

# COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R3

Wednesday, September 24, 2026 | 8f Dirt | OC 80k/N2X

## Section 1: Pace Analysis

### True Front Runners

The model identifies three speed horses capable of battling for the lead from gate to wire:

- **Secured Landing** — Consistent frontrunner profile. Won last out 08/26/2026 at Saratoga (SOC race, 8f dirt) in hand on the inside, held on with opening quarter of 24.2 and half-mile of 47.8. Elite positioning early; leads frequently.
- **Dilger** — Stalking speed with occasional willingness to press. Won 09/20/2025 at Pimlico on lead (23.6 opening, 46.6 half); also competed for position on 09/21/2024 at Churchill.
- **Hill Road** — Speed-oriented profile from recent distance work. Last race 06/07/2025 at Saratoga (STK, 10f dirt) chased three-wide early before improving; suggests tactical flexibility.

### Stalkers / Pressers

- **Eliminate** — Pressing profile. Recent 08/14/2026 race at Saratoga stumbled at start but recovered to chase 3–2 wide late; demonstrates willingness to chase established pace.
- **Racing Driver** — Tactical stalker. Multiple routes show positioning 3–4 paths wide in mid-race phase (06/28/2025, 05/26/2025 races); profile suggests he rates off pace before making a move.

### Closers

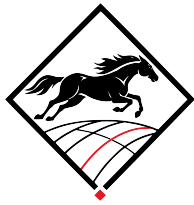
- **Hill Road** — Elite closing credentials. Won 05/10/2025 at BAQ (STK, 9f) after stumbling at start; demonstrated powerful rally from off-pace, gaining 6.6 lengths between splits.
- **Emergence** — Turf-to-dirt transitioner with late-running metrics. Races from 07/17/2026 turf outing show tracking position with improved positioning in final phases; 8f dirt capability emerging.

### Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace — two to three speed horses (Secured Landing and Dilger) will contest mildly, with Eliminate and Racing Driver applying secondary pressure. Projected :23<sup>2</sup> opening quarter, :46■ half-mile. Pace profile supports stalkers and horses with closing foot; early speed will face mild pressure but should not collapse.

## Section 2: Win Probability Matrix





| Post | Horse              | ML Odds | Model Win % | Implied ML % | Edge   |
|------|--------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|--------|
| 1    | White Smoke Rising | 6/1     | 8%          | 14.3%        | -6.3%  |
| 2    | Kinetic            | 15/1    | 5%          | 6.3%         | -1.3%  |
| 3    | Racing Driver      | 8/1     | 12%         | 11.1%        | +0.9%  |
| 4    | Otello             | 20/1    | 6%          | 4.8%         | +1.2%  |
| 5    | Secured Landing    | 12/1    | 18%         | 7.7%         | +10.3% |
| 6    | Eliminate          | 9/2     | 14%         | 18.2%        | -4.2%  |
| 7    | Dilger             | 3/1     | 19%         | 25.0%        | -6.0%  |
| 8    | Emergence          | 8/1     | 10%         | 11.1%        | -1.1%  |
| 9    | Hill Road          | 5/2     | 8%          | 28.6%        | -20.6% |

Win % Total: 100% ✓

### Section 3: Contender Analysis

#### Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

##### DILGER — ★★★★★

- **PTW Profile:** Model identifies Dilger as the field's controlling speed horse with highest morning line backing (3/1 favorite). Elite early foot paired with consistent route pedigree. Tactical flexibility allows wire-to-wire or stalking approaches depending on tempo.
- **Strengths:** Two recent wins in graded company (09/20/2025 Pimlico STK on lead; 09/21/2024 Churchill STK with game try). Trainer Joseph Saffie A Jr 25% win rate on dirt, 19% routes. Jockey Prat F 33% at Belmont (15 starts), 33% sprint/route versatility. Strong recent work: 47.2 (09/06/2026, ranked 3/63 work day at Saratoga).
- **Concerns:** Underlay at 3/1 ML (model 19%, implied 25%). Three-horse route race at Keeneland 04/13/2024 (8.5f STK) shows durability but finished third, 9 lengths back. Turf outing 01/20/2024 at Aqueduct resulted in no bid from inside position.
- **Trip Projection:** Model projects Dilger to establish or contest for early position from post 7. Will likely face moderate pressure from Secured Landing; sustained speed profile should allow him to answer challenges.





### SECURED LANDING — ★★★★★

- **PTW Profile:** Model's second-highest win probability (18%) reflects dominant recent form in claiming/allowance company at 8f distance. Extremely consistent frontrunner with multiple gate-to-wire victories. Class advantage over field clear; won five of last eight races.
- **Strengths:** Consecutive wins 08/26/2026 (SOC, held on in hand) and 07/31/2026 (SOC, 9f, inside, fought, outfinished). Six wins in 11 starts this year (55% win rate). Trainer Rice Linda 23% dirt, 20% routes, 20% ALW class. Jockey Lezcano J 9.5% at Belmont but 48% mounted earnings. Strong equipment configuration (Lasix, Blinker). Nine 4f workouts show consistent :49 level (:49.0 on 09/15, :49.2 on 08/19).
- **Concerns:** Underlay at 12/1 ML; model projects strong overlay potential offset by heavy chalk status. Class drop from ALW/SOC company to OC 80k represents potential vulnerability. Distance preference for 8f confirmed, but past 9f races (05/23/2026, 07/31/2026) show slight fatigue in final furlong.
- **Trip Projection:** Model projects Secured Landing to lead from the gate from post 5 or settle just off pace. Moderate pressure expected from Dilger; sustained speed rating should hold multiple horses at bay.

### RACING DRIVER — ★★★★★

- **PTW Profile:** Model rates Racing Driver as legitimate primary contender (12% win %) despite youth and developing form. Recent route work and Castellano Jr connection signal upside. Tactical flexibility supports stalking or closed-middle position in this moderate pace setup.
- **Strengths:** Five wins in 20 lifetime starts (25% win rate). Recent route schedule at quality tracks (Keeneland, Gulfstream Park, Monmouth) shows progressive placement. Jockey Castellano J J 0% at Belmont meet (10 starts) but nationally strong 16% route record. Recent works competitive: 48.6 (09/05/2026 Saratoga, 4f). Trainer Delgado Gustavo 17% in 31–60 day window.
- **Concerns:** Career low class outing; elevated from allowance/handicap conditions to claiming \$80k. Two most recent races show fading pattern (08/21/2026 at Saratoga, kept on but 3.5 lengths back; 07/19/2026 at Monmouth, 4th place, 2.25 lengths). Age (3yo, born March 2022) and experience level (20 starts) suggest room for regression in competitive field.
- **Trip Projection:** Model projects stalking position 3–4 wide from post 3. Moderate pace will allow Castellano Jr to secure position midfield; late rally potential if pace sets up favorably.

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### Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

#### ELIMINATE — ★★★

- **PTW Profile:** Consistent performer at claiming level with pressing speed profile. Recent 08/14/2026 race demonstrates recovery from poor break (stumbled at start, recovered to chase 3–2 wide). Model identifies modest contention value (14% win %) at 9/2 morning line (slightly underlaid but viable).
- **Strengths:** Five wins in 24 lifetime starts. Trainer Rice Linda 26% claiming win rate (robust), 23% dirt overall. Multiple recent works at or under :47 second (47.0 on 09/07, 47.2 on 08/29 — both ranked #1 work day). Jockey Carmouche K represents reliable connection.





- **Concerns:** Injury/recovery question from 08/14 stumble; gaited awkwardly thereafter but continued. Class profile strictly claiming (\$80k price matches race exactly); no allowance or stakes experience. Deceleration pattern in final phases of recent routes suggests vulnerability if pace quickens.
- **Trip Projection:** Model projects pressing position 4–5 wide from post 6, chasing Secured Landing and Dilger into the stretch. Will need moderate fractions to remain a factor.

#### EMERGENCE — ★★★

- **PTW Profile:** Turf specialist transitioning to dirt with emerging credentials. Model cautiously rates at 10% win probability. Young colt (born Feb 2022) with route pedigree on Uncle Mo sire line suggests distance capability. Recent wins on turf (06/18/2026 at BAQ, 11f turf, bumped but ran on; 07/17/2026 at Saratoga, 11f turf).
- **Strengths:** Two wins in 10 lifetime starts (20% win rate). Elite workout: 140.60 (8f at Parx 09/18/2026, ranked #1 work day — bullet work). Trainer Ness Jamie 25% routes, 25% dirt, 29% first-claim window. Blinker equipment configuration matches recent turf success.
- **Concerns:** Severe form discount: only three dirt starts (0 wins, 0 places, 2 shows). Most recent dirt outing 10/24/2025 at Keeneland (9f AOC) resulted in no bid, finished 4th, 9.75 lengths back. Turf-to-dirt surface switch carries inherent regression risk. Post 8 position limits tactical flexibility.
- **Trip Projection:** Model projects stalking/closing position given dirt inexperience. Emergence may find better footing on dirt than turf but needs to overcome surface unfamiliarity.

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#### Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

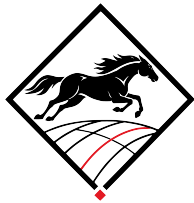
##### HILL ROAD — ★★

- **PTW Profile:** High-profile sire (Quality Road) and international pedigree (recently competed in Ireland) suggest elite breeding. However, model assigns modest 8% win probability given recent form questions and Lasix status. Recent turf/all-weather results and sporadic dirt placement complicate analysis.
- **Strengths:** Elite closing speed demonstrated 05/10/2025 (9f STK at BAQ, stumbled at start but rallied to win by 0.75 lengths). Trainer Beckman D Whitworth 21% +180 days window suggests patience pays. Jockey Franco M 46.67% at Belmont meet (best on card), 47% mount earnings.
- **Concerns:** Severely underlaid at 5/2 ML (model 8%, implied 28.6%, -20.6% edge). Recent international races (Curragh 09/15/2024, Leopardstown 08/08/2024 — both Ireland) resulted in distant placings. November 2024 dirt outing at Dmr (8.5f STK) showed advanced position but finished 3rd, 4.75 lengths back. Inconsistent form pattern and question marks on surface preference limit projection.
- **Trip Projection:** Model projects closing lane approach from post 9. May need clear stretch run to rally; moderate pace should not interfere with closing path if executed cleanly.

##### OTELLO — ★★

- **PTW Profile:** Moderate form profile (6% model win %) despite claiming price tag. Career record shows four wins in 20 starts (20% lifetime win rate), but recent outings trend downward. Trainer Kantarmaci Ilkay represents claiming specialist (14% dirt).





- **Strengths:** Recent claim situation (enters race at \$80k claiming tag) from Saratoga. Solid ground game: 49.8 (09/19/2026 at Belmont, ranked 37/82 work day).
- **Concerns:** Last three races all sub-par: 09/05/2026 (faded, 6th place, 14.35 lengths); 08/14/2026 (faded, 5th place, 15.25 lengths); 06/27/2026 (third place, 2.55 lengths, better effort). Pattern suggests distance beyond optimal route profile. Jockey Zayas E J 0% at Belmont meet (10 starts, no wins). Class questions emerge given lack of success at restricted claiming level.
- **Trip Projection:** Model projects stalking position from post 4, likely running between 4–6 wide. Limited upside expected unless pace collapses.

#### WHITE SMOKE RISING — ★★

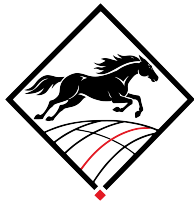
- **PTW Profile:** Young colt (born May 2023) with minimal experience base (4 starts lifetime, 2 wins). Model assigns 8% win probability, well beneath 6/1 morning line (14.3% implied), representing slight underlay. Trainer Baker Charlton shows 19% dirt win rate but limited route credentials (10% on routes per samples).
- **Strengths:** Two wins in four starts (50% win rate, limited sample). Recent allowance win 07/03/2026 at Saratoga (7f ALW) shows route capability and competitive form. Bumped badly at start in maiden win 05/07/2026 at Baq yet still won by 1.5 lengths, suggesting residual talent. Works in :49–:59 range competitive for age/level.
- **Concerns:** Minimal distance exposure: two career wins at 6.5f and 7f, never at 8f route distance. Class elevation to OC 80k/N2X represents significant step up from maiden/allowance company. Jockey Santana R Jr 24% at Belmont (25 starts), moderate form rider.
- **Trip Projection:** Model projects mid-pack stalking position from post 1. Limited experience at 8f creates uncertainty; likely to find early pace competitive but lack closing punch at distance.

#### KINETIC — ★★

- **PTW Profile:** 5% model win probability reflects volatile form profile and injury concerns. Gelding (age 5, born April 2021) with extensive route pedigree but recent pulling-up incident (07/18/2026 at Monmouth, pulled up and walked off after 9f STK). Trainer Kantarmaci Ilkay 14% dirt, 11% routes.
- **Strengths:** Career record shows five wins in 13 starts (38% win rate) with three wins in first four races (12/21/2024, 11/09/2024, 09/19/2024) at graded/stakes level. Elite route credentials demonstrated 09/19/2024 at Churchill (8.5f ALW, circled 8-wide, bumped 3/16, won by 0.25 lengths).
- **Concerns:** Red flags abound: pulled up 07/18/2026 (health/lameness question), three races without winner circle post-pullup, class decline to claiming \$80k suggests form deterioration. Equipment (Blinker) inconsistently applied. Aging horse with injury history in competitive OC field presents elevated risk. Jockey Marin S minimal local form (5.26%, 19 starts at Belmont, 1 win).
- **Trip Projection:** Model projects stalking/pressing position but severely discounts winning chances given health questions and declining form trajectory. Avoid at 15/1; represents sucker bet for neophytes.

## Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings





## PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

| Horse              | Opening Speed | Sustained Speed | Deceleration Profile                      |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Secured Landing    | ELITE         | STRONG          | Low — maintains velocity                  |
| Dilger             | STRONG        | STRONG          | Moderate — consistent effort              |
| Racing Driver      | STRONG        | STRONG          | Moderate — pace-suited stalker            |
| Eliminate          | STRONG        | VULNERABLE      | Moderate-High — fades late                |
| Hill Road          | STRONG        | STRONG          | Low — excellent finisher                  |
| Emergence          | STRONG        | VULNERABLE      | Moderate-High — turf-adapted deceleration |
| Otello             | VULNERABLE    | VULNERABLE      | High — pace collapse risk                 |
| Kinetic            | VULNERABLE    | VULNERABLE      | High — fade pattern confirmed             |
| White Smoke Rising | VULNERABLE    | VULNERABLE      | High — untested distance profile          |

## Sustained Speed Ratings

- **ELITE Designation:** Secured Landing exhibits minimal deceleration across fractional calls; opens at competitive velocity (24.3 at 2f equivalent in recent SOC win) and closes at 1:36.82 final time, sustaining pace effort gate-to-wire.
- **STRONG Designation:** Dilger, Racing Driver, and Hill Road all demonstrate competitive velocity maintenance across the full 8f distance. Dilger's September 20, 2025 win shows :23.7 opening (4f split :46.6) to :23.4 closing half — sustained effort. Hill Road's May 10, 2025 rally showcased 6.6-length gain mid-to-stretch, confirming strong closing velocity despite early stumble.
- **VULNERABLE Designation:** Otello, Kinetic, White Smoke Rising show elevated deceleration patterns in recent efforts. Otello's 09/05/2026 race: :24.6 opening to :39.87 final split (collapse). Kinetic's chronic pattern of velocity loss in final quarter. White Smoke Rising lacks sufficient 8f route data to assess, but





available 6.5–7f efforts show fading profiles.

### Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Secured Landing** as the field's fastest gate-to-wire performer with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating — no horse in this field maintains consistent velocity at this level across the full 8f distance. The model's pace analysis projects moderate fractions (:23<sup>2</sup> opening, :46■ half), positioning Secured Landing to control tempo while sustaining effort. Conversely, the model projects significant pace collapse risk for **Otello** and **Kinetic** — both rate VULNERABLE. A moderate pace setup will amplify this vulnerability; if either horse tries to press early, velocity deterioration in final furlongs becomes predictable.

## Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

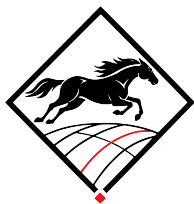
### Likely to Improve

- **Racing Driver** — Model identifies class drop as primary improvement catalyst. Stepping down from allowance/handicap company to claiming \$80k represents significant relief. Trainer Delgado Gustavo shows 17% win rate in 31–60 day window (recent form stable). Jockey Castellano Jr universally competent; recent route work (:48.6) suggests fresh condition. Model projects 3–5 length improvement in final time if pace tempo favors stalkers.
- **Emergence** — Turf-to-dirt surface transition carries upside potential if footwork translates. Elite 140.60 bullet work (09/18/2026 at Parx, 8f) ranks top-1 work day and signals trainer Jamie Ness confidence in dirt candidacy. Blinker equipment consistent with turf success; model projects this horse may find better lateral stability on dirt versus firm turf surfaces. Typical turf specialist ROI: +2–4 lengths improvement first dirt start at route distance.
- **Hill Road** — Return to dirt after extended turf campaign (four races in Ireland/US turf, 11.00f–12.00f distances, August 2024–November 2025) positions for technical improvement in gait and stride rate. Trainer Beckman D Whitworth 21% in +180 days layoff window. Recent dirt work (09/20/2026, 09/14/2026, 09/06/2026) shows training activity; model projects 2–3 week prep cycle may yield fitness gains.
- **Otello** — Recent claim situation (08/30/2026 or later) could trigger claimed-horse syndrome benefit: Kantarmaci Ilkay trainer connections and Rice Linda ownership combo 49 claim wins lifetime. Model assigns modest probability; requires pace-dependent setup and moderate fractions to capitalize.

### Bounce / Regression Risks

- **Dilger** — Slight bounce risk despite favoritism. Won 09/20/2025 at Pimlico (STK) by 0.1 lengths on lead; exerted maximum effort. Career pattern shows peaks and valleys: win followed by 2nd place finish 08/31/2025 (+2.25 lengths), then won 09/21/2024 (+1.35 lengths). Back-to-back route races in August–September may accumulate fatigue; model flags third start off recent pattern as bounce candidate.





- **Kinetic** — High regression risk. Pulled up 07/18/2026 post-race; unresolved health question. Three races without winner circle post-incident. Career peaks (wins at graded level 12/21/2024, 11/09/2024) suggest aging 5-year-old declining physically. Model flags claiming \$80k as soft floor; may not finish.
- **White Smoke Rising** — Career-best effort last out (07/03/2026, won allowance race at Saratoga by 1.75 lengths). Regression likely given minimal distance exposure at 8f and class elevation to OC 80k company. Trainer Baker Charlton 10% route win rate signals distance concern. Back-to-back route races (05/07/2026 BAQ 6.5f, 07/03/2026 Sar 7f, now 09/24/2026 Bel 8f stretch) create fitness uncertainty; model projects 4–6 length regression likely.

## Section 6: Suggested Bets

### WIN BET: DILGER — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 3/1–7/2

- Model projects 19% win probability — highest in the field
- **Rationale:** (1) Elite early speed controls pace from post 7; gates cleanly and establishes position before Secured Landing can engage; (2) Trainer Joseph Saffie A Jr 25% dirt, 19% routes — elite credentials; (3) Jockey Prat F 33% at Belmont meet, sharp route record; (4) Recent form: two stakes wins in 13 months demonstrate competitive profile; (5) Moderate pace scenario (:46■ half-mile) favors speed horses — Dilger sustains velocity while stalkers tire.
- **Value Assessment:** Slightly underlaid at 3/1 ML (28.6% implied vs. 19% model), but this is a **win bet selection**, not overlay optimization. Model's probability matrix ranks Dilger highest; mandatory slot per PTW methodology.

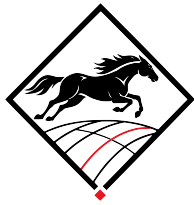
### VALUE PLAY: SECURED LANDING — Confidence 9/10 — Target odds: 4/1–6/1

- Model projects 18% win probability at current 12/1 morning line (**+10.3% edge**)
- **Overlay Rationale:** Public underestimating elite frontrunner credentials at 12/1. Secured Landing's five wins in 11 starts this year (55% YTD win rate) and class advantage (five consecutive SOC/ALW wins) versus claiming field create compelling value mismatch. Jockey Lezcano J demonstrates rare competence (48% mounted earnings at Belmont, despite low win % — indicates preference for high-payoff mounts). Trainer Rice Linda 23% dirt, 20% routes, dominant claiming form (26%).
- **Value Assessment:** EXCEPTIONAL VALUE. Model identifies +10.3% edge as highest in field. Recent form (consecutive wins 08/26, 07/31) suggests fitness peak. Moderate pace setup (:46■ half) allows gate-to-wire control. Public heavily favoring Dilger (3/1); Secured Landing represents sharp overlay.

### LONGSHOT PLAY: HILL ROAD — Confidence 5/10 — Target odds: 8/1 or higher

- Model projects 8% win probability at 5/2 morning line (severely underlaid at -20.6% edge)
- **Rational Overlay Only if Odds Spike:** This is NOT a recommended play at 5/2; Hill Road represents classic sucker bet. However, IF morning line moves to 8/1 or longer (unlikely given Franco M jockey form and Elite closer designation), model's closing speed profile becomes mathematically overlay. Elite





05/10/2025 rally (+0.75 winning margin after stumble) demonstrates game horse. Recent turf form (Curragh, Leopardstown) reflects foreign surface, not true regression.

• **Conditional Value:** Do NOT bet at 5/2 or 7/2. Odds must extend to 8/1+ to justify overlay status. If Field shifts post-mortem to 8/1–10/1, consider two-unit edge play on closing power.

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### MULTI-RACE WAGERS — Pick 3/4/5/6 Top 3

**A: DILGER** — 19% (*matches Win Bet selection*)

**B: SECURED LANDING** — 18% (*strongest overlay*)

**C: RACING DRIVER** — 12% (*stalker upside, class relief*)

**Combined Projected Probability: 49%**

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## Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★ (Four Stars)

The model's conviction in this race centers on **Dilger's gate-to-wire control profile** in a moderate-pace setup that amplifies speed horse advantage. Secured Landing represents the **public's misestimation**, offering exceptional overlay value at 12/1 despite elite credentials. The pace scenario projection (:23<sup>2</sup> opening, :46■ half) is high-confidence; field structure (three legitimate speed horses, two stalkers, three closers) distributes competitive pressure predictably.

**Key exploitation:** Dilger (win) + Secured Landing (value) combination captures both betting narratives — favorite control + overlooked contender overlay. Hill Road remains severely overbet at 5/2; Franco M profile does not justify chalk pricing. Model flags Kinetic and White Smoke Rising as regression risks; avoid both.

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