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#3 – Chalon has not raced since the Breeders' Cup Fillies and Mares sprint in November. She has put in some solid works recently suggesting she'll hit the track ready. Her first start off a layoff history includes a place by a head and W in her two-most recent returns off a layoff. Back-class says she is the one to beat.

#9 – Estilo Femenino is making her third start off the shelf. Her form is on the upswing as she improved her speed figure and lowered her fractions across the board race-over-race in the first two. She won her last and trainer Steven Asmussen wins back-to-back at 20%.

#6 - Anna's Bandit is undefeated in 2019 for a three-race winning streak and has finished in-the-money in seven of her last eight races. Don't let slower fractions in her last race fool you. She was unchallenged after the 1/2 mile-marker and was hand ridden to the wire. She probably has a little extra.

VALUE PLAYS **AND LONGSHOTS**

#7 – Maybe Wicked has never missed the board in her five races at the distance/surface with three wins and two seconds in five starts. Her jockey and trainer combo of Florent Geroux and Brad Cox have won 17 of their last 40 races together.

#1 – Hailey's Flip has finished in top three in eight of her last 10 races. Six-furlongs is her best distance as she has five wins, two seconds and six thirds in 15 efforts; just wo wins, a second and third at any other length.

#5 – Adios Annie showed improved form in her first start in a little more than a month. She cut her ¼ call by 8/10th of a second, her ½ call by 1 9/10ths seconds and 6 furlong time by 1 8/10ths seconds. She could be better in round two off the bench, a 21% winning angle for trainer Gary Capuano.

PACE ANALYSIS **AND TRACK BIAS**

EARLY SPEED:
Everlasting Secret, Chalon, Majestic Won

STALKERS:
Adios Annie, Maybe Wicked, Estilo Femenino

CLOSERS:
Hailey's Flip, Phantom Shot, Anna's Bandit

Early Race Outlook: There really is a lady in this group that demands the early lead. **EVERLASTING SECRET** has the most 1s at the opening quarter for this crew. She'll likely play the part of the rabbit with shotgun riders **CHALON** and **MAJESTIC WON** on her heels.

Distance/Surface Bias: Speed carried a major advantage during the 2019 Pimlico meet, winning at 74% with 44% going wire-to-wire.

Post Position Stats: The rail ran at a small disadvantage winning at just 9% while the rest of the posts scored evenly.

THE **PLAY**

CHALON has thrived at 6 furlongs with three wins, two seconds and third in six starts. **ESTILO FEMENINO** won her last race running away by 3 ¼ lengths as the favorite; same race should equal similar result. **ANNA'S BANDIT** has won three in a row. Trainer John Robb wins after a win at 20%. His best angle. **MAYBE WICKED's** trainer Brad Cox how to spot his horses, winning non-graded stakes at 27% and at 26% with shippers.

OUR **PICKS**

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME
WIN	6/5	3	Chalon
PLACE	9/2	9	Estilo Femenino
SHOW	6-1	6	Anna's Bandit
WILD CARD	5-1	7	Maybe Wicked
ALT 1	12-1	1	Hailey's Flip
ALT 2	15-1	5	Adios Annie

EXACTA:
3,6,9/3,6,7,9

TRIFECTA:
3,6,9/3,6,7,9/1,3,6,7,9

#11 – Fighting Mad is undefeated in two starts, including an impressive win at Churchill in her last. The Churchill W comes after eight months on the shelf. She had a strong workout after her last race and should be better in round two where trainer Bob Baffert wins at 26%.

#2 – Covfefe ran the highest, last race speed figure and the only recorded triple-digit reading for this group. She showed major time improvements in her first start since October 2018 and will be lights out if she's any better today.

#6 – Never Enough Time has not been challenged in her two career starts, both a Laurel Park. She made power moves after the ½ mile in her pair of Ws and could be hard to pass on the lead. A bullet work after her last race with the fastest of thirteen, 5 furlong runs shows she remains as sharp as a sword.

VALUE PLAYS **AND LONGSHOTS**

#4 – Please Flatter Me is a length away from being undefeated in four starts. She stretched out to a mile in her last and lone miss; so, cutting back to 6 furlongs should help. She has one win in one race at the distance with one of the fastest ¼ and ½ fractions in the field.

#12 – Midnight Fantasy hasn't lost at the distance with three wins in three starts. She is moving up in class after recording her best speed figure and second highest for this pack of fillies. Although she is usually quick out of the gate, she might be a touch faster today with blinkers on for the first time.

#10 – Bye Bye J has been a monster on fast dirt with four wins and second is five starts. She's also been tough to beat at 6 furlongs with three wins in four starts. The lone out-of-the-money finish at the distance was on an off-track, rated good.

PACE ANALYSIS **AND TRACK BIAS**

EARLY SPEED:
Iva, Covfefe, Please Flatter Me, Never Enough Time, Fighting Mad, Best Kept Secret (AE)

STALKERS:
Brunette Princess, Congrats Gal, Miss Imperial, Bye Bye J, Midnight Fantasy

CLOSERS:
Tomlin, Sue's Fortune

Early Race Outlook: The early pace should be quick as five of the 13 contestants tend to get out of the barn in hurry. **COVFEFE** and **PLEASE FLATTER ME** look to be the fleetest of foot in the first few steps. **IVA** has some early speed and should contest early from the rail but has faltered against better competition. **NEVER ENOUGH TIME** and **FIGHTING MAD** should keep the heat on the early leaders and will take charge if the early pace isn't fast enough.

Distance/Surface Bias: Speed carried a major advantage during the 2019 Pimlico meet, winning at 74% with 44% going wire-to-wire.

Post Position Stats: The rail ran at a small disadvantage winning at just 9% while the rest of the posts scored evenly.

THE **PLAY**

FIGHTING MAD's trainer Bob Baffert places his horses well, winning at 33% with invaders. **COVFEFE's** only miss in three races came in a Grade I as the favorite. She was bumped and the start and forced wide at the turn. She's won her two clean trips without much static. **NEVER ENOUGH TIME** has won both of her races by 5 ½ and 5 ¼ lengths. Experience says she has more and will show it in race number three. **PLEASE FLATTER ME** has put in four works since her last race on March 9th. She's fast out of the box and her extra-practice should give here the stamina to stay on/near the lead all the way around the track.

OUR **PICKS**

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME
WIN	4-1	11	Fighting Mad
PLACE	7/2	2	Covfefe
SHOW	6-1	6	Never Enough Time
WILD CARD	8-1	4	Please Flatter Me
ALT 1	12-1	12	Midnight Fantasy
ALT 2	12-1	10	Bye Bye J

EXACTA:
2,4,6,11 Box

TRIFECTA:
2,6,11/2,4,6,1
1/2,4,6,11,12

#5 – Dogtag is dropping in class from a G2 where she was brushed at the start and ran fourth all the way around the track behind a very good winner in **NEWSPAPEROFRECORD**. Two start back, she won at this level, beating another good horse in **CHOCOLATE KISSES** who just ran in the Kentucky Oaks.

#2 – Nova Sol has three races in France where she finished 3rd, 1st, and 3rd from most recent back. If the trend of alternating holds then... Her last was a Grade 3 where she missed by a length. Trainer Chad Brown knows what he is doing with international shippers, winning at 23%.

#12 – Orra Moor might be rated higher if this wasn't her first try on turf. It's only a 16% angle for trainer Todd Pletcher. She is dropping in class and just missed two races ago in $250,000 non-graded stakes, despite being forced wide and bumped. Her recent work on turf suggest she might take to the surface nicely.

VALUE PLAYS **AND LONGSHOT**

#6 – Makeme Dream came off the bench to run the highest, speed figure for her two career starts. She finished second by ¾s of a length; otherwise, she'd be undefeated. Despite placing, she improved her 6 furlong and mile times by almost two-seconds each. If she shows more in round two, lookout.

#3 – Fashion Faux Pas is another lady with improving form. She's stretching out to a route for the first time, which scores at 31% for trainer Arnaud Delacour. It's possible that she is lone speed and can control the pace of the race. We really thought long and hard about placing her higher.

#9 – Introduced is two noses away from a three-race win streak and has never finished worse than second (4: 1-3-0). She's hit the turf three times with three seconds. She's never races more than 6 furlongs and has faded a touch late in her three grass goes. The extra distance is concerning.

PACE ANALYSIS **AND TRACK BIAS**

EARLY SPEED:
Fashion Faux Pas, Introduced, Be Nimble

STALKERS:
Dogtag, Makeme Dream, Ebullient, Venetian Princess, Orra Moor, Souper Escape

CLOSERS:
Primela, Cover Photo, Who U Gonna Call, Her Royal Highness

Early Race Outlook: **FASHION FAUX PAS** could find herself on a relatively easy lead as inside speed heading into an early turn. **INTRODUCED** has been close to the leader in sprints, but that doesn't always translate when stretching out for the first time. **BE NIMBLE** is outside, fading speed and will need to hustle to get to the front. She might get to the second position but its doubtful she'll be able to hold on for long.

Distance/Surface Bias: Insufficient Data with only four races.

Post Position Stats: Insufficient Data with only four races.

THE **PLAY**

DOGTAG has a win in two races on turf while facing some high-quality horses. She's probably a touch better than $100k non-graded stakes. **NOVA SOL's** trainer/jockey combo of Chad Brown and Irad Ortiz, Jr is a dynamic duo, winning 12 of their last 28 together. The only question for **ORRA MOOR** is can she bring her dirt form to grass? Her recent workout on Belmont grass says yes. **MAKEME DREAM** has a win and a second in two races on turf. The funny thing is the she ran a better race when she didn't win. It's her second off a layoff today, a 20% angle for trainer Christoph Clement**.**

OUR **PICKS**

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME
WIN	9/2	5	Dogtag
PLACE	7/2	2	Nova Sol
SHOW	10-1	12	Orra Moor
WILD CARD	8-1	6	Makeme Dream
ALT 1	6-1	3	Fashion Faux Pas
ALT 2	8-1	9	Introduced

EXACTA:
2,5,6,12 Box

TRIFECTA:
2,5,12/2,5,6,12/2,3,5,6,12

#1 – War Story is making his second start after more than five-months in the barn. His back-class rates him a top tier contender and he should be better in race number two; a 28% winning angle for trainer Jorge Navarro.

#8 – Tenfold finished second as the public's choice in his last race. Trainer Steven Asmussen wins at 26% the next time around the track with beaten favorites.

#11 – Flameaway is another that failed as the chalk in his last race, finishing sixth. Trainer Mark Casse wins at 25% with beaten favs in their next outing. He's also a speed horse in a field that lacks a lot of pace, He should be on/near the lead all the way around the park.

VALUE PLAYS **AND LONGSHOTS**

#12 – Wait for It tied for the highest, last race speed rating for this deep field. He's finished first (4x), second (2x) or third (2x) in eight of his last 10 efforts. He's been equally effective on fast or wet surfaces; so, upgrade with water.

#2 – Rally Cry is making his second start after a layoff or more than seven-months. Trainer Todd Pletcher win round number two at 23% and graded stakes at 15%.

#13 – You're to Blame is 1 ½ lengths away from a four-race win streak. He's been his best on a fast surface with six wins, four seconds and four thirds in 18 races.

PACE ANALYSIS **AND TRACK BIAS**

EARLY SPEED:
Flying the Flag, Flameaway, Wait for It

STALKERS:
Rally Cry, Tenfold, Unbridled Juan, You're to Blame

CLOSERS:
War Story, Carlino, Heavy Roller, Cordmaker, Just Whistle, Bobby G, Clubman

Early Race Outlook: FLAMEAWAY and **WAIT FOR IT** should drag race first and seconds, in either order, down the front-stretch before heading into the first tun. **FLYING THE FLAG** sis likely to pull up right behinds them with **RALLY CRY** playing chase.

Distance/Surface Bias: Early speed owned a mild-bias during last year's meet, winning 19 of 34 races at the distance; six of the 19 front runners went wire-to-wire.

Post Position Stats: The rail through the three-hole won evenly with posts four through seven owing an edge. There were zero winners from post eight and out. That could be because not many fields had more than eight horses.

THE **PLAY**

WAR STORY put in a bullet workout following his first race off the bench since November 2, 2018. He should be better today. **TENFOLD** is making the classic third start after a layoff, a 22% winner for trainer Steve Asmussen. **FLAMEAWAY** will try to lead them from gate-to-wire in a field without a lot of front end speed. WAIT FOR IT showed a major improvement in form, reducing his final 1 mile 70 yard time by more than two-seconds compared to previous races at the distance.

OUR **PICKS**

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME
WIN	6-1	1	War Story
PLACE	6-1	8	Tenfold
SHOW	6-1	11	Flameaway
WILD CARD	15-1	12	Wait For It
ALT 1	9/2	2	Rally Cry
ALT 2	5-1	13	You're To Blame

EXACTA:
1,8/1,2,8,11,12

TRIFECTA:
1,8/1,2,8,11,12/1,2,8,11,12

#6 – Always Shopping ran her best speed figure in her first race in two-months. She should be better in her second race off the bench, a 23% winning angle for trainer Todd Pletcher. She's finished first (2x and two in a row) or second (2x) in her last four races.

#8 – Point of Honor has been heavily bet in her three outings with two wins and a fourth. Despite finishing fourth in her last race, the George Weaver trainee finished the 1 1/16 mile race almost two-seconds faster than the previous race at the same distance.

#9 - Las Setas has won four straight races, all at Laurel Park. She upped her game in her last races, running 1 1/16 miles while lowering her 6 furlong fraction by more than 1.5 seconds.

VALUE PLAYS **AND LONGSHOTS**

#4 – Cookie Dough has finished in the money in six of seven races with two wins, a second and three thirds. She'll try to race on/near the lead all the way around the track.

#7 – Brill is making her third start following a six-month racing hiatus. Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer wins start number three at 21%. She has hit the board in four of her five starts (5: 1-1-2).

#3 – Ulele has finished first (2x), second (1x) or third (2x) in her five starts. She ran he top speed figure winning her last and first race since mid-February. Trainer Brad Cox follows a W with a W at 30%.

PACE ANALYSIS **AND TRACK BIAS**

EARLY SPEED:

Ulele, Cookie Dough, Our Super Freak, Brill, Las Setas

STALKERS:

Sweet Diane, Always Shopping

CLOSERS:

Off Topic, Point of Honor

Early Race Outlook: With five of nine starters usually running in the front two, the pace for the 2019 Black-Eyed Susan could be hot. **ULELE, COOKIE DOUGH** and **LAS SETAS** should be the first to the first turn. **COOKIE DOUGH** and **OUR SUPER FREAK** are likely to be parked right behind the leading trio.

Distance/Surface Bias: Insufficient data with only three races.

Post Position Stats: Insufficient data with only three races.

THE **PLAY**

ALWAYS SHOPPING posted the highest last race speed rating for this field. **POINT OF HONOR** has put in four good workouts since her last race. **LAS SETAS** is trying to make it five wins in a row. Trainer Katharine Voss wins after a win at 20%. **COOKIE DOUGH** improved her fractions noticeably in her last race and has posted three sharp workouts since.

OUR **PICKS**

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME
WIN	4-1	6	Always Shopping
PLACE	5/2	8	Point of Honor
SHOW	15-1	9	Las Setas
WILD CARD	3-1	4	Cookie Dough
ALT 1	5-1	7	Brill
ALT 2	5-1	3	Ulele

EXACTA:
4,6,8,9 Box

TRIFECTA:
6,8,9/4,6,8,9/4,6,7,8,9

#4 – Bellafina has won six of her last seven races and most of them haven't been close. She hopped and was bumped at the start of the lone miss. Otherwise, she has six wins and a second in eight races. She's the one to beat.

#7 – Jaywalk got the best of **BELLAFINA** in their last encounter but it was the race where **BELLA** had a rough start. She's making her third start after a four-month layoff and should be in peak form, looking to win round two against the favorite.

#8 - Motion Emotion came in second two races in a row as the favorite. Trainer Thomas Van Berg wins at 20% the next time out with disappointing chalk. She looks to be cycling into top form as she cut nearly two-seconds off her 1 1/16-mile time in her last race.

VALUE PLAYS **AND LONGSHOTS**

#3 – Lady Apple is in a three-race win streak and cut almost two seconds off her final 1 1/16-mile time in her last. That's usually a good sign that a horse is peaking. Trainer Steve Asmussen tends to win after winning, scoring at 20%.

#14 – Restless Rider came off the shelf to run her lifetime, top speed figure. That's a fun angle. Her history suggests she'll only be better in round two. She's been strong at Churchill and strong on a fast surface, never missing the board in either.

#15 – Dunbar Road (AE) could play the role of spoiler if she scratches into the race. She finished second as the favorite in her last race, missing by just a ½ length. Trainer Chad Brown bounces back with beaten chalk at a nice 30%.

PACE ANALYSIS **AND TRACK BIAS**

EARLY SPEED:
American Sailor, Bound for Nowhere, New York's Finest, Oldies But Goodies, Pure Sensation, Completed Pass

STALKERS:
Tricks to Doo

CLOSERS:
Tempt Me Twice, Clever Triad

Early Race Outlook: This race could be a free-for-all up front with six of the nine horses having a history of running on/near the lead. The leader might really have to burn out of the box and run a sub 21 in the opening quarter. We can see **AMERICAN SAILOR** or **NEW YORK'S FINEST** playing the part of pacesetters with a pack of other sprinters on their tails.

Distance/Surface Bias: Insufficient Data with only six races. However, four of six winners were labeled early speed with two going wire-to-wire.

Post Position Stats: Insufficient Data with only six races, but inside three posts have been strong performers.

THE **PLAY**

BOUND FOR NOWHERE has two wins in turf sprints, they weren't close, and a second by a neck in his third of three. **PURE SENSATION** is making his second start off a break, a 20% winner for trainer Christophe Clement. **COMPLETED PASS** ran on of his best races last out and first on grass. Since he's put in two smoking workouts. **TEMPT ME TWICE** looks as good as any of the rest; so, we'll flow at 30-1 morning line.

OUR **PICKS**

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME
WIN	1-1	3	Bound For Nowhere
PLACE	7/2	8	Pure Sensation
SHOW	8-1	9	Completed Pass
WILD CARD	30-1	4	Tempt Me Twice
ALT 1	15-1	7	Oldies But Goodies
ALT 2	15-1	5	New York's Finest

EXACTA:
3,8/3,4,8,9

TRIFECTA:
3,8/3,4,8,9/3,4,7,8,9

#4 – Mylady Curlin has won two races in a row. Trainer Brad Cox follows a win with a win at 30%. She finished in the top three for six of her seven of fast dirt races (7: 3-2-1).

#2 – My Miss Lilly finished third as the favorite in her last race. Trainer Mark Henning bounces back at 15% with disappointing chalk. She has a win and a third in three at the distance.

#6 – Golden Award failed as the favorite in her last race. Trainer William Mott gets DQ into wins... scratch that, he comes back to win at 22% with upset chalk in the next race.

VALUE PLAYS **AND LONGSHOTS**

#3 – Gio Game came off the sidelines to score a W in her first race back since August 2018. She should be better in round two as her second race history says to expect a big performance boost.

#5 – Another Broad won her last race despite being brushed at the break, beating our second choice. Trainer Todd Pletcher stacks wins at 24%. However, she's done nearly all her damage on an off track. Upgrade big time if it's wet.

#1 – Timeless Curls gets blinkers for the first time, a 29% angle for trainer Dale Capuano. It's her second race after a short layoff, a 17% winner for Dale Capuano.

PACE ANALYSIS **AND TRACK BIAS**

EARLY SPEED:
Gio Game

STALKERS:
Timeless Curls, Mylady Curlin, Golden Award, Isotope

CLOSERS:
My Miss Lilly, Another Broad

Early Race Outlook: GIO GAME is not really a front runner but could find herself on a relatively easy lead. Minus the two closers, it's highly likely the stalkers and **GIO GAME** will be bunched with a length or two separating them.

Distance/Surface Bias: Insufficient Data with only two races.

Post Position Stats: Insufficient Data with only two races.

THE **PLAY**

MYLADY CURLIN is making her second start off the sidelines, a 17% winner for trainer Mark Casse. **MY MISS LILLY's** two most recent speed figures put her at the top of the pack, but she loves to finish third. **GOLDEN AWARD** has three wins and two seconds in six fast dirt races. **GIO GAME** could be lone reluctant speed and when she leads in the stretch, she wins.

OUR **PICKS**

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME
WIN	4-1	4	Mylady Curlin
PLACE	7/2	2	My Miss Lily
SHOW	5/2	6	Golden Award
WILD CARD	6-1	3	Gio Game
ALT 1	7/2	5	Another Broad
ALT 2	10-1	1	Timeless Curls

EXACTA:
2,4/2,3,4,5,6

TRIFECTA:
2,4/2,3,4,5,6/2,3,4,5,6

#3 – King for a Day tied for the highest, last race speed rating and is dropping in class. He's returning to work for the first time since November 24, 2018, but that's OK as trainer Todd Pletcher wins at 30% with horse coming back from breaks of 90-days or more.

#4 – Top Line Growth won his debut in smashing style, racing away by 9 ½ lengths in a wire-to-wire W at Laurel Park. The same race should equal a similar result.

#6 - V. I. P. Ticket has won four in a row and is moving up in class. The win streak started when jockey Angel Suarez climbed aboard. Prior to his jockey switch, he finished third in three straight outings. He's learned how to hit the board in 2019.

VALUE PLAYS **AND LONGSHOTS**

#2 – Pretty Good Year has been steadily improving and didn't miss by much in his last effort. He's going from a sprint to a route, a 19% winning angle for trainer Kelly Rubley.

#1 – Trifor Gold finished second in his first non-graded stakes race but fell short by 11 lengths in a five-horse field. He did top **PRETTY GOOD YEAR** two races back, but his fractions fell off a touch in his last races, which is concerning.

#5 – Tone Broke did some damage in Steve Asmussen's barn before heading off to the United Arab Emirates, but it got U-G-L-Y for him in Dubai, losing by a combined 80-lenghts in two races. Now he's back with Asmussen but might need to rebuild some confidence before we are confident enough to pick him.

PACE ANALYSIS **AND TRACK BIAS**

EARLY SPEED:

Pretty Good Year, Top Line Growth

STALKERS:

Trifor Gold, King for a Day, V. I. P. Ticket

CLOSERS:

Tone Broke

Early Race Outlook: Many of these young, lightly raced horses have sampled multiple running styles. Just about all of them have been on/near the front or in the middle. **TOP LINE GROWTH** lead from gate-to-wire in his debut and will likely try to repeat that effort. **PRETTY GOOD YEAR** is one of those unsure about where he wants to be positioned early on. He was on the lead early in his two in-the-money finishes; so, expect him to do what's earned a check.

Distance/Surface Bias: Early speed enjoys a modest edge, winning at 53% in 30 races during last year's meet and at 58% during the current meet.

Post Position Stats: So far in 2019, the rail hits at 25% with posts two and three at 22%.

THE **PLAY**

KING FOR A DAY returns to racing after nearly a six-month break; two bullets works in the last three say he's ready. **TOP LINE GROWTH** won his debut in a laugher at the distance. The only question is step up in class. **V.I.P. TICKET's** trainer Jeremiah O'Dwyer and jockey Angel Suarez have won six of their last 10 together. **PRETTY GOOD YEAR** is likely to be near the lead versus this field. If he's on the lead into the stretch, odds are he finishes in-the-money with a chance to score.

OUR **PICKS**

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME
WIN	7/5	3	King for a Day
PLACE	9/5	4	Top Line Growth
SHOW	12-1	6	V.I.P. Ticket
WILD CARD	10-1	2	Pretty Good Year
ALT 1	10-1	1	Trifor Gold
ALT 2	9/2	5	Tone Broke

EXACTA:
3,4/2,3,4,6

TRIFECTA:
3,4/2,3,4,6/2,3,4,6

#5 – Real News is stretching out for the first time after thee 5 ½ furlong races, the last two on turf. He rallied late and hard in his two grass goes and improved his final fraction by nearly 2.5 seconds in his last. He's got that look of a horse that's going to make a power move out of the turn.

#2 – Current has two wins and two seconds in five turf runs. His lone miss was on a yielding surface. Plus, he was unprepared at the start and bumped late. Toss out the excuse filled race and he's made cha-ching sound late, ringing the register.

#8 – Empire of War is making his second start after a six-month vacation from the starters gate. He tired a little in his last on Aqueduct's inner turf, which some horses don't seem to appreciate. Trainer Todd Pletcher wins round two off the bench at 23%.

VALUE PLAYS **AND LONGSHOT**

#6 – War Film has been running against top competition and could easily be the best horse in the field. He's dropping from a G2 where he finished fifth and was gaining late. Non graded stakes might be the perfect level for him and it's where trainer Steve Asmussen finds the winners' circle at 20%.

#3 – Eons came off the shelf to run his best speed figure, breaking his maiden in the third try. He showed improvement following his debut and could make a similar jump in performance today. Trainer Arnaud Delacour follows the maiden score with another at 23%.

#4 – English Bee has made up ground late in four of his five career starts. He's won the races where he got a clean trip and has hit the board in three of four on turf (4: 1-1-1).

PACE ANALYSIS **AND TRACK BIAS**

EARLY SPEED:
Thomas Shelby, Empire of War

STALKERS:
Eons, English Bee, Real News

CLOSERS:
Shootin the Breeze, Current, War Film, Tybalt, Gearhead

Early Race Outlook: THOMAS SHELBY likes to be first and **EMPIRE OF WAR** likes the co-pilot seat of late. That's how they'll probably line up heading into the first turn. The three stalkers are likely to be within striking range. If not, the front two could pull away from the pack and make it hard for the rest to catch up.

Distance/Surface Bias: Insufficient data with just four races.

Post Position Stats: Insufficient data with just four races.

THE **PLAY**

REAL NEWS has been sharp in his three races. He popped a bullet workout on May 12th, the fastest of 30 at 4 furlongs, suggesting he remains in top form. **CURRENT's** trainer/jockey combo of Todd Pletcher and Javier Castellano have won three of their last seven together. **EMPIRE OF WAR** could be on/near the lead all the way around the track. He hasn't been passed when he has the lead in the stretch. **WAR FILM** has one win in one race at the distance on grass and has been close at the end no matter the length.

OUR **PICKS**

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME
WIN	5-1	5	Real News
PLACE	4-1	2	Current
SHOW	8-1	8	Empire of War
WILD CARD	9/2	6	War Film
ALT 1	6-1	3	Eons
ALT 2	5-1	4	English Bee

EXACTA:
2,5,6,8 Box

TRIFECTA:
2,5,6,8 Box

#6 – Wentz came off a short layoff to run his best speed figure by a wide margin and the highest last race number for this field. He cut more than three seconds off his final 6 furlongs time compared to his previous race, which was at the same distance: same race equals the same result.

#4 – Lewisfield is a beast at the distance, finishing in the top three 12 of 13 races with six win, three seconds and three thirds. He's making the classic third start after a layoff, which is a 27% winner for trainer Jeff Runco.

#1 – New York Central is another to come off the bench to run his career best speed figure. He should be considerably better today if his history repeats as he's made significant improvements in his previous two seconds starts.

VALUE PLAYS AND LONGSHOTS

#7 – Proforma came back to the track after a five-month racing hibernation. He started his comeback with a sprint on the grass where he bobbled at the start, getting out of the box 11th of 13 and 11 lengths behind the leader. He still managed to come home third. The switch back to dirt could be the key with trainer Michael Stidham winning at 20% on the surface swap.

#5 – Always Sunshine has the highest recorded speed rating at the distance for this field, meaning he has the back-class to get home first. He's done well at the distance with six wins, four seconds and four thirds in 20 starts. Upgrade him if it's wet as he's four for four on an off track.

#2 – Fellowship looks better than **PARADE OF NATIONS** and is on a two-race win streak. Trainer Jose Corrales follows a W with another at 20%, his best angle.

PACE ANALYSIS AND TRACK BIAS

EARLY SPEED:
Parade of Nations, Lewisfield, Wentz

STALKERS:
New York Central, Always Sunshine

CLOSERS:
Fellowship, Proforma

Early Race Outlook: **LEWISFIELD** and **WENTZ** will try to run around the track one/two from gate-to-wire. **WENTZ** might have the quickest first step of the two. **PARADE OF NATIONS** will try to keep up with the two front runners but looks like cheap speed at this level.

Distance/Surface Bias: Speed carried a major advantage during the 2019 Pimlico meet, winning at 74% with 44% going wire-to-wire.

Post Position Stats: The rail ran at a small disadvantage winning at just 9% while the rest of the posts scored evenly.

THE PLAY

WENTZ has won three of four at the distance. He was bothered and bumped in the lone miss. **LEWISFIELD** finished second as the chalk last out. Trainer Jeff Runco bounces back at 30% with beaten favorites. **NEW YORK CENTRAL** has two wins in two races at the distance, just one win in six races of other lengths. **PROFORMA** is making his second start off the bench, a 17% winner for trainer Michael Stidham.

OUR PICKS

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME
WIN	4-1	6	Wentz
PLACE	9/5	4	Lewisfield
SHOW	6-1	1	New York Central
WILD CARD	3-1	7	Proforma
ALT 1	5-1	5	Always Sunshine
ALT 2	15-1	2	Fellowship

EXACTA:
4,6/1,4,6,7

TRIFECTA:
4,6/1,4,6,7/1,4,5,6,7

#3 – Osare hasn't run since mid-September 2018. Trainer Jonathan Thomas wins at 26% with horses returning to the track after more than 90-days off and OSARE posted bullets in three of her last four workouts. She should be ready to get back to work.

#2 – Homeland Security has won four of nine on turf and is two of two at the distance. She's alternated wins and out-of-the-money finishes an all his nine races. Now that's a pattern. She finished seventh in her last effort, so...

#5 – Ickymasho is two heads away from a three-race win streak. She won a Grade III at the distance/surface in his last outing. She's dropping in class after posting the highest, last race speed figure. No reason why she shouldn't figure prominently today.

VALUE PLAYS **AND LONGSHOTS**

#6 – Vevina is making her third start off the bench after winning round two at the same distance/surface. Trainer Philip D'Amato goes back-to-back in the win column at 22%. She should be in top form as her fractions dipped sharply last out compared to her previous 1 ½ run.

#9 – Violet Blue finished a close third in her last race and first since November 2018. She showed race-to-race improvement in her last second start off the shelf and trainer James Toner wins round two at a robust 25%.

#4 – Coachwhip is dropping in class after finishing third behind **ICKYMASHO** in her last race. The step down might be the right prescription as she's faded late in her last two races. She's been a solid in-the-money performer with three wins, three seconds and four thirds in 14 grass goes.

PACE ANALYSIS **AND TRACK BIAS**

EARLY SPEED:
So Innocent, Osare, Ickymasho

STALKERS:
Homeland Security, Coachwhip, Violet Blue

CLOSERS:
Vevina, Layla Noor, Peach of a Gal

Early Race Outlook: Speed is a relative term in these marathon races. Usually, they resemble little kids' soccer games with all the participants bunching up around the ball. Sometimes one or two try to break a long way, out in front of the rest. Of the three labeled early speed, **ICKYMASHO** is the one most likely to employ the gun it, go and crawl to the finish line in the nick of time.

Distance/Surface Bias: Insufficient Data

Post Position Stats: Insufficient Data

THE **PLAY**

OSARE has finished the race in first or second in her last three outings. **HOMELAND SECURITY's** trainer Christophe Clement does his best work on the grass and wins non graded stakes at 17%. **ICKYMASHO** won her last at the distance/surface. Trainer Roger Attfield doubles up on Ws at 16%. VEVINA's trainer Philip D'Amato knows how to spot his horses, winning non graded stakes at 20%.

OUR **PICKS**

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME
WIN	5-1	3	Osare
PLACE	9/2	2	Homeland Security
SHOW	8/5	5	Ickymasho
WILD CARD	12-1	6	Vevina
ALT 1	6-1	9	Violet Blue
ALT 2	8-1	4	Coachwhip

EXACTA:
2,3,5/2,3,5,6

TRIFECTA:
2,3,5/2,3,5,6/2,3,5,6,9

#4 – Souper Echo is coming off a sprint win on turf, driving past the field when asked by jockey Julian Pimentel. Her final 5 ½ furlong time on turf was two-seconds faster than her previous race on dirt at the same distance. That's usually a sign of a horse in peak form.

#6 – Jo Jo Air is making her second start after a three-month layoff. She returned to the track with her highest, career speed figure. She bumped up big-time in her previous second start off the break. If she does the same here, she could post back-to-back Ws.

#3 – Eye On Berlin ran her last at Pimlico on May 9th, winning as the favorite at today's distance and surface. Often, it's a good sign when a trainer runs them back that fast. Trainer Rodolfo Sanchez-Salomon has tried the quick turnaround twice with this horse in her last 10 outings. Both times she was better in round two.

VALUE PLAYS AND LONGSHOTS

#9 – Wild About Star is making her first start for trainer Jose Camejo, at 21% winning angle for the trainer. Her works are OK coming back to the track with one bullet out of three since her last race. You'll know how she's going to do by how she breaks. If she's out early, she's a threat to win. A lethargic start usually equals an out-of-the-money performance.

#8 – Misericordia is a horse for the distance. She has two wins at the length in three tries; just one score in 10 races at any other distance. She did post the highest, last race speed figure for this group. With any improvement in her second start off the bench and she could hit the board.

#1 – Not in Jeopardy gets a jockey upgrade to Trevor McCarthy who has been on fire of late. He's won seven, finished second five times and third twice in his last 19 mounts.

PACE ANALYSIS AND TRACK BIAS

EARLY SPEED:
Jo Jo Air, Angel At War

STALKERS:
Souper Echo, Misericordia, Wild About Star

CLOSERS:
Not in Jeopardy, Dare to Be, Eye On Berlin, Bath And Tennis

Early Race Outlook: ANGEL AT WAR is making her first start on grass and will probably be on the lead early on. **JO JO AIR** will give chase and cozy up while riding shotgun. **WILD ABOUT STAR** isn't a classic speed horse with 1s all over her past performance lines, but she doesn't let the leaders get too far away and stay in touch with the top two.

Distance/Surface Bias: Insufficient data with only nine races between this year's and last year's meets.

Post Position Stats: Insufficient data with only nine races between this year's and last year's meets. However, the rail has won three of the nine starts.

THE PLAY

SOUPER ECHO has won two of three at the distance/surface, including her last. Trainer Michael Trombetta follows a W with a W at 15%. **JO JO AIR's** trainer/jockey combo of Wesley Ward and John Velazquez have won seven of their last 20 races together. **EYE ON BERLIN** is making her second start off the shelf, a 41% for trainer Rodolfo Sanchez-Salomon in his last 12 second starts. **WILD ABOUT STAR** has been strong on grass with four wins and two seconds in 10 starts.

OUR PICKS

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME
WIN	9/2	4	Souper Echo
PLACE	3-1	6	Jo Jo Air
SHOW	10-1	3	Eye On Berlin
WILD CARD	9/2	9	Wild About Star
ALT 1	4-1	8	Misericordia
ALT 2	12-1	1	Not In Jeopardy

EXACTA:
4,6/3,4,6,9

TRIFECTA:
4,6/3,4,6,9/3,4,6,8,9

GALLORETTE STAKES (G2T) 1 1/16TH MILES TURF
RACE #10 - ANALYSIS OF TOP CONTENDERS

#2 – Inflexibility has finished first (2x) or second (2x) in four of her five races at the distance. She also likes running on grass with four wins, three seconds and third in 11 starts.

#3 – Thewayiam is making her second start off the bench, winning her first at the distance/surface. Trainer Graham Motion wins seconds starts at 16% and graded stakes at 14%.

#4 - Mitchell Road ran the highest, last race speed figure. Although speed hasn't played at the distance/surface at Pimlico, the likely front runner has won four of six on grass with two seconds. She could be the exception to the rule.

VALUE PLAYS AND LONGSHOT

#1 – I'm So Fancy is making her first US start after racing in Ireland. She's finished in-the-money in four of her last five races, all the graded stakes variety. She gets the benefit of the 20% winning rail.

#7 – In the Lee finished fifth as the chalk in her first race since September 8, 2018. Trainer Claude McGaughey III rebounds at 26% with beaten favorites the next time around the track.

#9 – Barkaa is making her second US start. Many times international horses need a race before hitting their stride on this side of the Atlantic. She was decently bet in her debut and trainer Chad Brown wins graded stakes at 23%.

PACE ANALYSIS AND TRACK BIAS

EARLY SPEED:
Mitchell Road, Dynatail

STALKERS:
Inflexibility, Viva Vegas, Barkaa

CLOSERS:
Thewayiam, Hogans Holiday, In the Lee

Early Race Outlook: MITCHELL and **DYNATAIL** should boogie out to the lead and could possibly open up a four to five length over the field. **BARKAA** is the one that's likely to be closest to the dashing duo upfront.

Distance/Surface Bias: Although there have only been 17 races at the distance/surface since last year's meet, it's clear that closers rule with 13 of the 17 coming from off the pace.

Post Position Stats: In the inside four posts have enjoyed an edge in the limited number of races. Only one of the 17 winners came for post eight and out.

THE PLAY

INFLEXIBILITY's trainer Chad Brown spots his horses well, winning graded stakes at 23%. **THEWAYIAM** is one for one at the distance and has five wins, four seconds and a third in 13 turf starts. **MITCHELL ROAD** is a neck away and a ½ length away from being undefeated in six starts. **I'M SO FANCY i**s making her first start for trainer Arnaud Delacour, a 27% winning angle.

OUR PICKS

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME
WIN	3-1	2	Inflexibility
PLACE	10-1	3	Thewayiam
SHOW	6-1	4	Mitchell Road
WILD CARD	7/2	1	I'm So Fancy
ALT 1	10-1	7	In the Lee
ALT 2	6-1	9	Barkaa

EXACTA:
1,2,3,4 Box

TRIFECTA:
2,3,4/1,2,3,4/1,2,3,4,7

#7 – Pyron is undefeated in two career starts. He ran the top speed figure for this group in the last race. He improved in race two compared to race one and should be better in race two.

#8 – Preamble is undefeated in three races, including two at the distance. He's making his second start following a six-month layoff. He should be even better in race two, a 23% winner for trainer Rodolphe Brisset.

#3 – Malpais has won his last two in laughers, running away by 4 ¼ and 5 ¾ lengths, respectively. Trainer Joe Sharp follows a W with another at 23%. In six career starts, he's hit the board five times (6: 3-1-1).

VALUE PLAYS **AND LONGSHOTS**

#6 – Gladiator King is two for two at the distance, winning by 4 and 3 lengths; so, they weren't close. Although it's not readily visible, he did show fraction improvement in his last race, which should mean he's cycling into top form.

#5 – Cabot had one face on a fast track, one win. He's had two on an off track, a fourth and a third. He could pull off the upset if he gets the right surface.

#9 – Confessor is a on a two-race win streak, including his lone start at the distance. Trainer Carl Doran follows a win with another win at 9%.

PACE ANALYSIS **AND TRACK BIAS**

EARLY SPEED:
Malpais, Cabot, Gladiator King, Pyron, Preamble

STALKERS:
Lexitonian, Still Dreaming, Confessor

CLOSERS:
Admiral Lynch

Early Race Outlook: MALPAIS, CABOT and **GLADIATOR KING** will likely dash to the front and spar over the lead. It could mean a fast opening quarter. **PYRON** and **PREAMBLE** will likely sit right in the shadows of the leaders, ready to pounce.

Distance/Surface Bias: Speed carried a major advantage during the 2019 Pimlico meet, winning at 74% with 44% going wire-to-wire.

Post Position Stats: The rail ran at a small disadvantage winning at just 9% while the rest of the posts scored evenly.

THE **PLAY**

PYRON will look to make it three in a row to start his career. **PREAMBLE** is also looking to continue his undefeated career, going for number four in a row. Somebody's O is going to go. **MALPAIS** has two wins and a third in three races at the distance. **GLADIATOR KING's** upfront running style fits. He'll be hard to pass if he has the lead in the stretch.

OUR **PICKS**

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME
WIN	7/2	7	Pyron
PLACE	5/2	8	Preamble
SHOW	3-1	3	Malpais
WILD CARD	6-1	6	Gladiator King
ALT 1	15-1	5	Cabot
ALT 2	15-1	9	Confessor

EXACTA:
3,7,8 Box

TRIFECTA:
3,6,7,8 Box

#12 – Catholic Boy has won four of five on turf. He was in tight at the end in the lose miss. Trainer Jonathan doesn't enter many into graded stakes, but he's won five of the 13 he's entered with a horse.

#11 – Inspector Lynley put the highest, last race speed figure for this field in the books. He's been a strong performer at the distance with four wins, two seconds and two thirds in 11 races.

#8 – Phlash Phelps came off the sidelines to finish third in his first race since October 22, 2018. Despite the out-of-the-money run, his fractions improved by more than a second. He should be better in round two and a major threat to the leaders late.

VALUE PLAYS **AND LONGSHOTS**

#3 – Admission Office has finished first (3x) or second (2x) in five lifetime races, all on grass and one for one at the distance. He won his last and trainer Brian Lynch finds the winners' circle in the next race at 19%.

#6 – Flameaway failed as the chalk in his last race, finishing sixth. Trainer Mark Casse wins at 25% with beaten favs in their next outing. He's also a speed horse in a field that lacks a lot of pace, He should be on/near the lead all the way around the park. If he ran in yesterday's Pimlico Special Stakes, he'll be scratched.

#7 – Real Story is making his third start after being in the barn for eight-months. The speedster's trainer Ignacio Correas, IV wins third starts at 15%. He's finished first, second and third in his three races at the distance and in-the-money six of eight on turf.

PACE ANALYSIS **AND TRACK BIAS**

EARLY SPEED:
Flameaway, Real Story, Catholic Boy

STALKERS:
Just Howard, Have At It, Phlash Phelps

CLOSERS:
Twenty Four Seven, Admission Office, Something Awesome, O Dionysus, Inspector Lynley

Early Race Outlook: REAL STORY has the best early burst and should edge out to an early lead. **FLAMEAWAY** will press **REAL STORY** and the two should line up as the leading pair in the opening quarter. **CATHOLIC BOY** should be the third in line by the time they hit the turn.

Distance/Surface Bias: Although there have only been 17 races at the distance/surface since last year's meet, it's clear that closers rule with 13 of the 17 coming from off the pace.

Post Position Stats: In the inside four posts have enjoyed an edge in the limited number of races. Only one of the 17 winners came for post eight and out.

THE **PLAY**

CATHOLIC BOY has by far the highest, lifetime speed score at the distance. He's been hard to beat on turf. **INSPECTOR LYNLEY** has finished in-the-money in seven of his last 10 and 15 of 24 on turf. **PHLASH PHELPS** is making his second start after a layoff, a 36% angle for trainer Rodney Jenkins. **ADDMISSION OFFICE** is making his second start off the sidelines. He improved greatly in his last two second starts. He'll be rumbling late and putting a big scare into the leaders.

OUR **PICKS**

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME
WIN	3-1	6	Catholic Boy
PLACE	7/2	10	Inspector Lynley
SHOW	12-1	9	Phlash Phelps
WILD CARD	12-1	5	Admission Office
ALT 1	8-1	4	Flameaway
ALT 2	10-1	2	Real Story

EXACTA:
8,11,12/3,8,11,12

TRIFECTA:
8,11,12/3,8,11,12/3,6,8,11,12

#12 – Anothertwistafate is a neck and 1 ¾ lengths away from being on a five-race win streak. He bombed in his debut, it happens, and finished second in his last two with excuses in both. He should be on/near the lead all the way around the track, which is the winning Preakness style.

#4 – Improbable pretty much held his position all the way around the track in the Kentucky Derby. He was the public's choice in the KD and trainer Bob Baffert wins at 26% the next time out with beaten favorites.

#7 – Alwaysmining tied for the highest, last race speed rating in his sixth straight win. He's won five of seven on fast dirt and trainer Kelly Rubles follows a win with another win at 23%.

VALUE PLAYS AND LONGSHOT

#1 – War of Will might be the Kentucky Derby winner if not for the run in with MAXIMUM SECURITY. We'll never know. He was on a three-race win streak before getting hurt in the Louisiana Derby and the KD mishap. With a clean trip and no excuses and he should be a prime contender; although, the post probably hurts.

#3 – Warrior's Charge (RADAR HORSE) found his grove after finishing third in his first three races. Since, he's won two straight in E-Z wire-to-wire runs. He tied for the best, last race speed figure. The only question is the BIG step up in class.

#13 – Win Win Win has finished in-the-money in each of his five races on fast dirt (5: 3-1-1). His best strides come late; so, he'll be pace dependent and picking off tired legs late.

PACE ANALYSIS AND TRACK BIAS

EARLY SPEED:
Warrior's Charge, Market King, Alwaysmining, Anothertwistafate

STALKERS:
War of Will, Improbable, Bodexpress

CLOSERS:
Bourbon War, Owendale, Signalman, Everfast, Laughing Fox, Win Win Win

Early Race Outlook: **WARRIOR'S WILL** and **ALWAYSMINING** should rocket out of the gates and hit the front stretch turn on/near the lead. **MARKET KING** will probably try to keep up but doesn't appear to be in the same class. **ANOTHERTWISTAFATE** isn't a burner doesn't let the leaders get too far ahead.

Distance/Surface Bias: Twelve of the last 20 Preakness winners ran in the top three at the ¼ pole with four winning wire-to-wire.

Post Position Stats: Only three of the last 20 Preakness winners left from gates one, two, or three (one each). Most of the action has come from post six and out with 13 of the last 20 winners.

THE PLAY

ANOTHERTWISTAFATE finished second as the favorite in his last despite being bothered at the start and boxed in. Trainer Blaine Wright wins as 26% the next time around the track with defeated chalk. **IMPROBABLE** is probably the most consistent runner in the field. He gets a jockey upgrade to Mike Smith today; so, he should get a no excuses trip. **ALWAYSMINING** has been stomping on the competition at Laurel Park. He's put in two great workouts since his last race. Let the stomping continue. **WAR OF WILL** won two of three on fast dirt. The lone miss was when he took a bad step and got injured. He was on the leader's tail in the Kentucky Derby (literally). Shortening by 1/16th should help his chances.

OUR PICKS

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME
WIN	6-1	12	Anothertwistafate
PLACE	5/2	4	Improbable
SHOW	8-1	7	Alwaysmining
WILD CARD	4-1	1	War of Will
ALT 1	12-1	3	Warrior's Charge
ALT 2	15-1	13	Win Win Win

EXACTA:
4,12/1,3,4,7,12,13

TRIFECTA:
4,12/1,4,7,12/1,3, 4,7,12,13