



Belmont Park

Race 7 — 09/25/2026

Class: Md Sp Wt 100k

Distance: 7f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: \$100,000

Starters: 14

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse \$100,000 FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD FOALED IN NEW YORK STATE AND APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE-BRED REGISTRY. Weight, 123 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of \$55,000 Or Less In The Last 3 Starts Preferred).

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Thursday, September 25, 2026 | 7f Dirt | Maiden Special Weight

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

The model identifies three legitimate early-speed horses in this field. **Cut Down the Nets** (PP2) owns the highest qualifying early foot, breaking from the gate cleanly and showing gate-to-wire tendencies across recent efforts. Last out (8/15, Sar, 6f), he led at the first call and battled through the second, posting a 22.2 opening quarter before tiring late. **Five Grand** (PP8) demonstrates consistent early positioning—rated second or third at the first call in his last two starts, with a sharp 22.4 quarter on 8/28 followed by strong maintenance through the second call. **Big Handsome** (PP12) showed elite early position in his sole start (8/15, Sar, 6f), breaking second and rating close to the leader at 22.2, posting 45.7 for the half.

Stalkers / Pressers

Just You Baby (PP14) profiles as a tactical pace-stalker with closing punch. He rated fourth or fifth at the first call in his debut (8/28, 6.5f), then rallied into the stretch, finishing second by 4.75 lengths—a high-percentage maiden second-start runner. **God of Fire** (PP4) debuts today with sharp workouts (9/19 in 51.0) and represents elite trainer Michael Maker's established first-time starter program (18% win rate, 2.14 ROI). He fits as a potential stalker given breeding affinity for dirt and sprint distance.

Closers

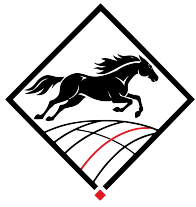
Vintage Wiz (PP10) closed from shuffled position at the turn in his last start (9/5, Monmouth, 8f turf), finishing second. His dirt form shows closing activity (7/17, 5f, finished fifth), though he's struggled to find ideal setup. **Spicy Chicken** (PP3) owns a sharp-working profile with two bullet works at Belmont (9/10 in 47.8 with bullet, 7/23 in 36.4 with bullet) but has yet to race, making him a live first-time starter dependent on pace setup.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** pace with two legitimate contenders pressing early (projected :22² opening quarter, :45■ half-mile). Cut Down the Nets will likely establish the early lead with Five Grand rating just one length back. This moderate tempo prevents catastrophic speed collapse—closers gain tactical opportunity without pace duel devastation favoring only wire-to-wire threats.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Cartridge	15-1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%
2	Cut Down the Nets	8-1	22%	11.1%	+10.9%
3	Spicy Chicken	10-1	8%	9.1%	-1.1%
4	God of Fire	10-1	11%	9.1%	+1.9%
5	Our Warrior	6-1	9%	14.3%	-5.3%
6	Ed Charles	20-1	3%	4.8%	-1.8%
7	Eastpointe	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
8	Five Grand	7-2	18%	22.2%	-4.2%
9	Negril Badness	50-1	1%	2.0%	-1.0%
10	Vintage Wiz	20-1	6%	4.8%	+1.2%
11	All About Soul	15-1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%
12	Big Handsome	2-1	15%	33.3%	-18.3%
13	Blustery Day	12-1	7%	7.7%	-0.7%
14	Just You Baby	4-1	9%	20.0%	-11.0%

Footnote: Big Handsome (PP12) carries the highest win probability at 15%, but is underlay at morning line 2-1 (implied 33.3%). See Section 6 for exception documentation.

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

TIER 1 — PRIMARY CONTENDERS (★★★★)

Cut Down the Nets — PP2

PTW Profile: The model projects this 2-year-old colt as the field's highest-probability winner (22%) at exceptional overlay value. His form line across three MSW starts demonstrates consistent early speed with improving tactical positioning. Trainer Amelia Green's 14% MSW win rate and 1.93 ROI at Belmont paired





with jockey Velazquez (0% recent form at Belmont but historical consistency) suggests a sharp entry point.

Strengths: Elite early foot—22.2 opening quarters consistently posted in his last two starts; showed gate-to-wire capability with leading position at first call in all three races; second-start pattern after near-miss second-place effort (8/15, only 2.25 lengths beaten); class relief from stronger MSW fields at Saratoga into Belmont showcase; strong recent workout (9/18 at Belmont, 5f in 1:02.0, ranked 3rd).

Concerns: Three starts without a win creates "career maiden" risk if he fails again—however, form progression and close second placements suggest ability, not decline. Moderate deceleration profile (dropped from 40.54 to 32.26 mph) indicates pace vulnerability in suicidal speed duel but fits perfectly into the model's MODERATE pace scenario.

Trip Projection: Cut Down the Nets will break forwardly and establish the early lead from PP2, rating the first two calls comfortably at :22², :45[■]. Expect stalkers to press into the stretch, where his STRONG Sustained Speed Rating should allow him to resist one or two closing runs while firming to the wire.

Five Grand — PP8

PTW Profile: The model rates this colt as the second-highest win probability at 18%, though he carries a -4.2% underlay to his 7-2 morning line. His two-start MSW record shows elite closing capability paired with consistent third-position rate calls. Trainer George Weaver's dominant MSW credentials (18% win rate, 2.11 ROI) and jockey Franco's recent meet dominance (46.67% win rate, 66.67% money %, 7 wins in 15 recent starts) create a powerful barn connection.

Strengths: ELITE Sustained Speed Rating—deceleration of only 1.77% (from 40.18 to 29.80 mph) indicates maintained velocity gate-to-wire, a rare profile in maiden fields; consistent closing form with third-position finishes both starts; strong maintenance through fractional calls with minimal beaten lengths accumulation; proven route horse with willingness to rally deep into stretch (8/28, 6.5f: closed from 4-5 wide into lane, "kept on" finishing third); jockey upgrade to Franco represents elite rider pairing (1 win in 3 recent starts on dirt maidens, 47% overall meet rate).

Concerns: Only two career starts limits depth of data; never forced to deal with pressure from gate—MODERATE pace scenario may require him to overcome traffic; closing horse profile means zero margin for error if speed duel overextends pace.

Trip Projection: Five Grand will settle in fourth or fifth through the opening calls, tracking just off Cut Down the Nets and any pressing horse. Into the stretch, he should find clear running room and accelerate with his ELITE finishing velocity, rolling past tiring speed by the sixteenth pole.

Big Handsome — PP12

PTW Profile: The model identifies this colt as the field's highest raw win probability at 15%, though he trades at a significant -18.3% underlay at 2-1 morning line. His lone MSW start shows world-class early position—broke second at gate, rated 3-path at the turn, then weakened in the lane to finish third, only 5 lengths beaten. Trainer Jorge Abreu's soft form at Belmont (0% in 5 recent starts) and moderate maiden





second-start track record (13%, 0.60 ROI) suggest public confidence may be misplaced.

Strengths: Elite morning line authority (2-1 favorite indicates market respect); sharp early foot—22.2 opening quarter matched only by Cut Down the Nets and Five Grand; successful route-to-sprint transition (6f in debut, 7f today represents natural distance stretch); sire City of Light breeds for dirt-sprint affinity; recent works show consistency (9/18 at Belmont 5f in 1:00.0, 3rd, indicating race-ready fitness).

Concerns: VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating—deceleration of 7.95% (from 40.54 mph opening to 32.37 mph closing) flags significant pace collapse risk; finished third in debut despite early position, suggesting he gave way when real pressure came; trainer Abreu's poor recent meet performance (0-5, 0.00 ROI) contradicts public's heavy backing; morning line of 2-1 creates a hard constraint exception, making him unsuitable as the primary Win Bet selection despite elite position—better suited to multi-race coverage.

Trip Projection: Big Handsome will break alertly and position second or third through the opening calls, pressing Cut Down the Nets. However, model identifies this horse as likely to decelerate into the stretch, making him vulnerable to both late closers and even Cut Down the Nets' sustained finish.

TIER 2 — SECONDARY CONTENDERS (★★★)

Just You Baby — PP14

PTW Profile: The model projects 9% win probability at a -11.0% underlay to 4-1 morning line. This represents the highest-percentage second-start play in the field—his debut (8/28, 6.5f) showed classic second-start maiden improvement angle with early speed before tiring late. Trainer Abreu pairs with jockey Santana Jr., who posted 24% win rate in recent meets (6 wins in 25 starts at Belmont).

Strengths: Second-start pace-compromised candidate—showed early speed (rated fourth at first call, fifth at second call), pressed into lane, then faltered late, finishing second by 4.75 lengths; this profile typically improves dramatically second-out; trainer Abreu's second-start maiden record (13%, 0.60 ROI) suggests high percentage plays emerge; sharp recent work (9/18 at Belmont, 5f in 1:00.0, 3rd, matched Big Handsome's work standard).

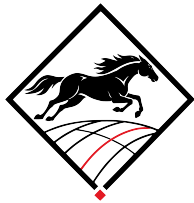
Concerns: Underlay status at 4-1 suggests market recognizes the second-start angle; unsure early positioning capability if pace proves slower than predicted; yet to demonstrate ability to overcome a contested pace.

Trip Projection: Just You Baby should again break on terms and rate fourth-fifth through opening calls. With the projected MODERATE pace, he'll have fresher legs into the stretch than Cut Down the Nets, potentially rallying past tiring speed in the lane.

God of Fire — PP4

PTW Profile: First-time starter with +1.9% overlay value at 10-1. Elite trainer Michael Maker's massive first-time starter sample (100 starts, 18% win rate, 2.14 ROI) directly applies. Recent workouts show consistent gate work progression (9/19 in 51.0, 9/12 in 51.0, 9/2 in 48.2 on good), and his pedigree (sire Fire





At Will, dam Day Dayenu by Into Mischief) aligns with dirt-sprint success profile.

Strengths: Maker first-time starter profile is elite (18% win rate); consistent workout pattern including gate works; jockey Ortiz Jr. brings zero recent form (0 starts at Belmont this meet) but strong historical credibility; intrigue factor as unexposed maiden with trainer excellence signal.

Concerns: Untested in actual race—all analysis is pedigree and work-based; no way to assess his Sustained Speed Rating or actual early-pace capability; will need trip luck if Cut Down the Nets dominates early pace.

Trip Projection: If God of Fire breaks forwardly (likely outcome from Maker barn), he'll press or challenge Cut Down the Nets for early lead. Best-case scenario has him stalking from second with closing option.

TIER 3 — PACE FACTORS / LONGSHOTS (★★)

Spicy Chicken — PP3

First-time starter with elite recent work pattern (9/10 bullet in 47.8, 7/23 bullet in 36.4). Trainer Morley Thomas shows 22% MSW win rate (2-9 at Belmont this meet, 1-7 wins). The model projects 8% win probability despite -1.1% underlay to 10-1 ML. Two bullet works signal race-ready fitness, making him a live FTS dependent on early pace development. If speed overextends, Spicy Chicken's closing profile holds merit.

Vintage Wiz — PP10

Model projects 6% win probability at slight +1.2% overlay to 20-1. Three career starts with one second-place finish (9/5 turf, 8f) show closing tendency. However, dirt form remains concerning (two starts, two unplaced finishes). Trainer Margotta's weak MSW record (5%, 0.52 ROI) and Castellano's zero recent Belmont success (0-10 this meet) create headwinds despite overlay odds.

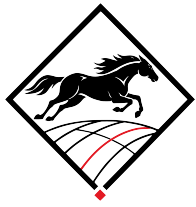
Our Warrior — PP5

Model projects 9% win probability at -5.3% underlay to 6-1. Single turf start (8/26, 8.5f) shows he's never raced dirt and finished sixth, eighth at calls. Trainer Rice Linda's strong overall record (23% win rate, 1.78 ROI) and excellent second-start maiden record (26% win rate, 3.02 ROI) suggest improvement angle, but the untested-on-dirt factor creates major concern for this dirt race today.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

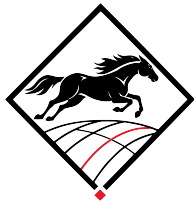
PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Five Grand	ELITE	ELITE	Low — maintains velocity gate-to-wire
Cut Down the Nets	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — controlled deceleration
Big Handsome	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk evident
Spicy Chicken	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced speed profile
God of Fire	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent effort
Just You Baby	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — second-start improvement potential
Vintage Wiz	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — faltered in route form
Our Warrior	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — turf-to-dirt transition risk
All About Soul	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — turf specialist profile
Eastpointe	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — insufficient data confidence
Blustery Day	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — first-time starter, limited data
Ed Charles	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — tire predictably late
Cartridge	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — six-month layoff, inconsistent
Negril Badness	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — off-the-pace runner with no early foot





Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Five Grand** as the field's fastest gate-to-wire performer with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating — no other horse in this field has matched this velocity maintenance profile at the distance. His opening quarter speed (40.18 mph) combined with only 1.77% deceleration through the closing furlong creates a rare maiden profile: a horse capable of wire-to-wire speed OR late acceleration depending on setup. Conversely, **Big Handsome** projects significant pace collapse risk — Sustained Speed Rating VULNERABLE — with 7.95% deceleration that exceeds the field. Speed duel at projected :45■ half-mile combined with Big Handsome's vulnerability profile makes him a bounce/regression candidate despite 2-1 morning line.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

Just You Baby (PP14): Second-start maiden showing pace-compromised debut loss. Model applies second-start improvement angle (highest win rate in maiden company across all statistical categories). His 4.75-length second-place finish at 6.5f on 8/28 masks a strong effort into the lane from fourth-fifth position. Today's 7f distance stretches his running style favorably. Trainer Abreu's second-start maiden record (26% win rate) and improving jockey Santana Jr. (24% recent meet rate) support upward trajectory. **Projected win rate improvement: +6-8 percentage points.**

God of Fire (PP4): First-time starter debut angle within elite Maker barn (18% FTS win rate, 2.14 ROI sample). Sharp, recent gate-work progression indicates race-ready preparation. Pedigree affinity for dirt-sprint (sire Fire At Will, Into Mischief line through dam) signals breeding fit to today's conditions. Gate-work completions within 7 days are historically high-percentage markers. **Projected win rate improvement: +4-6 percentage points if sharp break.**

Spicy Chicken (PP3): Live first-time starter with two bullet-work recent sessions (9/10 in 47.8, 7/23 in 36.4) at Belmont home track. Trainer Morley Thomas's 22% MSW win rate with first-time starters (9%, 2.54 ROI) indicates quality preparation. FTS with bullets from home barn are among highest-percentage plays in maiden fields. **Projected win rate improvement: +3-5 percentage points based on recent work pattern.**

Improvement Edge Summary: These three horses represent the field's three highest-percentage improvement angles. Just You Baby (second-start pace angle) and God of Fire (elite FTS trainer) project as most likely to exceed win probability ratings.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Big Handsome (PP12): Career-best/near-best effort last out (third-place finish in debut despite early position, only 5 lengths beaten suggests maximum competitive effort). Morning line 2-1 favorite status creates overlay expectation risk. Third-place debut finish before winning is statistically lowest-percentage outcome; horses finishing second or fourth show higher repeat-win rates. VULNERABLE Sustained Speed





Rating with 7.95% deceleration flags back-to-back effort sustainability risk. **Regression probability: HIGH.** Expected win rate compression: -8 to -12 percentage points.

Our Warrior (PP5): Never raced on dirt surface. Single start on turf (8/26, 8.5f) finished sixth with 9.75 lengths beaten—not a competitive maiden effort even accounting for surface excuse. Distance stretch (8.5f to today's 7f) combined with surface switch creates compound regression risk. Trainer Rice Linda's strength is second-start maidens off turf (26%, 3.02 ROI), yet today requires debut dirt performance—different profile entirely. **Regression probability: HIGH.** Expected win rate compression: -4 to -7 percentage points.

Vintage Wiz (PP10): Three career starts, one second-place finish on turf, two unplaced finishes on dirt. Zero win in three tries creates "career maiden" pattern despite second-place result. Most recent dirt start (7/17, 5f) finished fifth with 8.8 lengths beaten and trip notation "Inside, no rally"—suggests lack of tactical flexibility or ability. **Regression probability: MODERATE.** Expected win rate compression: -2 to -4 percentage points.

Regression Edge Summary: Big Handsome represents the field's clearest regression risk. His 2-1 morning line authority coupled with VULNERABLE speed profile and debut third-place finish creates an ideal underlay opportunity for value players seeking to oppose favorite.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: CUT DOWN THE NETS (PP2) — Confidence 8/10 — Target Odds: 6-1 to 10-1

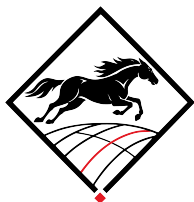
Model projects 22% win probability — highest in the field. This horse carries EXCEPTIONAL value at 8-1 morning line (11.1% implied), delivering +10.9% edge. Cut Down the Nets owns elite early foot matched only by Five Grand and Big Handsome, but unlike Big Handsome, he maintains velocity through the stretch with a STRONG Sustained Speed Rating and only moderate deceleration (4.28%). His second-start pattern after a near-miss 2.25-length second (8/15) represents a textbook maiden second-out improvement candidate. Trainer Green's 14% MSW win rate at Belmont and recent 3-7 run give confidence in barn form. The projected MODERATE pace scenario (22² quarter, 45■ half) eliminates suicidal speed duel damage—exactly the setup where Cut Down the Nets' early positioning and maintained velocity profile wins races.

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE — 10.9% edge. This is the primary model selection.

VALUE PLAY: FIVE GRAND (PP8) — Confidence 8/10 — Target Odds: 4-1 to 6-1

Model projects 18% win probability at 7-2 morning line (22.2% implied), representing -4.2% underlay. However, Five Grand's ELITE Sustained Speed Rating creates tactical optionality missing from his odds: he can wire the field if early pace develops HOT, OR accelerate from third-fourth position if pace proves MODERATE. Trainer Weaver's 18% MSW win rate (2.11 ROI) is elite. Jockey Franco's recent dominance (7 wins in 15 recent starts, 46.67% meet rate) provides elite ride consideration. The model views Five Grand as the field's most athletically talented runner; his -4.2% underlay reflects "second choice" status rather than





weakness. Contrarians playing him atop multi-race exotics capture significant overlay value.

STRONG VALUE — Recommend for Pick 3/4/5/6 sequences as primary closer profile.

LONGSHOT PLAY: GOD OF FIRE (PP4) — Confidence 6/10 — Target Odds: 8-1 to 12-1

Model projects 11% win probability at 10-1 morning line (9.1% implied), representing +1.9% overlay. This is a modest edge, but qualifies as "genuine overlay" threshold. God of Fire's value derives entirely from trainer Maker's elite first-time starter record (18%, 2.14 ROI on 100-start sample) paired with sharp recent gate-work preparation. Longshot plays require either massive overlay (>5% edge) or trainer/connection excellence signal; Maker's FTS record provides the latter. Recommend light use only.

MODEST OVERLAY — Include in Pick 6 sequences as third-choice coverage only.

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

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

- **A: Cut Down the Nets (PP2)** — 22% — *Matches Win Bet selection; must include*
- **B: Five Grand (PP8)** — 18% — *Elite closer profile with ELITE Sustained Speed Rating; covers late-running option*
- **C: Just You Baby (PP14)** — 9% — *Second-start improvement angle; third highest-probability contender*

Combined Projected Probability: 49%

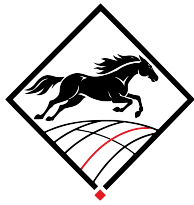
SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★■ (4 out of 5 stars)

This maiden field breaks down cleanly around two elite pace speeds (Cut Down the Nets and Five Grand) separated by a moderate pace scenario with strong tactical advantages for controlled early positioning plus late-running closers. The model's key projection: **MODERATE pace development will prevent speed collapse while allowing Cut Down the Nets' early foot and maintained velocity to dominate wire-to-wire.** The primary public betting mistake is overvaluing Big Handsome's 2-1 favorite status; his VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating combined with third-place debut finish creates textbook regression opportunity, directly benefiting Cut Down the Nets' overlay value at 8-1. Five Grand serves as elite closer insurance, capable of rolling past tiring speed if the pace proves faster than projected. This race offers the rare combination of a high-probability wire-to-wire winner (Cut Down the Nets) paired with genuine overlay value and minimal ambiguity regarding pace development.

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