to take a step forward to have a say here.

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**Single Mission:**AE is by a sire who is 4 for 42 with his debut runners and is 1 for 20 with his new turfers; dam was a G3 SW dam and 172K earner whose lone foal to race was a main track sprint winner; barn does nice work with this type and a top pilot is named.

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**Reyana Reya Delite:**Other half of the entry is mired on the AE list while returning quickly for her first start on the green; filly showed little in her 2 dirt starts and though she's kin to 3 main track sprint winners her sibs are a combined 0 for 10 on the green.

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**Big Expense:**MTO's sire is 4 for 42 with his debut runners and the dam was 0 for 2 prior to dropping 5 winners, including 10 time sprint winner Dighton, who banked 378K and scored 4 times over wet footing; barn's been on a poor run with firsters, but her recent breezes are solid.

# Closer Looks: Woodbine

## RACE 1 - Jennifer Morrison

**Cummings Road:**He has been a model of consistency since he was claimed last fall by Knight and just 9 days ago had a good run in a turf sprint; Boulanger is his latest rider and he moves up in class; on the edges.

**Red Fever:**He's red hot right now with a fast win over a very firm grass 17 days ago and he came close to his previous career best Beyer Figure; has the best grass and sprinting form of any in the field and has a big chance to double up.

**Creeping Barrage:**Speedy old-timer has yet to hit the top three on the grass and it has been along time since he was a threat in an type of race; he shows a bullet workout recently; can't recommend

**Sky Marshal:**Has had a start and stop career but gets a chance to put 2 races closer together; he meets multiple winners after an even effort in the comeback; lures the hottest rider around; in the triactor.

**Ultraflame:**He is stakes placed in a grass sprint and makes his first start off the claim by a Hall of Fame trainer; colt has been consistently good his entire career with 13 top three placings in 14 races; like his chances.

**Speedy Fox:**He won nearly \$100K last season and loved his grass sprints but he has not been as good this season; he folded in his latest at this class level; outsider.

**Spin the King:**Has been given lots of time to get back to action and he tends to need one race off the layoff according to his form the past 2 years; having said that, he sizzled in a workout on July 9 on the fast training turf; minor share.

## RACE 2 - Jennifer Morrison

**Erin Commodity:**Big class drop for this filly who was in a very tough spot in a stakes race last time; she gets blinkers and turf and her run in the Grade 1 Natalma last year was okay; contender.

**Klassy Delight:**Was in the same race as others a month ago and she was one-paced in mid-pack; may enjoy the added distance but still has many lengths to make up on Court Report and company.

**Canadian Eh:**Four-year-old tries a route distance for the first time and she has plenty of stamina in her pedigree; barn has a good Formulator statistic with 'sprint to route' moves in the last 2 years and this 3rd race of her form cycle could be a peak effort.

**Court Reporter:**Has paired up her top Beyer Figures in turf outings and she was trying to catch up to a longshot winner when favoured last time; should be all set for the main win at this longer distance.

**Brighter Ideas:**Blinkers will be on her for the 2nd time in her career and she goes for a new barn that has a high rate of winning with new claimed (and horses getting blinkers); she is well bred for the grass and has shown a little bit on the surface; in the superfecta and triactor.

**White Moon:**The Owens and Campbell pairing teamed up for a good win on the weekend and this filly is getting closer to her first victory; she had trouble in her latest when in behind Court Reporter; major player.

**Ascot's Melody:**Her sire never tried grass and he has not had a turf debut winner from 35 starters; the mare's first 2 foals to try grass did not win on it; gets blinkers and Lasix after drab career opener that came over a tough surface; watching.

**Eastern Pride:**Trainer just won a turf stakes race and this filly was still learning what things were about in that debut race; may should some improvement 2nd time out but let's watch again.

## RACE 3 - Jennifer Morrison

**Silver Princess:**She's a stakes winner this year and has been a successful project for her owners and trainer; her grass debut came at a distance that was probably too for her; she drops into an Ontario sired stakes race off plenty of fast grass workouts; keep her in triactor bets.

**Silent Sonnet:**Sizzled in her latest when getting out of an open stakes race to crush allowance gals; this is a lovely spot to get some black type and she has a huge Beyer Figure edge over her rivals.

**Fresh Princess:**Bounced back in a big way last time and this is her grass debut; her sire, while 9% with grass wins from grass starts from his foals, has not had a turf debut winner from 59 debut turfers; mare was 2nd in her only grass race and her first 2 foals to try turf won on the surface; in the triactor picture.

**Greek Justice:**Jumped into a stakes race for Ontario bred runners when testing grass for the first time and she just about pulled off a huge upset; shorter distance and slightly easier company make her an exactor player.

**Subzero Plus:**Red hot Attfield stable put this gal on turf the first time recently and she had a strong speed outing while the winner came from last place; she tries tougher at a shorter distance; on the edges.

**Listenlindalisten:**Conrad Farms won a turf stakes race last weekend with Jennifer Lynette; this lightly raced filly was just behind Greek Justice in the Damsel and the shorter distance of this race works well for her; exactor player.

## RACE 6 - Jennifer Morrison

**Stop the Parade:**Added Lasix after his super run in his season debut but the company for that June 10 race was too strong; he tried grass recently but was outrun; should appreciate the return to the min track but still has a couple of tough ones to get past.

**Matthew's Ridge:**His career debut was 17 days ago and he had an even effort stalking the pace in a grass race; he tries Tapeta for the first time off the short rest; bottoms of triactor bets.

**U S Academy:**He comes out of the same race from a month ago as others and of course, the winner came back to win the Prince of Wales Stakes on dirt; he has already 'won' a race and is looking to make it official; contender.

**Willy's Castle:**He had all kinds of trouble in a race in June when favoured and that was the day he changed barns' he tried turf again a few weeks ago but seems to prefer the main track; exactor player.

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**Cross Border:**He wore blinkers for his latest when meeting slightly easier but he was out of gas halfway through; Ryan gets another turn and they meet up with Glencairn, et al again.

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**Carlos Sixes:**Hard to believe this colt lost last time as he strolled to a big lead in the stretch run; the winner came back to win the Prince of Wales Stakes at Fort Erie so there is nothing wrong with that frame of reference; major player again.



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**Glencairn:**He will try to catch up to Carlos again and he edged that rival in a wild finish last time; since the winner has gone on to do big things, that bodes well for this guy or his main rival to be the top ones again.