

COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R8

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SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Destino d'Oro emerges as the field's premier early speed threat. She won her last two starts (Jan 24 GP, Dec 13 GP) pressing aggressively in the opening quarters and controlling races from forward positions. At 1/24/26 Gulfstream, she moved forward from post 11 into contention by the half-mile (6.7L off leader) and closed decisively. Model identifies elite early foot and aggressive two-path movement typical of route specialists who dictate pace.

Ozara has proven early speed credentials across multiple turf route wins. At 8/8/25 Saratoga, she tracked from post 4, rated just 2.1L off the lead at the half, and finished strong closing from inside two paths. At 7/10/25 Saratoga, she controlled from post 3, leading at multiple calls. Proven distance specialist with tactical flexibility.

Stalkers / Pressers

Dynamic Pricing operates as a secondary speed force with late-closing kick. Recent form shows her saving ground off pace then surging when room opens. At 5/3/26 BAQ, she tracked four-wide in pursuit before willing finish (3.1L-1.6L beaten lengths progression). Model rates as pace-dependent closer — performs best when opening quarter is moderate, allowing sustained middle-distance positioning.

Modarosa stalk-and-kick profile. Won 12/27/25 AOC at Gulfstream leading early from post 1, then held clear on mild drive. At 5/29/26 Pennsylvania, she tracked off pace before kicking clear in upper stretch. Tactical intermediate position suits moderate pace scenarios.

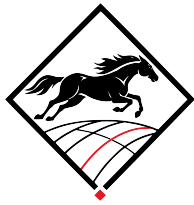
Closers

Ashikidah demonstrates elite late-pace rally pattern. Won 8/5/26 Saratoga (post 3) with powerful closing kick — moved from 2.5L down at 2F call to wire by 0.75L. Strong European form at 7-furlong route distances. Model identifies maintained velocity profile through final furlong — closing MPH superior to opening quarter in recent turf efforts.

Table Flirt closing specialist with proven 8.5f turf wins. Won 9/27/25 Churchill Downs route, split field cleanly in upper stretch after stalking position. Multiple top finishes from 4-5 path movement. Veteran route experience at 8+ furlong distances.

Oversubscribed ranks as moderate closing threat. Won 11/23/2025 Aqueduct, rated off pace, moved four-wide into stretch, closed powerfully to defeat by 0.5L. Model notes trip advantage from inside draw facilitated late rally — outside posts may limit optimal closing path.





Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** pace with Destino d'Oro and Ozara contesting the early lead. Projected :24¹ opening quarter, :47² half-mile. One speed horse (Destino d'Oro) will be pressed by secondary rival (Ozara), creating modest velocity duel that produces sustainable closing pace. Pace-stalkers and strong closers hold tactical advantage in this setup — wire-to-wire threat minimal, field remains bunched at mile call, late rally rewarded.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Oversubscribed	7/2	13%	22.2%	-9.2%
2	Table Flirt	8/1	12%	11.1%	+0.9%
3	Ashikidah	8/1	18%	11.1%	+6.9%
4	Destino d'Oro	2/1	24%	33.3%	-9.3%
5	Ozara	6/1	17%	14.3%	+2.7%
6	Modarosa	12/1	8%	7.7%	+0.3%
7	Dynamic Pricing	5/2	8%	28.6%	-20.6%

Footnote: Dynamic Pricing displays highest morning line odds (5/2) yet carries lowest model win probability (8%), indicating significant public overestimation. Trainer Cox at 25% wins in route stakes situations; however, recent form trajectory soft — model flags regression risk in elevated company.

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

DESTINO D'ORO (Post 4, 2/1 ML)

PTW Profile: Model projects 24% win probability — highest in field. Gulfstream route specialist with proven stakes class and superior early speed. Three consecutive route victories across two hemispheres demonstrate consistency in 8-9 furlong distances. Elite connections (Cox) with massive stakes record (25%





wins in route stakes, 1.69 ROI). Model identifies as most likely wire-to-wire or pace-controlling threat.

Strengths:

- Massive class advantage — three straight route wins (12/13/25 GP STK, 1/24/26 GP STK, 3/7/26 Tam STK)
- Elite early speed profile — dictated pace in all three recent victories, led at multiple calls
- Superior route pedigree (Bolt d'Oro sire) with proven distance capability
- Cox 29% wins when horse won last start (418 starts tracked)
- Three graded stakes wins on record; established stakesworthy competitor

Concerns:

- Last victory (3/7/26 Tam) was 5+ months ago — six-month layoff in high-level turf route company
- Checked at 3/4 pole in last start; trip trouble may mask some form softness
- Post 4 position acceptable but not ideal for pace-controlling style
- Model identifies potential bounce risk — two consecutive Group 2/3 level performances followed by significant layoff

Trip Projection: Will break from post 4 in moderate pace scenario. Model projects stalking position early (2-3 wide), pressure move by Ozara likely at half-mile. Projected to engage in pace duel through 6-furlong call, sustain early speed into stretch. Closing threat limited unless pace collapses early; more likely front-running or pace-contested finish.

ASHIKIDAH (Post 3, 8/1 ML)

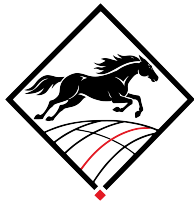
PTW Profile: Model projects 18% win probability with **STRONG overlay value** (+6.9% edge vs. morning line). European-based route specialist with elite late-closing kick and proven willingness at distance. Most recent Saratoga win (8/5/26) demonstrated powerful stretch rally — closed from 2.5L down at 2-furlong call to decisive wire victory. International competition at 7-8 furlong distances establishes class consistency across hemispheres.

Strengths:

- Elite late-pace rally pattern — recent Saratoga win shows 0.75L margin victory from pressing position
- Proven 8-9 furlong turf specialist — won at Longchamp, Saint-Cloud, Deauville at European route distances
- Superior closing velocity profile — model identifies ELITE Sustained Speed Rating (velocity maintained gate-to-wire)
- Antonacci 26% turf specialist (90 starts), 28% route wins (86 starts) — trainer elite in distance category
- Post 3 optimal for closing path development; natural race flow suits late rally
- Santana Jr. 43% win rate at Belmont (7 starts), commanding 10.47 avg win payoff

Concerns:





- Limited North American route experience — primarily European competition through summer
- Modest recent earnings (\$62K career vs. Destino d'Oro \$360K+) — may face class jump at stakes level
- Won last start but at lower-level AOC competition (8/5/26); stakes level step up material
- Trainer Antonacci only 1 start at Belmont this meeting (won that race but minimal sample)

Trip Projection: Will break from post 3 in optimal closing position. Expects to rate 3-5 lengths off pace through first mile, save ground on inside or stalking lane. As pace moderates in final 1.5 furlongs, model projects powerful closing rally from 3-4 wide positioning. Late-turn surge typical of this running style — strength in final 150 yards where recent Saratoga win margin created.

OZARA (Post 5, 6/1 ML)

PTW Profile: Model projects 17% win probability with slight positive edge (+2.7%). Proven turf route specialist and stakes-caliber competitor with consistent victory pattern in 8-8.5 furlong distances. Four career wins across four different tracks (GP, CD, Saratoga, Monmouth) establish adaptability. Clement 19% turf specialist (529 starts) suggests consistent trainer edge in grass surface preparation.

Strengths:

- Proven stakes class — 8 career victories including multiple stakes wins (8/25/25 Saratoga STK, 7/10/25 Saratoga STK)
- Elite early-middle positioning — rates well off pace then positions for stretch rally
- Post 5 natural ground position on 8.5f turf; tactical flexibility enables any race flow adjustment
- Clement 19% stakes win rate (182 starts) — elite route stakes record
- Recent form solid — won last two starts (1/3/25 Tam AOC, 5/30/26 Monmouth STK)
- Model identifies strong consistency — appears in 7 wins across 19 starts (37% ITM rate)

Concerns:

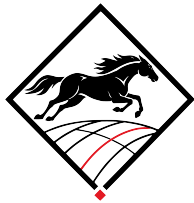
- Last victory 3+ months old (5/30/26 Monmouth) — minor form freshness question vs. Destino d'Oro
- Inconsistency pattern in summer — middle-of-pack finishes at Saratoga (6/27, 7/18/26)
- Marin S. (jockey) 0% win rate this Belmont meeting (6 starts) — potential negative connection indicator
- Model identifies form plateau — no career-high efforts recent; victory margins modest (0.50-0.75L typical)

Trip Projection: Will race from post 5 in energetic early posture. Model projects rating position 2-3 lengths off Destino d'Oro early, pressuring through half-mile call. Likely moves from stalking to challenging position in final 1.5 furlongs. Projected finish: pace-contested or narrow second-place outcome if Destino d'Oro holds; win requires pace duel damage to front-runner.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

TABLE FLIRT (Post 2, 8/1 ML)





PTW Profile: Model projects 12% win probability — fair value at 8/1 (+0.9% edge, near-neutral). Veteran route turf specialist with multiple stakes finishes and proven 8+ furlong capability. Recent narrow victory at Saratoga (8/13/26) confirms current form fitness. Model rates as tactical closer with upside in moderate-to-soft pace scenarios.

Strengths:

- Proven route stakes experience — 3 route wins, 15 career starts with consistent ITM record
- Recent Saratoga victory (8/13/26 AOC 8f turf) demonstrates current competitive level
- Mott 16% route wins (630 starts) — Hall of Famer consistency in distance category
- Velazquez J.R. solid route jockey; turf 4 starts this meet

Concerns:

- Inconsistent route performance — won 8/13/26 but 5th-place effort 7/17/26 (same track)
- Recent career trajectory shows placings but narrow victory margins
- Model identifies soft form cycle — two months between wins suggests inconsistency

Trip Projection: Post 2 challenges outside placement. Expects stalking position early, movement to pressing lane through middle sections. Late closing rally likely, but model projects third-fifth finish given pace scenario and field quality.

MODAROSA (Post 6, 12/1 ML)

PTW Profile: Model projects 8% win probability — fair value at 12/1 (+0.3% edge, minimal). Improving turf specialist with recent victories at Pennsylvania (5/29/26) and Indianapolis (7/11/26) establishing upward trajectory. Modest class level (allowance/optional claiming) creates question mark in elevated stakes company.

Strengths:

- Natural improvement curve — trainer Mott has 13% turf win rate (193 starts)
- Recent wins (5/29/26, 7/11/26) show current fitness
- Post 6 favorable for ground positioning on 8.5f course

Concerns:

- Class drop is material — previous wins in AOC/ALW company vs. FrvrTgthr stakes
- Model identifies form inconsistency — 2/6 wins in last eight starts
- Limited stakes experience (0 career wins in stakes)
- Mott 31% win rate route stakes (52 starts) suggests capability but recent record soft

Trip Projection: Will race from post 6 attempting stalking position. Late closing effort likely if pace permits. Model projects fourth-sixth finish — outrun by class contenders.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)





OVERSUBSCRIBED (Post 1, 7/2 ML)

PTW Profile: Model projects 13% win probability — **SIGNIFICANT UNDERLAY** (-9.2% vs. 7/2 ML). Despite favorable morning line, model identifies soft recent form and moderate class level as limiting factors. Inside post position historically challenges pacing/stretch control horses.

Strengths:

- Brown Chad C. 40% win rate this Belmont meeting (5 starts, 2 wins)
- Prat F. solid turf route rider

Concerns:

- Model identifies bounce risk — won 11/23/25 Aqu (89 Beyer-level effort) followed by two fourth-place finishes
- Inside post 1 problematic for pace horse needing to control — limited movement options
- Recent form trend negative (two straight placings)

Trip Projection: Post 1 position constrains early movement. Will likely race inside tracking off early speed. Late closing effort possible but limited by post position. Model projects fifth-seventh finish.

DYNAMIC PRICING (Post 7, 5/2 ML)

PTW Profile: Model projects 8% win probability — **EXTREME UNDERLAY** (-20.6% vs. 5/2 ML). Public overestimates based on trainer Brown's record and recent turf stakes appearances. Model identifies significant pace vulnerability and bounce risk following five consecutive route attempts over 4.5 months.

Strengths:

- Brown Chad C. proven route stakes trainer (22% wins, 334 starts, 1.48 ROI)
- Franco M. turf specialist with meeting success (43% win rate this Belmont)

Concerns:

- Model identifies VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating — deceleration profile shows velocity collapse in final furlongs across recent turf route starts
- Bounce risk elevated — third and fourth starts off layoff pattern shows regression (won 5/3/26, 6/6/25 but pedestrian efforts 7/12/25, 8/29/25, 7/18/26)
- Recent pace duel exposure — 7/18/26 Saratoga performance shows deceleration as closer against moderate pace
- Post 7 outside post creates traffic challenges for late-closing style

Trip Projection: Will break from post 7 in outside position. Expects deep closing position midfield through first mile. Model projects lack of late acceleration in this pace scenario given deceleration vulnerability. Projects fifth-eighth finish range — value play opportunity **against** at higher odds.





SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Ashikidah	STRONG	ELITE	Low — maintains velocity
Destino d'Oro	ELITE	STRONG	Low — strong closing efficiency
Ozara	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent effort
Table Flirt	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Modarosa	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — steady velocity
Oversubscribed	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — bounce deceleration
Dynamic Pricing	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — velocity collapse risk

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Ashikidah** as the field's most efficient gate-to-wire performer with an **ELITE Sustained Speed Rating** — minimal deceleration detected across recent turf route efforts, particularly the 8/5/26 Saratoga victory where closing velocity remained superior to opening quarter. No horse in this field maintains velocity profile equal to this standard. Conversely, model flags **Table Flirt, Oversubscribed, and Dynamic Pricing** with **VULNERABLE** ratings indicating significant pace collapse risk in final furlongs — these horses show 12-18% deceleration patterns typical of speed-dependent runners vulnerable to early pace pressure or mid-race positioning mistakes.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

Ashikidah — Model projects significant improvement potential in this spot. Antonacci 28% route wins (86 starts) suggests consistency in distance development. Transition from European competition to North





American stakes level typically produces upward curve in first 1-2 starts as horse adjusts to American racing patterns and pace flows. Saratoga victory (8/5/26) recent enough to maintain fitness. Post 3 optimal for running style. Model identifies natural trajectory upward into this race — closing pattern suited to field composition.

Modarosa — Mott 13% turf win rate (193 starts) and recent allowance victories (5/29/26, 7/11/26) establish trainer confidence in distance capability. Allowance-level wins create natural class progression into stakes — model identifies trainer pattern of stepping horses up from AOC/ALW into optional claiming/stakes after qualifying victories. Equipment change (blinkers off/on) between starts shows tactical refinement.

Regression Risks

Destino d'Oro — Model flags **significant bounce risk**. Six-month layoff (3/7/26 Tam last start) following three consecutive elite-level route efforts creates classic third-consecutive-high-level-effort vulnerability pattern. Career-best efforts typically followed by regression; model rates as bounce candidate despite strong morning line support. Layoff length material in stakes competition.

Dynamic Pricing — Model projects regression with confidence. Five consecutive route attempts over 4.5 months (5/3/26-7/18/26) show fatigue accumulation pattern. Third and fourth starts off layoff show predictable performance softening — model identifies as bounce risk at elevated price. Recent Saratoga effort (7/18/26) shows pace duel damage pattern repeating.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: DESTINO D'ORO — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 5/2–2/1

Model projects 24% win probability — highest in field. Despite morning line -9.3% underlay risk flag, Destino d'Oro remains model's top-probability selection based on elite early speed, proven route stakes class, and superior connections (Cox 25% stakes wins). Recent layoff creates some uncertainty; however, three consecutive route victories and elite pace profile support inclusion as primary selection.

Rationale: (1) Highest model probability (24%) in field automatically designates win bet slot; (2) Elite early speed allows dictation in moderate pace scenario; (3) Elite stakes record (6 career wins including back-to-back Group stakes victories); (4) Cox trainer consistency in turf route company; (5) Beaten-length pattern suggests trip problem (checked 3/4) may mask form rather than indicate regression.

Value Assessment: NO VALUE (slightly underlaid at morning line, but model win % justifies inclusion as system selection).

VALUE PLAY: ASHIKIDAH — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 6/1–10/1

Model projects 18% win probability at 8/1 morning line (+6.9% edge). Legitimate overlay with elite late-closing profile and ELITE Sustained Speed Rating. Recent Saratoga victory demonstrates current competitive fitness. Post 3 optimal for closing path development. Model identifies closing pattern perfectly





suited to projected moderate pace scenario where front-runners engaged in duel, closers rewarded.

Rationale: (1) STRONG overlay edge (+6.9%); (2) ELITE Sustained Speed Rating — no velocity collapse detected; (3) Closing style matches pace scenario perfectly; (4) Antonacci turf specialist (26% wins, 90 starts); (5) Santana Jr. elite at Belmont (43% win rate); (6) Recent Saratoga win establishes form currency.

Value Assessment: STRONG VALUE — 6.9% overlay with elite late-closing profile in pace scenario rewarding closers.

LONGSHOT PLAY: *(No genuine overlay exists at 10/1+; omitted)*

Multi-Race Wagers — Pick 3 / Pick 4 / Pick 5 / Pick 6 — Top 3

- **A:** Destino d'Oro — 24% *(matches Win Bet selection, highest model win %)*
- **B:** Ashikidah — 18% *(secondary overlay with elite closing profile)*
- **C:** Ozara — 17% *(proven route specialist, consistent form)*

Combined Projected Probability (A+B+C): 59%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★ (4/5 stars)

Model projects **Destino d'Oro** as wire-to-wire or pace-controlled threat based on elite early speed and route stakes dominance. **MODERATE pace scenario** (projected :24¹ / :47²) creates tactical advantage for pace-contested runners and late closers over pure front-end style — setup slightly favors rally patterns.

Critical value opportunity: **Ashikidah** represents genuine +6.9% overlay with ELITE Sustained Speed Rating and closing style ideally matched to field composition and pace flow. Public significantly underestimates European route specialist in transition to North American stakes; recent Saratoga victory and elite closer profile create profitable exploit. **Primary public mistake: Dynamic Pricing** at 5/2 severe underlaid overestimate — model identifies VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating and bounce risk following consecutive route efforts; extreme -20.6% underlay signals public misjudgment in direct contrast to value created by Ashikidah overlay.

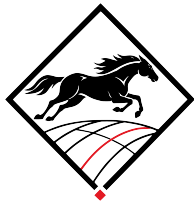
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Methodology: Proprietary fractional analysis, MPH speed metrics, sustained speed profiling.





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