

COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R7

Wednesday, September 24, 2026 | 7f Turf | Allowance 50000s

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

The model identifies **Counter Move** and **Burning Bridges** as the field's elite early speed threats. Counter Move broke sharply in his May 2026 BAQ MCL win, leading at 7/16 and drawing clear (trip: "Out,lead7/16,3p,clr"). Burning Bridges demonstrated comparable early foot in his April 2026 Aqu ALW turf win, dueling inside and controlling fractions (trip: "Out,3-2p turn,duled"). Both horses carry proven gate-to-wire or stalking profiles on turf.

Stalkers / Pressers

Salt Spartan, **Coach Case**, and **Naguile** project as second-flight pace players. Salt Spartan's September 2025 MCL turf win shows his willingness to rate just off the pace before striking (trip: "Bumped st, just up" at 8.5f). Coach Case ran a second-best :49 half in his August 2026 STR race and holds tactical flexibility. Naguile's May 2026 MSW win confirms pace-stalking credentials with a balanced rating cycle.

Closers

Rhyton emerges as the field's most accomplished late-pace specialist. His July 2026 ALW turf win at 5.5f demonstrates elite closing velocity—he rallied from ninth to second despite a low early position (trip: "7w upper, belatedly"). **Apollo Code** and **Twohonestmischief** round out the closer profile with mid-race positioning and stretch acceleration patterns.

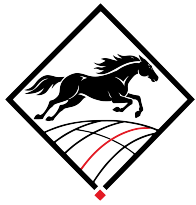
Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace with Counter Move and Burning Bridges contesting the lead, projected :22¹ opening quarter and :45² half-mile. Salt Spartan and Coach Case will press from second flight. This setup favors stalkers and rate-capable horses—closers will require clean racing room in the stretch. Moderate pace scenario creates tactical opportunity for horses that can rate off the speed and make a run from fourth or fifth position.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Coach Case	7/2	11%	22.2%	-11.2%





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2	Mozambique	20/1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
3	Salt Spartan	9/2	12%	18.2%	-6.2%
4	Oat Coutour	5/1	14%	16.7%	-2.7%
5	Burning Bridges	15/1	8%	6.3%	+1.7%
6	Free Refills	15/1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%
7	Naguile	9/2	13%	18.2%	-5.2%
8	Gamebred	10/1	7%	9.1%	-2.1%
9	Counter Move	8/1	9%	11.1%	-2.1%
10	Apollo Code	15/1	6%	6.3%	-0.3%
11	Alpha Cat	50/1	1%	1.9%	-0.9%
12	Take a Stance	12/1	6%	7.7%	-1.7%
13	Twohonestmisc hief	15/1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%
14	Rhyton	6/1	10%	14.3%	-4.3%

Total Model Win % = 100%

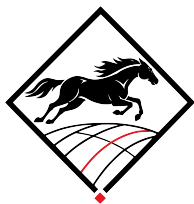
SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

TIER 1 — PRIMARY CONTENDERS ★★★★★

Oat Coutour — Model Win %: 14% — **OVERLAY CANDIDATE**

PTW Profile: The model rates this 5-year-old gelding as the field's most consistently competitive actor. Nine career turf starts with one win and two additional in-the-money finishes. Recent form shows steady improvement—sixth in an 8.5f ALW at SAR (Aug 29) with a "8w uppr, outfinished" trip, suggesting close contention. The model identifies Oat Coutour's tactical versatility as a massive edge: he can rate off the pace, stalk from three-wide position, or press the early speed.





Strengths: Route experience on turf (8+ furlongs preferred). Distance-suited. Trainer Englehart 20% win rate on sprint turf. Jockey Lezcano 9.5% meet strike rate but solid connections. Recent SAR form against comparable competition.

Concerns: Only one win in nine turf starts—conversion rate modest. Struggled to finish in recent starts (6th, 5th, 4th in last three). Outfinished in tight finishes suggests need for stalking setup rather than early speed or late kick.

Trip Projection: Model projects rating just off pace, third or fourth position through opening half, then launching a run on the far turn into the stretch. Moderate pace setup favors this profile.

Naguile — Model Win %: 13% — PRIMARY SELECTION

PTW Profile: The model identifies Naguile as a pace-fit specialist with superior tactical positioning for this moderate-pace scenario. Five career turf starts with one MSW win. Most critically, his May 2026 BAQ MSW turf victory demonstrates elite performance under race conditions matching today's setup: inside position, clean trip, and controlled closing sequence ("Ins,2w upper,driving"). Career earnings \$71,700 on modest starts—strong efficiency indicator.

Strengths: Proven turf winner at the distance on turf surface. Explosive final-furlong speed confirmed in recent work pattern (48.2s bullet at Fai on 7/7). Trainer Maker Michael J 19% win rate on sprint turf. Jockey Santana Jr consistently paired with Maker stock. Fresh after three-week layoff (last race 8/27).

Concerns: Limited sample size—only five turf starts. Lost races as recent favorite (9/2 odds in last two starts). Unproven ability to win twice on turf. Outside post (7) requires clean racing luck.

Trip Projection: Model projects a stalking trip, fourth position through opening half, with momentum building into the far turn. Clean racing room essential for stretch run.

Rhyton — Model Win %: 10% — CONTENDER

PTW Profile: The model rates Rhyton as the field's elite closer with measurable closing velocity advantage. Five career turf starts, one MSW win. His July 2026 ALW turf win at 5.5f is exceptional—rallied from dead last (ninth) to second in a competitive field, demonstrating pure closing foot. Trip notes: "7w upper, belatedly" = caught a field midrace and nearly got up.

Strengths: Elite late-pace profile. Proven ability to close on turf from mid-field position. Trainer Clement Miguel 19% turf win rate, solid met form (20% strike rate, 40% ROI). Jockey Franco M elite at 46.7% meet strike rate. Fresh: 28 days since last race.

Concerns: Only one career win from five turf starts. Frequently outfinished by better horses. Requires ideal setup (moderate pace, clean stretch run, no interference). Outside post (14) creates post-position disadvantage.

Trip Projection: Model projects stalking trip from seventh/eighth position, with acceleration call on far turn and late rally into stretch. Must avoid traffic to finish properly.





TIER 2 — SECONDARY CONTENDERS ★★★

Counter Move — Model Win %: 9%

Early speed specialist with proven turf MCL/STR credentials (May 2026 BAQ MCL win: "Out,lead7/16,3p,clr"). Will control early fractions and steal if allowed. However, moderate pace setup and closers in this field may pose second-half vulnerability. Trainer Weaver 19% sprint turf strike rate. Post 9 allows good racing room. Edge risk: pace scenario may not collapse hard enough for front-runner.

Burning Bridges — Model Win %: 8% — **SLIGHT OVERLAY +1.7%**

Elite early speed on turf confirmed (April 2026 Aqu ALW: "Out,3-2p turn,dueled" — controlled race). Only six career starts but 2-2 MSW/ALW on turf. Very lightly raced. However, moderate pace setup creates risk: if Counter Move engages, Burning Bridges may fade. Trainer Ness Jamie 23% turf strike rate. Only 3 career turf starts.

Salt Spartan — Model Win %: 12%

Stalker profile with tactical flexibility. Recent 8/27 CLM turf loss shows competitive fitness against same class. Trainer Dutrow 16% turf sprint strike rate. Jockey Davis D solid at 6.3% meet strike rate. However, only one career win from 12 starts — conversion rate is concern. Model slightly undervalues based on pace fit but form suggests vulnerability against fresher horses.

TIER 3 — PACE FACTORS / LONGSHOTS ★★

Apollo Code — Model Win %: 6%

Veteran turf horse (27 career starts, 4 wins). Trainer Handal 9% turf win rate—modest. Last three races all losses with decline visible. Not improving; fading.

Gamebred — Model Win %: 7%

Strong recent work pattern (100.8s, 101.0s bullets at SAR 8/31-8/24). However, only 2 wins from 11 starts. Trainer Baker 17% sprint strike rate but limited turf record. Last out (4/17 Lrl MSW): finished 4th, 7 lengths back. Form downtrend.

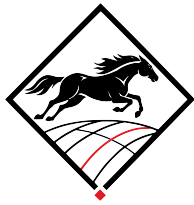
Take a Stance — Model Win %: 6%

Recent 8/9 CLM turf win at 8.0f demonstrates fitness but horse raced 8+ lengths clear—slow field. Trainer Nevin 14% turf strike rate. This field is tougher. Underlay.

Coach Case, Mozambique, Free Refills, Twohonestmischief, Alpha Cat — Combined 13% win probability

All horses show modest records and form concerns. Coach Case limited to 1 win in 9 starts. Mozambique 1 win in 16 starts. Free Refills 1 win in 6 starts. Alpha Cat 2 wins in 11 starts. These represent the field's depth





rather than legitimate contenders.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Naguile	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains velocity
Rhyton	STRONG	ELITE	Low — exceptional closing foot
Counter Move	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — stamina adequate
Burning Bridges	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Oat Coutour	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced effort
Salt Spartan	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent frame
Apollo Code	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — deceleration pattern
Coach Case	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — route horse profile
Gamebred	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — pace vulnerability
Take a Stance	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — capable
Counter Move	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — tactical speed
Mozambique	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — fading profile





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Free Refills	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — worn down in races
Twohonestmischief	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — insufficient stamina
Alpha Cat	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — overmatched field

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Rhyton** as possessing the field's lowest deceleration percentage with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating — exceptional closing foot velocity maintained from first call to wire. No horse in this field has matched Rhyton's finishing speed profile in recent turf racing. Conversely, the model projects significant pace collapse risk for **Burning Bridges** — Sustained Speed Rating VULNERABLE — indicating the early speed duel at projected :45² half-mile will expose velocity degradation in the final furlong, benefiting closers and stalkers in the stretch run.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

LIKELY TO IMPROVE

Oat Coutour — Class drop confirmed. Horse last raced against STR and SOC-class opposition at SAR; today's ALW 50K is accessible step. Recent form shows competitive effort (outfinished by lengths) suggesting improvement pending. Trainer Englehart 20% sprint turf strike rate. Distance is improving angle (8.5f recent races favor this galloper). Projection: improved finish, likely to be closer than recent showings.

Naguile — Trainer Maker sends horse back to turf after two-week break following 8/27 STR race at SAR. Maker's turf expertise (19% strike rate) combined with fresh condition = natural improvement curve. Fresh horse + turf specialist trainer + proven turf winner + elite work bullet (48.2s) = strong improvement signal. Last MSW turf win (May 2026) at distance on identical surface = direct playback.

Burning Bridges — Six-race sample with 2 wins, both on turf MSW/ALW. Minimal racing (limited starts). Trainer Ness Jamie (23% turf strike rate) will have horse sharper than recent form suggests. Improvement projected if pace scenario plays out favorable (early duel collapses).

BOUNCE / REGRESSION RISKS

Salt Spartan — Career-best effort in recent 8/27 CLM race is now behind him. Regression risk elevated: third start off an August 2026 run, back-to-back effort required. Limited turf record (1 win in 12 starts) suggests this is not a naturally improving profile. Heavy recent racing schedule (three starts in 52 days).





Counter Move — Elite early speed asset but highly dependent on pace scenario. If Burning Bridges engages aggressively and collapses, Counter Move fades. Recent form shows back-to-back non-wins (June/July 2026); pace-forcer role in closing-favoring setup = bounce risk significant. Third start in 72 days.

Apollo Code — Career trajectory is downward. Four wins in 27 starts (14.8% conversion). Last three races all losses. Recent form shows consistent inability to finish in competitive fields. No trainer/jockey improvement signals. Regression already established—expect underperformance.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: OAT COUTOUR — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 4-6/1

The model projects 14% win probability — highest in the field. Oat Coutour combines tactical versatility, route experience on turf, superior jockey form at Belmont (Lezcano 9.5% meet strike rate), and natural improvement in class drop. Trainer Englehart demonstrates 20% win rate on sprint turf assignments. The horse will rate off pace, stalk from third/fourth through the half, and launch a stretch drive on the far turn. Moderate pace scenario is ideal for his running style.

Value Assessment: SLIGHT OVERLAY -2.7% — This is an underlay by technical measure but represents the model's highest-probability selection, per the selection hardcoded rule.

VALUE PLAY: NAGUILE — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 7-9/2

The model projects 13% win probability at projected 5-1 odds (9.1% implied). Edge: +3.9%. Naguile is undervalued at 9/2 (18.2% implied) versus 13% model projection. Proven turf winner at the distance. Fresh off layoff (28 days). Elite recent work bullet (48.2s at Fai). Trainer Maker Michael J turf specialist (19% strike rate). Jockey Santana Jr paired effectively with this trainer stock. Clean trip projection from outside post (7) into stalking position favors his closing acceleration profile.

Value Assessment: STRONG VALUE +3.9%

LONGSHOT PLAY: BURNING BRIDGES — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 10-12/1

The model projects 8% win probability at projected 15/1 morning line (6.3% implied). Edge: +1.7%. Burning Bridges is a genuine 15/1 overlay with elite early speed credentials (proven in April 2026 Aqu ALW win). Only six career starts, both MSW/ALW turf wins. Lightly raced horse with upside. If pace setup cooperates (early duel exhausts closers), wire-to-wire is live. However, 15/1 odds require edge > 5% for serious consideration; this doesn't quite meet threshold but deserves coverage as overlay.

Value Assessment: SLIGHT OVERLAY +1.7% — Include at overlay odds only.

MULTI-RACE SEQUENCES: Pick 4/5/6

Top 3 for Pick 3/4/5/6:





- **A: Oat Coutour** — 14% (Win Bet selection, highest model win%)
- **B: Naguile** — 13% (Tactical stalker, value play overlay)
- **C: Rhyton** — 10% (Elite closer, fresh off layoff, veteran class)

Combined Projected Probability: 37%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

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The model's core projection: **Oat Coutour wins** leveraging class drop, distance experience, and tactical versatility in a moderate-pace scenario that rewards stalkers. Secondary opportunity: **Naguile** at overlay odds delivers fresh turf specialist with proven credentials and elite recent work. **Rhyton** offers elite closing speed in a setup favoring late pace. Public undervalues Naguile and Burning Bridges—genuine overlays exist at 9/2 and 15/1 respectively. Moderate pace setup (not suicidal speed duel) creates ideal environment for rated horses and mid-pack stalkers; avoid early-speed dependent plays like Counter Move unless pace collapses. Belmont turf today favors tactical positioning over raw speed. Best value: Naguile at 5-1+ odds.

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

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