

## IN FOCUS

# MARYLAND PRIDE DAY STAKES

### RACE 6 – FIND STAKES

RACE PARTICULARS: Race 6 (post time 3:40 p.m.), \$75,000 purse, 1 1/8 miles (turf), Maryland-bred/-sired three-year-olds and up

#### THE FIELD

1. **How's Your Sugar (20-1)** -- Owns three wins on the turf but was fifth last out in a first-level allowance and would need a career-best effort to contend here...
2. **English Minister (7-2)** -- Ran a big one to just miss last out in the six-furlong Mister Diz and has been working well since. But he's tough to endorse on top with just three wins in 35 tries...
3. **Just Howard (12-1)** -- Big run last out to win the Caveat, this Graham Motion trainee makes first stakes tries versus his elders. He'll need to take a step forward here.
4. **Phlash Phelps (9-5)** -- Rallied from well back while wide on the course to win the Mister Diz last out, his fourth stakes win at distances ranging from six furlongs to 1 1/8 miles, including a score in the '15 edition of this event. There's every reason to think he can run well here.
5. **Dothat Dance (15-1)** -- First stakes starter for young trainer Noah Abramson is still eligible for a first-level allowance after 19 starts, which makes this a heavy lift. Sheldon Russell will ride.
6. **Talk Show Man (3-1)** -- Seven-year-old scored last out in a salty allowance, his first win since '15 Henry S. Clark (after an 18-month layout) and is in great form right now. Interesting to see six-furlong work on August 12.
7. **No Bull Addiction (30-1)** -- Sherene Bracho trainee is working on a 12-race losing streak and last out was third in a state-bred allowance locally, finishing nearly three behind *How's Your Sugar*.
8. **Daniel Le Deux (20-1)** -- Regular rider Victor Carrasco jumps from this Ann Merryman trainee to ride *Phlash Phelps* in here, not the best sign. Louis Quatorze gelding has been stuck at the second allowance level for last five tries and enters this off just eight days since last effort, a race in which he didn't show much.
9. **Ghost Bay (15-1)** -- Solid sort owns a stake win ('14 Maryland Juvenile Futurity), as well as two wins on the turf, and took a second allowance two back against a somewhat mediocre group. Will need a big one..
10. **Tizzarunner (8-1)** -- Mike Maker trainee hasn't raced since a 10th-place finish in the G3 Commonwealth Turf in November at Churchill Downs in a race in which he raced up close before tiring late. Two back he bested an allowance field at Keeneland, a race which produced two next out winners, including Ballagh Rocks, a subsequent G3 winner. Maker is 18 percent off similar layoffs and will leg up Feargal Lynch.

#### THE PICKS

1. **#4 Phlash Phelps**
2. **#3 Just Howard**
3. **#6 Talk Show Man**
4. **#10 Tizzarunner**

## RACE 7 – MISS DISCO S.

**MD-bred/sired 3yo fillies, 6 furlongs**

**\$75,000 purse, post time 4:10 P.M.**

### THE PICKS

1. **#7 Crabcakes (5-2)** – Sentimental favorite hasn't been worse than second outside of G3 foray. Last out better than it looks versus plus group.
2. **#3 Hailey's Flip (8-1)** -- Gary Capuano trainee took a second allowance August 7 at Delaware decisively and has never been worse than third in three tries at the trip.
3. **#6 Ascertain (7-2)** -- Trainer Bill Mott doesn't generally ship to LRL without designs on getting the money, and this one ran well in defeat last out after fending off multiple challenges.
4. **#9 Faze the Nation (6-1)** – Benefited from good trip in last; capable, but others entice more
5. **The rest of the field includes #1 Troublesome (15-1)**, who is lightly raced... **#2 Misty On Pointe (9-2)**, who tries dirt for the first time in her four-race career... **#4 Lucky in Malibu (6-1)**, who enters off a win but will need a faster pace than she's likely to see.. **#5 Saint Main Event (20-1)**, a Parx shipper who looks to be in deep... **#8 Le Weekend (12-1)**, whose best chance might be to gun for the lead and take 'em as far as she can...

## RACE 8 – ALL BRANDY S.

**MD-bred fillies and mares 3yo and up,  
1 1/8 miles turf**

**\$75,000 purse, post time 4:40 p.m.**

### THE PICKS

1. **#5 Devilish Love (5-1)** – Useful return to the races when fourth in the Jameela, and added ground the key to turning tables on the favorite. This one has a win and a second in two tries at the trip.
2. **#3 Bawlmer Hon (15-1)** – Stakes-placed runner on the main track ran credibly in first turf try against rugged group when she

seemed to struggle to find footing at first; thinking improved effort likely here.

3. **#7 Daylight Ahead (3-1)** – Speedster won the Jameela on the front end and is good right now – but she's never been beyond six furlongs. Look for her to try to steal it on the lead.
4. **#1 Northern Smile (9-2)** – Has kept generally better company than her rivals of late and can compete here if she gets back to better efforts.
5. **The rest of the field includes #2 Good Roll (15-1)**, who will need a serious step forward... **#4 Nickyrocksforpops (10-1)**, whose best turf effort was a win versus \$16,000 claimers... **#6 De Marquee (4-1)**, who certainly has talent but hasn't raced in over a year and has never faced stakes rivals... **#8 Shirleys Curls (15-1)**, who made a stout late run last out despite a modest pace and nearly got the money but must step it up here... **#9 Look Who's Talking (30-1)** who won the '15 Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship on the main track but hasn't developed much since... **#10 Complete St. (6-1)**, who has the class to compete here but will need a form reversal to earn her first win since 2015...

### Playing the Pick 3

- 50-cent wager starting with Race 6

*Ticket (cost: \$18.00)*

RACE 6 – 3, 4, 6, 10

RACE 7 – 3, 6, 7

RACE 8 – 3, 5, 7