

IN FOCUS:

MARYLAND JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIP DAY

RACE 4: MARYLAND JUVENILE FUTURITY

- **RACE PARTICULARS: Race 4 (2:00 pm EST), \$100,000 purse for MD-bred/MD-sired 2yo, 7 furlongs**
1. **#4 – Cordmaker (6-1):** Handsome son of Curlin adds blinkers after a neck loss when in first time versus winners; appeared a bit green in that one, his third start, so blinkers may make the difference as trainer R. Jenkins (28% with this move) saw his runner put in two bullets with the equipment change
 2. **#6 – Clever Mind (7-5):** Impressive debut win after tardy start in the MD Million Nursery earning 89 BRIS# which is tops in this group for trainer G. Motion; this son of Buffum made up nearly 9 lengths from the half-mile marker to the stretch in debut; gets Lasix here; like the 5f and 6f works
 3. **#5 – Jamaican Don (5-2):** Only runner in six-horse field with two wins; has been in the Exacta and post time favorite in all four starts; will try to carry his speed an additional furlong in rematch with #6 - Clever Mind who caught him two back in the MD Million Nursery; could steal if not challenged early
 4. **#2 – Still Having Fun (7-2):** A debut winner by Old Fashioned out of a Dehere mare for trainer T. Keefe whose runners typically don't fire at first asking but the \$40kMCL (MD-bred Waiver) field he dusted may have been weak one; regardless a strong effort covering the final 1/8 in 12 flat; shows a 5f bullet in lone work since

RACE 6: WILLA ON THE MOVE S.

- **RACE PARTICULARS: Race 6 (3:00 pm EST), \$100,000 purse for fillies and mares three-year-olds and upward, 6 furlongs**
1. **#7 – Ivy Bell (3-1):** CD shipper has been in great form for well over a year now and no worse than second during that timeframe except when she clipped heels and lost jock two back when 3-5 favorite; runner-up in the G3 Chicago Hcp in June, this filly makes longest road trip of her fourteen-race career and regular rider B. Hernandez, Jr. gives up a Saturday of mounts at FG for this miss
 2. **#9 – Ms Locust Point (5-1):** This three-year-old Dialed In filly had the look of a future star until something went amiss late in the G2 Forward Gal at GP in Feb.; made a successful return to the races last month, winning a N2x contest at her home track Prx; trainer John Servis is just 17% with runners "2nd off layoff" but this filly might be the best he's had coming into that scenario; look for her to try a gate-to-wire score as there are no other "need the lead" types in here
 3. **#5 – Absatootly (7-2):** NY-bred returns to MD seeking to go 4-for-4 at Lrl; fits nicely in these minor stakes events, won a restricted stakes in her last effort earning a career best 100 BRIS# but has never won back-to-back at this level
 4. **#4 – Shimmering Aspen (4-1):** Through this summer was one of if not the best three-year-old filly in the Mid-Atlantic but a bad showing in the G3 CT Oaks

followed by a distant third in the Safely Kept suddenly makes her vulnerable and likely not the Post Time favorite as she's been in eight of nine; sharp 46 3/5 work last weekend indicates we'll see her more forwardly placed

adding Lasix and blinkers; new trainer P. Schoenthal (26% 1st after claim) looks to hit a home run here

RACE 7: MARYLAND JUVENILE FILLY CH.

➤ **RACE PARTICULARS: Race 7 (3:30pm EST), \$100,000 purse for MD-bred/MD-sired 2yo fillies, 7 furlongs**

1. **#10 – Frechette (4-1):** *Fresh off her gate-to-wire maiden score in second start after just missing by a head in debut, whether it was addition of Lasix, muddy track or education, this El Padrino filly loses her jock (E. Prado) to #6 Limited View but the replacement isn't chopped liver (F. Lynch) who has won with 22% of G. Motion runners*
2. **#6 – Limited View (7-2):** *"Poor break" in MD Million Lassie could be the understatement of the year as she spotted her rivals over a dozen lengths yet moved past all 10 like they were standing still; as visually impressive as it was, the speed fig was sub-par; 3 wins on resume, all at Lrl, is tops in this contest; she's her own worst enemy, a huge head-case that can meltdown keeps trainer J. Salzman, Jr. up at night*
3. **#2 – Vente to Go (6-1):** *A pair of bridesmaid finishes after winning racing debut when 17-1 for new on the scene owner/trainer C. Nambo; much the second best in latest going one mile, losing lead to winner who came back to run third in the G2 Demoiselle at Aqu*
4. **#1 – Drops and Buckets (15-1):** *Sagamore Farm home-bred claimed away out of 9+ length romp for \$25k following similar maiden win the race prior after two ugly tries on turf; coincidentally or not, wins came after*

RACE 7: HOWARD M. BENDER MEML. STAKES

RACE PARTICULARS: Race 8 (4:00 pm EST), \$75,000 purse for MD-sired/MD-bred three-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs

1. **#7 – It's the Journey (5-2):** *He's one race removed from earning his career best BRIS# (100) that came in his fourth consecutive victory, a streak broken when drubbed at Kee in the G2 Phoenix against G1 talent; returns home capable of starting a new streak*
2. **#10 – Rockinn On Bye (6-1):** *Winless in his last 23 outings due to one of the worst cases of "Second-itis" seen in quite some time (19 times in 51 starts); should get a perfect set-up as this field has a plethora of early speed; has hit the board in 12 consecutive races with T. Hole in the irons; runner-up to top pick in last meeting*
3. **#4 – Talk Show Man (12-1):** *Don't let the route races on turf fool you or the 0 for 1 at 6f; this 7-year-old has won on dirt and his full brother (Just Jack) won this event last year; trainer "Ham" Smith has been training him up to this contest with a nice work pattern; his late-running style fits well with the anticipated fast, early pace*
4. **#2 – Lewisfield (9-2):** *Late-blooming Great Notion three-year-old puts his three-race win streak on the line; keeps getting better with every start and no reason to think he cannot take another step forward; distant runner-up to him in latest came back to destroy N1x rivals*