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## Handicapper's Sheet

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### THE 148th RUNNING OF THE TRAVERS STAKES

FIRST RACE	SECOND RACE	THIRD RACE	FOURTH RACE	FIFTH RACE	SIXTH RACE	SEVENTH RACE
GOOD MAGIC HIGH NORTH HAZIT	SON OF A SAINT WAR BOND KABANG	NEEPAWA HE TAKES CHARGE CHIRPING	THREEFIVEINDIA OSTROLENKA LEX VEGAS	ROYAL SON DERBY CHAMPAGNE CERISE'S PRINCE	SONGBIRD FOREVER UNBRIDLED GOING FOR BROKE	CURLIN'S APPROVAL PAULASSILVERLINING BY THE MOON
EIGHTH RACE	NINTH RACE	TENTH RACE	ELEVENTH RACE	TWELFTH RACE	THIRTEENTH RACE	
COAL FRONT AMERICAN ANTHEM TAKAFUL	DIVINING ROD DREFONG MIND YOUR BISCUITS	IDAHO MONEY MULTIPLIER BIGGER PICTURE	GIRVIN GOOD SAMARITAN IRAP	LADY ELI ANTONOE DICKINSON	PROGNOSTICATION HERECOMESYOURMAN WINGMAN	

# Mud	Horse	Odds	Med	Eqp	Cls	Days	COMMENTS	2017 Win %	Jockey	2017 Win %	Trainer	Pace Spd Class
<b>FIRST RACE 6 1/2 Furlongs Two year olds Maiden Special Weight PURSE \$83,000</b>												
1	VICTORY LANE	6/1	Ⓛ				Tiznow colt brought \$675,000 - can't rule out	14%	Franco Manuel <sup>119</sup>	13%	McGaughey Claude III	---
2	HAZIT	3/1	Ⓛ				Barn is always tough with first timers - watch	21%	Velazquez J R <sup>119</sup>	25%	Pletcher Todd A	---
3	BELLE TAPISSERIE	20/1	L			3	Connections hope surface switch turns him around	21%	Gaffalione Tyler <sup>119</sup>	5%	Mejia Jaime	---
4	GLASS BRIDGE	5/1	Ⓛ				Firsters' works have been a mixed bag	18%	Lopez Pascacio <sup>119</sup>	20%	Breen Kelly J	---
5	ROAD TO MEATH	7/2	Ⓛ				Quality Road colt sports a solid series of works	20%	Ortiz Jose L <sup>119</sup>	27%	Brown Chad C	---
6	HIGH NORTH	6/1					Half-brother to Graded Stakes-winning sprinter	21%	Ortiz Irad Jr <sup>119</sup>	26%	Cox Brad H	---
7	ESCARAPELA	30/1	Ⓛ				Probably best to give this one a race or two	15%	Santana Ricardo Jr <sup>119</sup>	5%	Mejia Jaime	---
8	GOOD MAGIC	5/2	Ⓛ				Sold for \$1 million as a yearling - look close	18%	Castellano J J <sup>119</sup>	27%	Brown Chad C	---

The opener on Travers Day is a two-year-old maiden race loaded with well-bred firsters, several of which sold for big numbers at auction. GOOD MAGIC is a Curlin colt that sold for \$1 million as a yearling and he has been very working very well for trainer Chad Brown over this track. He wins with 21% of his MSW firsters and can add to his totals with this one. Slight edge. HIGH NORTH is a \$230,000 purchase that's a half-brother to Gr. 2 Eight Belles winner Benner Island.

<b>Daily Double (part wheel)</b> 2,6,8 - 1,5,10	<b>TODAY'S PICKS</b> ● GOOD MAGIC ● HIGH NORTH ● HAZIT	<b>SPEED</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>LONGSHOT</b> HIGH NORTH	<b>Exacta Box</b> 2 - 6 - 8
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<b>SECOND RACE 1 3/16 Miles (Turf) Three year olds &amp; up Allowance n/w 1x PURSE \$85,000</b>												
1	WAR BOND	8/1	L			27	May want to revert to rating tactics in this one	21%	Gaffalione Tyler <sup>120</sup>	18%	Maker Michael J	74 91 115
2	MEMORIES OF PETER	5/1	L			29	Frontrunner won't have to go as far today	13%	Alvarado Junior <sup>120</sup>	8%	Ryerson James T	99 86 116
3	SURPRISE TWIST	6/1	L			28	Stepped up and ran respectably vs. winners	18%	Castellano J J <sup>115</sup>	25%	Delacour Arnaud	87 81 113
4	UNCLE MOJO	5/2	L	Ⓢ		34	Weather forecast isn't going to go his way	0%	Rider Tba <sup>115</sup>	25%	Pletcher Todd A	90 83 113
5	KABANG	15/1	L			24	Laurel invader lit up the board in Spa return	13%	Lezcano Jose <sup>120</sup>	16%	Trombetta Michael J	78 86 114
6	MARSHALL EDDY	20/1	L			48	Neither outing in 2017 has been eye-catching	14%	Franco Manuel <sup>120</sup>	16%	Nevin Michelle	80 81 114
7	RICHMOND STREET	6/1	L			79	Street Cry colt has been a bit erratic of late	17%	Rosario Joel <sup>120</sup>	14%	Mott William I	72 86 114
8	HOLIDAY BONUS	7/2	L			28	Jersey shipper is on the upswing - can't rule out	21%	Ortiz Irad Jr <sup>115</sup>	17%	Motion H Graham	78 82 114
9	FOCUS GROUP	3/1	L	Ⓢ		27	Came back running after short rest - may repeat	20%	Ortiz Jose L <sup>115</sup>	27%	Brown Chad C	68 80 113
10	SON OF A SAINT	6/1	L	Ⓢ		28	Pedigree suggests he can handle the new surface	21%	Velazquez J R <sup>115</sup>	25%	Pletcher Todd A	76 80 111

This entry-level turf Allowance came up very tough with at least half the field having a good shot at the top spot. SON OF A SAINT came back running in his 2017 and two-turn debut. rallying from off the pace to win going away. He's never raced on turf, but is bred to like it and trainer Todd Pletcher does pretty well (18%) with turf firsters. Give this one a shot at a bit of a price. WAR BOND is a 3-time winner that ran into trouble late in his Saratoga debut - look close.

<b>Exacta Box</b> 1 - 5 - 10	<b>TODAY'S PICKS</b> ● SON OF A SAINT ● WAR BOND ● KABANG	<b>SPEED</b> WAR BOND MEMORIES OF PETER KABANG	<b>CLASS</b> MEMORIES OF PETER WAR BOND HOLIDAY BONUS	<b>LONGSHOT</b> SON OF A SAINT	<b>Trifecta (part wheel)</b> 10 - 1,5 - all
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#	Mud	Horse	Odds	Med	Eqp	Cls	Days	Chg	Chg	Away	COMMENTS	2017 Win %	Jockey	2017 Win %	Trainer	Pace	Spd	Class
<b>THIRD RACE 1 1/16 Miles (Turf) Two year olds Maiden Special Weight PURSE \$83,000</b>																		
1		PARADISE ISLAND	8/1								Firster's works have been modest at best	14%	Franco Manuel <sup>119</sup>	13%	Weaver George	---	---	---
2		CHIRPING	12/1	L			28				Sprinter won't be as far back today going long	19%	Geroux Florent <sup>119</sup>	19%	Proctor Thomas F	80	79	111
3		SIDEWINDER	20/1	L			21				Beat only one in debut - can't recommend	9%	Cancel Eric <sup>119</sup>	8%	Schettino Dominick A	80	71	108
4		MAGNANIMUS MAN	6/1	L			48				Lacked late punch in first 3 starts	0%	Moore Ryan L <sup>119</sup>	21%	Ward Wesley A	88	75	112
5		HE TAKES CHARGE	12/1	L			21				\$625,000 colt got some needed experience - watch	16%	Leparoux Julien R <sup>119</sup>	16%	Casse Mark	78	78	110
6		FORTUNE COOKIE	8/1	L			48				Will be a factor early but will be around late?	20%	Ortiz Jose L <sup>119</sup>	14%	Mott William I	89	74	110
7		EMPIRICALLY	20/1								Trainer likes to give first timers a race	21%	Gaffalione Tyler <sup>119</sup>	0%	Lerman Roy S	---	---	---
8		STRIKE ME DOWN	5/1								Sam-son homebred has been working forwardly	17%	Rosario Joel <sup>119</sup>	17%	Motion H Graham	---	---	---
9		ANOTHER	7/2	L			35				Tracks the leaders and hopes to get up late	13%	Alvarado Junior <sup>119</sup>	14%	Mott William I	74	74	112
10		NEEPAWA	5/2	L			21				Just missed in career debut - very capable here	18%	Castellano J J <sup>119</sup>	16%	Casse Mark	84	82	112
11		THE BEST CANDY	30/1	L			12				Broke slowly and was never close in opener	21%	Gaffalione Tyler <sup>119</sup>	5%	Mejia Jaime	79	62	109
12		BLOCKADE	9/2								Hasn't broken any watches in the mornings	20%	Ortiz Jose L <sup>119</sup>	13%	McGaughey Claude III	---	---	---

Maiden turf races are wide open affairs more often than not and this one for 2-year-olds looks to be no exception. Trainer has a 1-2 punch here with his duo of HE TAKES CHARGE and NEEPAWA. The latter got away at 7-1 in debut and turned in a big effort, losing by just a half-length. He's worked well since and figure to move forward. He'll be in the garden spot early and ready to run turning for home. HE TAKES CHARGE rallies from well back and rates a long look.

<b>Exacta Box</b> 2 - 5 - 10	<b>TODAY'S PICKS</b> ● NEEPAWA ● HE TAKES CHARGE ● CHIRPING	<b>SPEED</b> NEEPAWA CHIRPING HE TAKES CHARGE	<b>CLASS</b> ANOTHER MAGNANIMUS MAN NEEPAWA	<b>LONGSHOT</b> HE TAKES CHARGE	<b>Trifecta (part wheel)</b> 10 - 2,5 - all
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<b>FOURTH RACE 6 1/2 Furlongs Three year olds &amp; up Optional Claiming \$80,000 PURSE \$93,000</b>																		
1	@	AQUAMARINE	20/1	L	↓	28					Drops in class following two dull efforts	16%	Saez Luis <sup>120</sup>	10%	Lukas D Wayne	98	85	115
2	@	OSTROLENKA	5/1	L	↓	30					Musket Man 5-year-old is going good now - threat	15%	Bravo J <sup>122</sup>	18%	Jacobson David	98	97	120
3		LEX VEGAS	8/1	L		29					Was in position in Spa debut but failed to rally	16%	Leparoux Julien R <sup>124</sup>	18%	Lynch Brian A	96	96	119
4	@	THREEFIVEINDIA	5/2	L		29					Tracks the leaders and hopes to get up late	18%	Castellano J J <sup>120</sup>	27%	Brown Chad C	97	97	119
5		ANGRY MOON	12/1	L		23					Needed last one but may still be a race away	15%	Carmouche K <sup>120</sup>	21%	Engelhart Chris	98	83	116
6		SHAFT OF LIGHT	9/2	L		29					Flashes to the front and hopes to stay there	18%	Lopez Pascacio <sup>124</sup>	32%	Navarro Jorge	99	82	116
7		SPARTIATIS	15/1	L	↓	28					Form went south following back-to-back wins	12%	Maragh Rajiv <sup>124</sup>	22%	Blusiewicz Leon J	95	89	118
8		CANDID DESIRE	20/1	L	↓	15					Yes It's True gelding is 0 for 6 here - outsider	13%	Lezcano Jose <sup>124</sup>	7%	Sciaccia Gary	93	93	119
9		STICKSSTATELYDUDE	3/1	L	↓	287					Likely reverts to rating tactics when sprinting	17%	Rosario Joel <sup>120</sup>	21%	McLaughlin Kiaran P	96	96	119

A solid field of sprinters will battle in this 6 1/2-furlong Optional Claimer and the top contenders are very close in this contest. THREEFIVEINDIA was an even second in his Saratoga return and is the choice to grab the top spot today. He got his lone win here last year on Travers Day and has a good chance extend that streak today. He'll be running from off the pace under Javier Castellano. OSTROLENKA is going good now and looms as the top contender.

<b>Pick 3 (part wheel)</b> 2,3,4 - 5,9,10 - 2,4	<b>TODAY'S PICKS</b> ● THREEFIVEINDIA ● OSTROLENKA ● LEX VEGAS	<b>SPEED</b> OSTROLENKA THREEFIVEINDIA LEX VEGAS	<b>CLASS</b> OSTROLENKA THREEFIVEINDIA STICKSSTATELYDUDE	<b>LONGSHOT</b> OSTROLENKA	<b>Exacta Box</b> 2 - 3 - 4
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<b>FIFTH RACE 1 1/16 Miles (Turf) Three year olds &amp; up Optional Claiming \$62,500 PURSE \$90,000</b>																		
1		PROFITEER	15/1	L	↓	141					May need a race after 4+ months off	21%	Velazquez J R <sup>117</sup>	13%	McGaughey Claude III	94	85	114
2		SYCAMORE LANE	8/1	L	↓	783					Six-year-old has been idle over two years	13%	Lezcano Jose <sup>120</sup>	14%	Mott William I	91	94	118
3		LIEUTENANT COLONEL	15/1	L on		30					Dull in last two starts - can't recommend	13%	Alvarado Junior <sup>120</sup>	14%	Mott William I	95	82	115
4		CLOONTIA	3/1	L	↓	48					Stalker will be in position turning for home	20%	Ortiz Jose L <sup>122</sup>	22%	Jerkens James A	102	87	116
5		DERBY CHAMPAGNE	12/1	L		21					Eligible to improve with a clean trip today	12%	Decarlo C P <sup>122</sup>	11%	Arnold George R II	89	85	115
6		POSHSKY	15/1	L		50					Sprinter will be a factor early in stretchout	18%	Lopez Pascacio <sup>122</sup>	13%	Cannizzo David A	90	90	117
7		TATHQEEF	6/1	L		28					Eight & a half furlongs may be more to his liking	15%	Carmouche K <sup>122</sup>	21%	McLaughlin Kiaran P	95	90	117
8		RAY'S THE BAR	4/1	L		77					Faded to last in comebacker - must show more	18%	Castellano J J <sup>120</sup>	27%	Brown Chad C	88	91	115
9		ROYAL SON	10/1	L		63					Much improved in second 2017 start - solid chance	14%	Franco Manuel <sup>120</sup>	16%	Casse Mark	87	89	117
10		CERISE'S PRINCE	9/2	L	↓	42					Failed to sustain early speed in Stakes try	21%	Ortiz Irad Jr <sup>124</sup>	24%	Gargan Danny	116	90	116
11		TOUGHEST 'OMBRE	20/1	L		21					Blanked in 3 starts this year - must show more	17%	Rosario Joel <sup>120</sup>	7%	Albertrani Thomas	88	86	116
12	@	BONUS POINTS	5/2	L	↓	22					Likely will have to wait for another day	0%	Rider Tba <sup>117</sup>	25%	Pletcher Todd A	84	84	114

A full field will battle in this turf Optional Claimer and there are several that merit attention here. ROYAL SON returned to the turf last time out and posted his best turf "fig" while finishing a close second. He has worked well since for trainer Mark Casse, whose barn has been heating up of late. This Tiznow gelding will make his run from just off the pace. DERBY CHAMPAGNE woke up at 49-1 in his Saratoga return and didn't have the best of trips - top contender.

<b>Exacta Box</b> 5 - 9 - 10	<b>TODAY'S PICKS</b> ● ROYAL SON ● DERBY CHAMPAGNE ● CERISE'S PRINCE	<b>SPEED</b> SYCAMORE LANE RAY'S THE BAR POSHSKY	<b>CLASS</b> SYCAMORE LANE POSHSKY TATHQEEF	<b>LONGSHOT</b> ROYAL SON	<b>Trifecta (part wheel)</b> 9 - 5,10 - all
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<b>SIXTH RACE 1 1/8 Miles Fillies and Mares 3 yr. olds &amp; up The Personal Ensign S. (Gr I) PURSE \$700,000</b>																		
1		FLORA DORA	20/1	L		78					First Dude filly had to need last one - look close	19%	Geroux Florent <sup>117</sup>	8%	Coffey Marialice	88	94	119
2		SONGBIRD	2/5	L		42					Talented filly plays "catch me if you can" again	27%	Smith M E <sup>123</sup>	18%	Hollendorfer Jerry	102	101	123
3	@	GOING FOR BROKE	5/1	L	↓	24					Should be closer to the pace off a sprint	21%	Ortiz Irad Jr <sup>117</sup>	27%	Brown Chad C	93	95	119
4	@	FOREVER UNBRIDLED	7/2	L		70					Hard-hitting 5-year-old hopes to mow 'em down late	17%	Rosario Joel <sup>123</sup>	14%	Stewart Dallas	86	99	122
5	@	ESKENFORMONEY	12/1	L		27					Today's class hike will prove too taxing	18%	Castellano J J <sup>117</sup>	25%	Pletcher Todd A	84	90	117

SONGBIRD hasn't put up the "figs" she did last year, but she does do just enough to win. While I'm tempted to pick against her today in the Personal Ensign, she's the controlling speed here and she figures to tough to run down without getting much early pressure. She's 2 for 2 over the Spa oval and figures to keep her record here perfect with another frontrunning score under Mike Smith. FOREVER UNBRIDLED will be running late and looms as the top contender.

<b>Pick 3 (part wheel)</b> 2,4 - 2,3,4 - 2,7,9	<b>TODAY'S PICKS</b> ● SONGBIRD ● FOREVER UNBRIDLED ● GOING FOR BROKE	<b>SPEED</b> SONGBIRD FOREVER UNBRIDLED GOING FOR BROKE	<b>CLASS</b> SONGBIRD FOREVER UNBRIDLED GOING FOR BROKE	<b>LONGSHOT</b> GOING FOR BROKE	<b>Exacta Combinations</b> 2/4 2/3 4/2
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#	Mud	Horse	Odds	Med	Eqp	Cls	Days	2017	2017			
					Chg	Chg	Away	Win %	Jockey	Win %	Trainer	Pace Spd Class
COMMENTS												
<b>SEVENTH RACE 7 Furlongs</b>												
1		BIRDTATTHEWIRE	20/1	L	on	4	24					
2		CURLIN'S APPROVAL	4/1	L			56					
3	@	PAULASSILVERLINING	2/1	L			31					
4	@	BY THE MOON	3/1	L			31					
5		CARINA MIA	7/2	L		4	24					
6		DISTINTA	8/1	L			56					
7	@	HIGHWAY STAR	10/1	L			77					
<b>Fillies and Mares 3 yr. olds &amp; up</b>												
								14%	Franco Manuel <sup>117</sup>	19%	Proctor Thomas F	85 90 117
								16%	Saez Luis <sup>124</sup>	0%	Alter Happy	97 91 119
								20%	Ortiz Jose L <sup>124</sup>	27%	Brown Chad C	96 99 121
								12%	Maragh Rajiv <sup>119</sup>	16%	Nevin Michelle	103 102 121
								18%	Castellano J J <sup>121</sup>	27%	Brown Chad C	90 96 120
								21%	Velazquez J R <sup>121</sup>	25%	Pletcher Todd A	96 96 120
								12%	Arroyo Angel S <sup>121</sup>	12%	Ubillo Rodrigo A	95 97 120

A compact, but very talented bunch of distaffers will battle in this year's **Ballerina** and the top contenders are very close here. **PAULASSILVERLINING** looks like the one to beat, but she's had 3 straight hard-fought races and may not be at her best today. Try to beat her with **CURLIN'S APPROVAL**. She rebounded in a big way last time out to win the Princess Rooney going away and followed up with a strong series of works. **BY THE MOON** will be closing ground late.

<b>Pick 3 (part wheel)</b> 2,3,4 - 2,7,9 - 4,6,10	<b>TODAY'S PICKS</b> ● CURLIN'S APPROVAL ● PAULASSILVERLINING ● BY THE MOON	<b>SPEED</b> BY THE MOON PAULASSILVERLINING HIGHWAY STAR	<b>CLASS</b> PAULASSILVERLINING BY THE MOON CARINA MIA	<b>LONGSHOT</b> CURLIN'S APPROVAL	<b>Exacta Box</b> 2 - 3 - 4
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<b>EIGHTH RACE 7 Furlongs</b>												
1		PRACTICAL JOKE	5/2	L			27					
2		TAKAFUL	5/1	L		4	36					
3	@	TALE OF SILENCE	10/1	L			49					
4		WILD SHOT	30/1	L			42					
5		ANN ARBOR EDDIE	15/1	L	on	4	29					
6		PHI BETA EXPRESS	30/1	L		4	34					
7		COAL FRONT	4/1	L			28					
8	@	NO DOZING	12/1	L		4	35					
9	@	AMERICAN ANTHEM	2/1	L			77					
<b>Three year olds</b>												
								17%	Rosario Joel <sup>121</sup>	27%	Brown Chad C	92 97 120
								20%	Ortiz Jose L <sup>117</sup>	21%	McLaughlin Kiaran P	105 79 115
								14%	Franco Manuel <sup>117</sup>	11%	Tagg Barclay	93 94 117
								13%	Lezcano Jose <sup>119</sup>	11%	Arnold George R II	100 87 117
								12%	Gutierrez Mario <sup>117</sup>	14%	O'Neill Doug	96 92 117
								15%	Carmouche K <sup>117</sup>	24%	Gargan Danny	106 88 114
								21%	Velazquez J R <sup>121</sup>	25%	Pletcher Todd A	100 102 119
								18%	Castellano J J <sup>117</sup>	25%	Delacour Arnaud	100 96 119
								27%	Smith M E <sup>121</sup>	31%	Baffert Bob	102 95 119

A dynamite group of 3-year-old sprinters will battle in this year's **H. A. Jerkens** and with loads of speed present here, the race will set up well for one some closing kick. **COAL FRONT** is a perfect 3 for 3 and this Stay Thirsty colt has shown he doesn't have to lead every step in order to win. That versatility will serve him well here. He'll look to collar the leaders in the late stages. **AMERICAN ANTHEM** was an impressive winner in the Woody Stephens and will be in the hunt late.

<b>Pick 4 (part wheel)</b> 2,7,9 - 4,6,10 - 2,5,7 - 5,6,10	<b>TODAY'S PICKS</b> ● COAL FRONT ● AMERICAN ANTHEM ● TAKAFUL	<b>SPEED</b> COAL FRONT PRACTICAL JOKE NO DOZING	<b>CLASS</b> PRACTICAL JOKE NO DOZING COAL FRONT	<b>LONGSHOT</b> TAKAFUL	<b>Trifecta (part wheel)</b> 7 - 2,9 - all
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<b>NINTH RACE 7 Furlongs</b>												
1	@	STALLWALKIN' DUDE	8/1	L		4	15					
2		ROSS	15/1	L		4	22					
3		TOM'S READY	20/1	L		4	48					
4	@	DIVINING ROD	5/1	L		4	14					
5		AWESOME SLEW	6/1	L			49					
6		MIND YOUR BISCUITS	3/1	L			49					
7		TOMMY MACHO	8/1	L			49					
8		TALE OF S'AVALL	12/1	L		4	29					
9	@	VERY VERY STELLA	30/1	L		4	14					
10		DREFONG	5/2	L			28					
<b>Three year olds &amp; up</b>												
								15%	Bravo J <sup>118</sup>	18%	Jacobson David	97 99 121
								0%	Starke A <sup>118</sup>	0%	Schiergen Peter	--- --- 118
								15%	Hernandez B J Jr <sup>118</sup>	14%	Stewart Dallas	98 96 120
								18%	Castellano J J <sup>118</sup>	25%	Delacour Arnaud	106 107 122
								21%	Velazquez J R <sup>120</sup>	16%	Casse Mark	88 99 122
								17%	Rosario Joel <sup>124</sup>	15%	Summers Chad	95 103 122
								16%	Saez Luis <sup>120</sup>	25%	Pletcher Todd A	104 99 122
								14%	Franco Manuel <sup>118</sup>	11%	Tagg Barclay	96 98 119
								9%	Hernandez Carlos J <sup>118</sup>	6%	Fernandez Jose N	83 86 115
								27%	Smith M E <sup>124</sup>	31%	Baffert Bob	102 107 122

A crackerjack field of older sprinters will battle in the **Forego** and a case can be made several. **DIVINING ROD** cut back to 7 furlongs in his 2017 debut and was an authoritative winner at Laurel in a minor stakes. He ran a huge race last fall in the Gr. 1 Cigar Mile and has shown he can compete at today's level. He'll look to collar the speedy **DREFONG** in the late stages. The latter took a left turn in his 2017 debut and dumped Mike Smith, but is a threat with a clean start.

<b>Exacta Box</b> 4 - 6 - 10	<b>TODAY'S PICKS</b> ● DIVINING ROD ● DREFONG ● MIND YOUR BISCUITS	<b>SPEED</b> DIVINING ROD DREFONG MIND YOUR BISCUITS	<b>CLASS</b> MIND YOUR BISCUITS DREFONG DIVINING ROD	<b>LONGSHOT</b> DIVINING ROD	<b>Trifecta (part wheel)</b> 4 - 6,10 - all
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<b>TENTH RACE 1 1/2 Miles (Turf)</b>												
1		FRANK CONVERSATION	20/1	L			28					
2		BIGGER PICTURE	8/1	L			28					
3		SADLER'S JOY	5/1	L			28					
4		HUNTER O'RILEY	6/1	L			28					
5		MONEY MULTIPLIER	7/2	L			27					
6		ERUPT	3/1	L			55					
7		IDAHO	2/1	L			28					
<b>Three year olds &amp; up</b>												
								12%	Gutierrez Mario <sup>120</sup>	14%	O'Neill Doug	80 92 118
								20%	Ortiz Jose L <sup>124</sup>	18%	Maker Michael J	116 104 120
								16%	Leparoux Julien R <sup>120</sup>	7%	Albertrani Thomas	90 94 119
								19%	Geroux Florent <sup>120</sup>	20%	Toner James J	96 99 120
								18%	Castellano J J <sup>120</sup>	27%	Brown Chad C	114 97 120
								0%	Pasquier Stephane <sup>122</sup>	0%	Graffard Francis - Henri	74 --- 117
								0%	Moore Ryan L <sup>122</sup>	0%	O'Brien Aidan P	69 --- 124

A very evenly matched group has been drawn for the **Sword Dancer** and the top contenders are very hard to separate. **IDAHO** has earned over a \$1 million and has faced top-flight competition in England. This Galileo colt owns a 2-1-2 record from 7 starts at today's distance and will look to rally from off the pace under Ryan Moore. **MONEY MULTIPLIER** finished 2nd in this race last year and should be ready to go today after winning his seasonal debut at Monmouth.

<b>Pick 4 (part wheel)</b> 2,5,7 - 5,6,10 - 1,5,6 - 4,11,12	<b>TODAY'S PICKS</b> ● IDAHO ● MONEY MULTIPLIER ● BIGGER PICTURE	<b>SPEED</b> BIGGER PICTURE HUNTER O'RILEY MONEY MULTIPLIER	<b>CLASS</b> IDAHO MONEY MULTIPLIER BIGGER PICTURE	<b>LONGSHOT</b> BIGGER PICTURE	<b>Trifecta (part wheel)</b> 7 - 2,5 - all
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<b>ELEVENTH RACE 1 1/4 Miles</b>															
1		CLOUD COMPUTING	8/1	L			28	Preakness winner may have needed last one - watch	18%	Castellano J J <sup>126</sup>	27%	Brown Chad C	108	98	119
2		GIUSEPPE THE GREAT	20/1	L			28	Consistent sort will need a career effort here	21%	Gaffalione Tyler <sup>126</sup>	10%	Zito Nicholas P	92	97	119
3		WEST COAST	4/1	L			42	Followed up Easy Goer win with Los Al Derby	27%	Smith M E <sup>126</sup>	31%	Baffert Bob	98	98	120
4	@	TAPWRIT	7/2	L			77	Bounced back from 2 poor outings with big Belmont	20%	Ortiz Jose L <sup>126</sup>	25%	Pletcher Todd A	104	94	120
5		GOOD SAMARITAN	5/1	L			28	Rallied from last to upset rivals in dirt debut	17%	Rosario Joel <sup>126</sup>	14%	Mott William I	79	96	119
6		GIRVIN	10/1	L			27	Overcame usual bias to win the Haskell - threat	15%	Albarado R J <sup>126</sup>	18%	Sharp Joe	98	96	120
7		ALWAYS DREAMING	6/1	L			28	Derby winner had to need last one - look close	21%	Velazquez J R <sup>126</sup>	25%	Pletcher Todd A	98	95	119
8	@	LOOKIN AT LEE	30/1	L			21	May not get an early speed duel he'd like up front	15%	Santana Ricardo Jr <sup>126</sup>	20%	Asmussen Steven M	86	91	118
9		MCCRACKEN	12/1	L			27	Led late in the Haskell but couldn't hold it	15%	Hernandez B J Jr <sup>126</sup>	14%	Wilkes Ian R	81	94	120
10	@	IRAP	8/1	L			42	Moves back into the major leagues today	12%	Gutierrez Mario <sup>126</sup>	14%	O'Neill Doug	93	89	118
11		GUNNEVERA	20/1	L	⬆		20	Winning away from Hallandale is the big ???	19%	Zayas Edgard J <sup>126</sup>	12%	Sano Antonio	91	89	118
12		FAYEQ	30/1	L	⬆		31	Posted top "fig" in two-turn debut - steps up	16%	Saez Luis <sup>126</sup>	21%	McLaughlin Kiaran P	90	92	116

A big field has been drawn for the Travers and a case can be made for just about everyone, so don't accept a short price here. GIRVIN was nowhere in the Ky. Derby after a rough trip, but has been 1st or 2nd in his other 6 starts. He rallied wide and off the pace against the usual bias to win the Haskell and has worked forwardly since for trainer Joe Sharp. He's worth a play at a price. GOOD SAMARITAN was an impressive winner making his dirt debut in the Jim Dandy - solid chance.

<b>Exacta Box</b> 5 - 6 - 10	<b>TODAY'S PICKS</b> ● GIRVIN ● GOOD SAMARITAN ● IRAP	<b>SPEED</b> CLOUD COMPUTING WEST COAST GIUSEPPE THE GREAT	<b>CLASS</b> MCCRACKEN TAPWRIT WEST COAST	<b>LONGSHOT</b> GIRVIN	<b>Trifecta (part wheel)</b> 6 - 5,10 - all
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<b>TWELFTH RACE 1 1/16 Miles (Turf) Fillies and Mares 3 yr. olds &amp; up</b>															
1		LADY ELI	4/5	L			35	Five-year-old mare keeps grinding out Gr. 1 wins	21%	Ortiz Irad Jr <sup>123</sup>	27%	Brown Chad C	96	99	120
2		ROCA ROJO	9/2	L			77	Failed to fire as the choice in the Just a Game	17%	Rosario Joel <sup>121</sup>	27%	Brown Chad C	100	94	119
3		TIME AND MOTION	10/1	L			49	Doesn't figure to get first 2017 win today	21%	Velazquez J R <sup>121</sup>	20%	Toner James J	92	94	118
4		ON LEAVE	12/1	L	⬆		21	Today's class hike likely proves too taxing	20%	Ortiz Jose L <sup>121</sup>	13%	McGaughey Claude III	100	90	118
5		ANTONOE	3/1	L			35	On the upswing in the U.S. - top contender	18%	Castellano J J <sup>123</sup>	27%	Brown Chad C	90	95	120
6		DICKINSON	6/1	L			35	Was in position in last but failed to rally	18%	Lopez Pascacio <sup>123</sup>	21%	McLaughlin Kiaran P	91	96	119

After two heartbreaking losses to end last year and start this year, LADY ELI has reeled off back-to-back Gr. 1 wins for trainer Chad Brown. She dropped a narrow decision in this race last year and looks to make amends today. She'll track the leaders and save ground along the inside and come running when they turn for home. She figures to take over in the late stages. ANTONOE has won 2 of 3 since shipping to the U.S. and was just a length behind the top choice in the Diana.

<b>Exacta Box</b> 1 - 5 - 6	<b>TODAY'S PICKS</b> ● LADY ELI ● ANTONOE ● DICKINSON	<b>SPEED</b> LADY ELI DICKINSON ANTONOE	<b>CLASS</b> LADY ELI ANTONOE ROCA ROJO	<b>LONGSHOT</b> DICKINSON	<b>Trifecta (part wheel)</b> 1 - 5,6 - all
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<b>THIRTEENTH RACE 1 1/16 Miles (Turf) Three year olds &amp; up</b>															
1		SUMMER CAUSEWAY	30/1	L			29	Still a maiden after 18 tries - tough to take	21%	Gaffalione Tyler <sup>118</sup>	5%	Mejia Jaime	77	74	108
2		ADMIRALS COVE	12/1	L	⬇		97	Showed little in first two starts - drops down	14%	Franco Manuel <sup>118</sup>	12%	Donk David	83	76	109
3		STREET REVIEW	20/1	L	⬇		34	Drops down after 2 uninspiring efforts this year	15%	Carmouche K <sup>118</sup>	13%	Kimmel John C	87	69	108
4		PROGNOSTICATION	3/1	L			34	Four-year-old has been knocking at the door	20%	Ortiz Jose L <sup>124</sup>	27%	Brown Chad C	80	81	112
5		CHAMPAGNE PAPI	12/1	L			56	Class drop helped him some but not enough	12%	Arroyo Angel S <sup>118</sup>	15%	Terranova John P II	91	54	107
6		MOHICAN	8/1	L	⬇		19	Has lacked the needed closing punch of late	17%	Rosario Joel <sup>118</sup>	14%	Mott William I	82	77	110
7		ROMANOLOGIST	30/1	L			16	Brought up the rear in turf debut - outsider	8%	Luzzi M J <sup>118</sup>	13%	Toscato John T Jr	89	61	107
8		ALL ABOUT VODOO	7/2	L	⬇		27	Connections hope class drop will turn the trick	21%	Ortiz Irad Jr <sup>118</sup>	25%	Pletcher Todd A	70	76	110
9		PRAISE THE MOON	20/1	L			13	Malibu Moon gelding has been very erratic of late	15%	Russell Sheldon <sup>124</sup>	10%	Saville Niall	74	71	109
10		NILE PRINCE	8/1	L			34	Hopes to muster the needed closing punch today	15%	Santana Ricardo Jr <sup>124</sup>	13%	Kimmel John C	79	81	110
11		HERECOMESYOURMAN	5/1	L	⬇		24	Eligible to improve with a race over the course	18%	Lopez Pascacio <sup>118</sup>	10%	Dutrow Anthony W	100	83	113
12	@	WINGMAN	8/1	L	⬇		24	Returns to the \$40,000 level - solid chance	16%	Saez Luis <sup>124</sup>	14%	Serpe Philip M	97	83	112
13		BATTLE READY	5/2	L	⬆		16	MTO entrant will have to wait for another day	0%	Rider Tba <sup>118</sup>	13%	Brown Bruce R	82	77	111

A full field of \$40,000 maiden claimers will close out the card in a 1 1/16-mile turf event and it looks to be a wide open affair with no standout whatsoever. PROGNOSTICATION has been knocking at the door lately and will try to get over the hump today. This Majesticperfection gelding was an even 3rd in his Saratoga debut and figures to move forward with a race over the course. Edge in a tough race. HERECOMESYOURMAN will track the leaders and look to get up late.

<b>Exacta Box</b> 4 - 11 - 12	<b>TODAY'S PICKS</b> ● PROGNOSTICATION ● HERECOMESYOURMAN ● WINGMAN	<b>SPEED</b> HERECOMESYOURMAN WINGMAN PROGNOSTICATION	<b>CLASS</b> HERECOMESYOURMAN WINGMAN PROGNOSTICATION	<b>LONGSHOT</b> HERECOMESYOURMAN	<b>Trifecta (part wheel)</b> 4 - 11,12 - all
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