



"NICK'S PICKS"

JUNE 24TH - LAUREL PARK "CLASS ON THE GRASS" www.TheRacingBiz.com

RACE 1

4	JUMP SHOT JOHNNY	Maybe more long shot than jump shot, but Penn shipper has won.
1	GRECIAN PRINCE	
5	WILLIE BE MINE	

RACE 2

3	SAIDA	Saida proven at a good mile but what about 1&1/6 on the firm turf?
8	ORTIGA	
7	FOLLOW THE PETALS	

RACE 3 - \$75,000 EVAN P. EVANS

3	ROSE BRIER	Past Evans' winner knows the course, the class and always runs well.
4	SPECIAL ENVOY	
1	SPPED GRACER	

RACE 4

2	STRUTH	Elder Curlin having great 2017. Big gap between have & have nots here.
6	NEVER GONE SOUTH	
4	GIN MAKES YA SIN	

RACE 5 - \$75,000 NELLIE MAX COX

8	QUEEN CAROLINE	Ok, the QEII was a bit ambitious for the Cox winner, but not the others.
1	ARMOIRE	
3	COMPLETE ST.	

RACE 6 - \$75,000 JAMEELA

8	LOVABLE LADY	Rematch of last year's Jameela with "Lady" returning to the turf.
1	EVERYTHING LOVELY	
6	MY SISTERSLEDGE	

RACE 7

2	METALLIC	Opting for fresher colts coming in here over the favorite with 'good' wins.
3	TIZ HE THE ONE	
1	THURMAN MERMAN	

RACE 8 - \$75,000 WHITE OAK FARM

5	LIME HOUSE LOUIE	Back on LRL grass, what does sophomore do vs. 2 proven 10 year olds?
7	TWO NOTCH ROAD	
4	WHAT A WILDCAT	

RACE 9 - \$75,000 TYSON GILPIN

7	RAPID RHYTHM	Never robbed of effort with Rapid Rhythm, despite odds, now back in favor.
2	DO WHAT I SAY	
11	NORTHERN ECLIPSE	

RACE 10 - \$75,000 MISTER DIZ

7	JROCK	Should turf stay firm, a quick early step may be the difference.
9	PHLASH PHELPS	
10	BEN'S CAT	

RACE 11

4	HOLIDAY HOPES	"Hopes" most tested among VA-bred maidens that drew 5 couples.
2	ON THE WINGS OF	
6	TRUSTIFARIAN	

DEFENDING TURF

Rose Brier, Queen Caroline, Lovable Lady, Two Notch Road, Rapid Rhythm, Ben's Cat; all veterans returning to defend or otherwise retake their stakes claims in today's "Class on the Grass" at Laurel Park. They all have their nemises to contend with.

In the Edward P. Evans, Rose Brier, the winner of the last two Bert Allens gets a rematch with Red Bank (G2) running mate Special Envoy who finished second in those Bert Allens.

Queen Caroline, the winner of the inaugural Nellie Cox, has another 4-year old filly as an adversary in the second edition. Armoire off a win at Pimlico gets her first stakes start. Complete St. a winner of several VA-bred stakes also looms.

It's all Love in the Jameela Stakes, a 1-2 rematch between Everything Lovely and Lovable Lady of last year's running. This time the title holder is the underdog with Lovable Lady at 7-2 and Everything Lovely at 9-5 in the morning line. Also with a solid chance is Devilish Love.

Two Notch Road, who ran in Paddy O'Prado's 2010 Virginia Derby, is a Virginia-bred version of Ben's Cat though with not quite the record. The ten-year old will see Available in the White Oak again that Two Notch Road won last year.

The first running of the Tyson Gilpin sees 4-5 favorite Rapid Rhythm coming off his 88-1 start in the Intercontinental at Belmont. She's well favored in the 11-horse field.

Ben's Cat's run in the Mister Diz will have highly scrutinized for possible future racing starts of the 11-year old. Having to do without a win for over a year is an outright drought for Ben's Cat who is 32 of 62 lifetime and 8 of 15 at Laurel with winner's circle visits.