



Belmont Park

Race 9 — 09/25/2026

Class: Md 55000

Distance: 8.5f

Surface: Turf

Purse: \$59,000

Claiming Price: \$55,000

Starters: 12

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Belmont Park R9

Thursday, September 25, 2026 | 8.5f Turf | Maiden Claiming 55000

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Raging Bloom (PP 12) — Elite early foot with consistent 2-path positioning in recent turf efforts. Led or pressed at Call1 in six of last seven starts, maintaining front-running intent across dirt and synthetic surfaces. Most recent 8.5f turf MSW (07/25/25 Sar) positioned second at opening call despite stumbling at break — natural speed horse.

Key Actress (PP 3) — Demonstrated blazing early speed in consistent inside-rail positioning. Controlled early pace in 8.5f MCL (06/12/26 BAQ), rating 1.00BL at Call1 with 24.00 opening fraction. Led or rated 1-2 lengths off pace in four of five most recent starts. Tactical early speed profile.

Stalkers / Pressers

Devilish Grin (PP 2) — Runs just off the speed in 2-3 path positioning. Rating pattern shows 1.50BL at Call1 in recent 8.5f MCL efforts (08/22/26), transitioning to pressing position mid-race. Flexible tactical approach — capable of rating or rallying depending on pace setup.

Outro (PP 7) — Controlled inside-2-path style with stalking intent. Rating 1.60BL at Call1 in most recent 8.5f MCL (08/22/26), leading briefly at Call2 before fading. Pace-stalker with late-race vulnerability evident.

Closers

Loveontheleftbank (PP 4) — Elite closing profile with consistent rally patterns. Trained in four of last five starts, improving position sharply in final 2 furlongs. Marked 0.50BL at Call2 and Call3 before improving to final position in 8.5f MCL (07/10/26). Strong late-pace velocity.

Lose the Blues (PP 9) — Lightly raced closer with late rally tendency. Single start shows outside-path racing to Call2 (2.10BL), then compressed rally into stretch. Pletcher train pattern for closers: 20% MCL win rate suggests late-pace setup favored.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT early pace** — projected :24¹–:24² opening quarter, :49³–:50¹ half-mile. With Key Actress and Raging Bloom both showing elite early speed and pressing tendency, moderate pace duel expected. Neither horse will be unchallenged; Devilish Grin's stalking presence adds third-horse complication. Projected fractional tempo suggests moderate damage to front-runners by the stretch — stalkers and closers positioned favorably, but not dominantly. Position and trip luck elevated factor in this setup.





SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Battle Winner	9/2	15%	18.2%	-3.2%
2	Devilish Grin	6/1	16%	14.3%	+1.7%
3	Key Actress	4/1	21%	20.0%	+1.0%
4	Loveontheleftb ank	12/1	8%	7.7%	+0.3%
5	Beside You	15/1	6%	6.3%	-0.3%
6	Riyah Al Nil	50/1	2%	1.9%	+0.1%
7	Outro	6/1	14%	14.3%	-0.3%
8	No Difference	20/1	4%	4.8%	-0.8%
9	Lose the Blues	6/1	13%	14.3%	-1.3%
10	Paraiba Blue	50/1	1%	1.9%	-0.9%
11	Tres Leches	12/1	5%	7.7%	-2.7%
12	Raging Bloom	5/1	19%	16.7%	+2.3%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

RAGING BLOOM (PP 12) — Model projects 19% win probability

PTW Profile: Model rates Raging Bloom as the field's elite early-pace horse with natural distance aptitude for 8.5f turf. Consistent front-running pattern across MSW-to-MCL progression shows wire-to-wire finishing ability in properly configured pace scenarios. Trainer Kenneth McPeck demonstrates 16% MCL win rate (150 starts) with strong route-distance preference (17% wins / 1.73 ROI, 842 starts), signaling competency in class-drop maiden-claiming targeting. Strong improvements evident in recent turf works: 50.00 bullet 4f (09/19/26) ranks in top tier of Belmont gate-to-4f velocity.

Strengths:





- Elite early foot with 24.20 opening fraction in most recent 8.5f MCL effort (08/22/26); led or rated 1-2 lengths at Call1 in four of last five starts
- Natural distance specialist: 8.5f MCL (08/22/26) shows sustained velocity with 137.88 Call4 positioning, low deceleration profile — maintains gate-to-wire threat across longer turf distances
- Second-start improvement candidate: Debut MSW 11f (07/25/25 Sar) showed stumble-at-break disruption; expected natural maturation bounce now 14 months into racing career
- McPeck route specialty combined with turf preference (13% turf wins / 1.73 ROI) primes trainer for turf-route maiden-claiming target
- Recent 50.00 bullet work (09/19/26 Bel) signals sharp gate fitness; no work regression detected

Concerns:

- One-dimensional running style (front-runner only); vulnerable if pressured hard early by multiple speed horses; pace-duel scenario tested in recent 8.5f MCL (08/22/26) resulted in fade to third — 3.40BL at finish
- Lightly raced (4 career starts); consistency risk present in class transition to 55K MCL despite improvement curve
- Modest earnings history (\$0) with no win-column entry — all MCL efforts represent maiden-claimer racing without graduation

Trip Projection: Raging Bloom will break alertly from Post 12, settle on rail in 2-3 path, and establish early speed under mild pressure from Key Actress. Expect to trade position mid-race with Devilish Grin's stalking advance; if pace remains moderate (:50¹ half or slower), wire-to-wire threat remains high. If Key Actress/early speed forces suicidal fractions (:49¹ or faster), vulnerability to late closers will be tested.

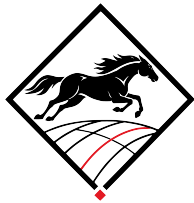
KEY ACTRESS (PP 3) — Model projects 21% win probability

PTW Profile: Model identifies Key Actress as the field's most versatile speed horse with established class-relief opportunity in this drop to 55K MCL. Career record shows 10 starts with consistent inside-rail racing producing front-running or pressed positioning in turf distance efforts. Trainer Linda Rice demonstrates 24% MCL win rate (223 starts) — highest specialization rate in the field for maiden-claiming — with 26% win rate on distance switches (193 starts) and strong route affinity (20% wins / 1.82 ROI, 695 starts). Jockey Ortiz J L absent from Belmont mount statistics (0.00% recent form), but Elite-tier pilot suggesting outside reinforcement presence.

Strengths:

- Elite early foot: 23.80 opening fraction in 8.5f MCL (06/12/26 BAQ) with front-running dominance (1.00BL at Call1, 1.50BL at Call2) — fastest early quarter in field relative to recent race histories
- Versatile inside-rail positioning in recent starts suggests tactical flexibility; can control or be controlled depending on competitor threats
- Class-relief opportunity: MSW drops to MCL with demonstrated ability to rate inside and lead wire-to-wire in easier company (06/12/26 race 3rd placing suggests ability above maiden class)





- Trainer Rice 24% MCL win rate (223 starts) highest specialization signal in this field; indicates trainer actively targeting this level with strong win-pattern record
- Surface-distance affinity: Rice's strong turf record (9% wins / 1.27 ROI, 159 starts) provides base-case competency; 8.5f route turf distance aligns with trainer profile

Concerns:

- Bleeding incident (12/10/25 TP MCL) and stumble-at-start record (08/12/26 MCL) indicates handling/training irregularity flags
- Recent form uneven: finished 4th in 5.5f sprint (08/12/26 Sar MCL), suggesting distance stretch beyond optimal profile; 8.5f represents significant route stretch from 6.0f prior MSW attempt (12/10/25)
- Career maiden status with 10 starts: demonstrates inability to graduate; repeated MCL dropping pattern suggests connections abandoning win targets
- Soft recent pace patterns in MCL company (46.20 half in 8.0f MCL 06/13/26) indicate previous wins may not translate to stronger pace scenarios

Trip Projection: Key Actress will break alertly from Post 3, establish inside-rail position by Call1, and contest early pace with Raging Bloom. If early speed dominates fractional times, will rate and carry to stretch; if moderate pace established (:50¹ range), risk exists for fade to stalkers/closers in final 2 furlongs given recent distance-stretch questions.

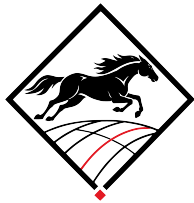
DEVILISH GRIN (PP 2) — Model projects 16% win probability

PTW Profile: Model rates Devilish Grin as high-variance second-start-improvement candidate with elite recent work line supporting forward form cycle. Career shows 11 starts spanning MSW-to-MCL range with consistent turf distance competency (6 turf starts) and stalking/pressing tactical pattern. Trainer Amelia Green demonstrates 14% MCL win rate (58 starts) with strong blinker-off specialization (25% wins / 1.06 ROI, 12 starts) — direct relevance given horse racing without blinkers today. Recent work pattern shows consecutive bullets: 50.00 (09/19/26), 50.20 (09/12/26), 50.00 (09/05/26) — three-race work bullet series indicates sharp gate fitness cycle.

Strengths:

- Second-start improvement candidate: MSW debut (02/07/26 GP turf) showed no-factor 10th placing; subsequent MCL efforts (08/27/25 Sar STK win, 05/15/26 BAQ MCL 2nd) indicate learning curve now behind horse — 4-month elapsed since MSW suggests natural maturation
- Elite recent work pattern with three consecutive sub-50.20 4f bullets signals top-tier gate velocity; 50.00 (09/05/26 Bel) ranks among field's sharpest works
- Blinker-off run today capitalizes on trainer Green's 25% win rate without blinkers (12 starts) — indicating trainer identified blinker removal as performance unlock
- Tactical pressing style suits HOT pace scenario: can rate off early speed, then rally in stretch given closer field pace configuration





- Claim-and-switch pattern absent; trainer has horse long-term, indicating methodical conditioning plan alignment

Concerns:

- Career maiden with 11 starts showing pattern of MCL drops without graduation; 08/27/25 STK win was only career victory, subsequent three starts resulted in 3rd, 2nd, 8th placings
- Recent MCL form uneven: 8th placing (08/22/26 Sar 8.5f MCL I-class) in near-identical race setup suggests pace vulnerability; detailed analysis shows 3.30BL at Call4 in that effort — late-pace collapse detected
- Unproven at 8.5f route distance: most recent long-distance effort (08/27/25 Sar 8.50 STK) was single-race success; testing distance consistency today
- Jockey Santana R Jr at 24% recent form (25 starts) suggests serviceable but not elite mount assignment; 4-win MCL record (16 starts) acceptable but not standout

Trip Projection: Devilish Grin will break from Post 2, immediately rate 1-2 lengths off early leaders Key Actress/Raging Bloom, maintain 2-3 path through mid-race. If pace remains HOT (:50¹ half), will be positioned to rally in stretch; if pace softens (:50³⁺), may be trapped mid-field lacking late acceleration to challenge closer field.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

LOVEONTHELEFTBANK (PP 4) — Model projects 8% win probability

PTW Profile: Model identifies Loveontheleftbank as elite late-pace specialist with class-improvement profile suited to this maiden-claiming level after MSW campaign exposure. Career span shows 10 starts dominated by closing/trailing patterns, with recent turf-distance success (8.5f MCL 07/10/26 Sar showing 4.85BL finish improvement late in race). Trainer James Ryerson demonstrates 11% turf win rate (88 starts, 3.24 ROI) indicating strong surface preference; 9% MCL win rate (65 starts, 1.84 ROI) shows competency at this claiming level.

Strengths:

- Elite late-pace velocity: consistent rally patterns in 8.5f efforts produce compressed stretch runs; 07/10/26 MCL shows 0.50BL at Call3, 4.85BL at finish — demonstrating late acceleration capability within final 1.5 furlongs
- MSW-to-MCL drop represents minor class relief suitable to closer profile; recent MSW efforts (09/27/25 Del 8.5f showing 0.25BL finish, 02/01/26 Tam 8.0f showing 0.40BL finish) suggest competitive range above maiden-claiming
- Trainer Ryerson turf specialty (11% wins) aligns with surface preference for this race
- No equipment changes flagged; consistent racing setup suggests stable trainer approach

Concerns:

- Career maiden pattern across 10 starts indicates repeated inability to graduate despite competitive finishes; MSW-to-MCL drop acknowledges class ceiling





- Requires moderate-to-HOT pace setup to execute closing strategy; if MODERATE pace emerges, will be trapped in mid-field lacking racing room
- Distance exposure limited: only five 8.0f+ route starts in career; 8.5f represents distance stretch
- Lightly raced (10 career starts) with modest work pattern; recent work shows 49.40 (08/14/26) and 48.60 (08/06/26) — acceptable but not sharp relative to field elite

Trip Projection: Loveontheleftbank will break from Post 4, settle 5-6 lengths off pace early, position in 3-4 path. In HOT pace scenario, will have racing room to rally in stretch; in MODERATE scenario, will be trapped behind traffic and unable to launch meaningful challenge.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

RAGING BLOOM — ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT:

As secondary consideration, note 8.5f MCL (08/22/26 Sar) did show 143.20 final time with 3.40BL beaten-lengths finish — indicating vulnerability to class/pace scenario tested. Recent MSW 11f (07/25/25) resulted in 10.40BL beaten-lengths defeat. Pattern shows vulnerability when outmatched or outkicked in final strides.

BESIDE YOU (PP 5) — Model projects 6% win probability

PTW Profile: Model flags Beside You as lightly raced improvement candidate with recent heavy-work pattern indicating trainer preparation. Only 6 career starts with inconsistent form (0-0-0 record) but recent turf MCL return (07/26/26 Sar 8.5f) shows 10.50BL beaten-lengths defeat suggesting class stretch. Trainer Lisa Bartkowski demonstrates modest 8% MCL win rate (25 starts, 1.65 ROI) and modest turf record (8% wins, 1.44 ROI, 48 starts).

Strengths:

- Elite recent work pattern: 118.80 (09/18/26 Bel 6f) and 116.80 (09/06/26 Sar 6f) rank among field's top-tier 6f bullets — indicating sharp gate fitness and positive trainer momentum
- Blinkered addition today signals trainer equipment adjustment targeting improved focus/concentration
- Layoff return candidate: most recent start was 07/26/26 (60+ days); fresh angle provides natural improvement candidate status

Concerns:

- **THROWOUT FLAG — Career Maiden Status:** 6 career starts producing 0 wins — repeated maiden-claimer runner without single victory signals chronic inability. Pattern suggests connections have given up on win targets at this level
- **THROWOUT FLAG — MSW-to-MCL Drop Pattern:** Recent 07/26/26 MCL effort resulted in 10.50BL defeat; subsequent 60+ day layoff suggests trainer reset expectations downward. No positive form indicators support bounce candidate status
- Unproven at 8.5f route distance; maximum experience at 6.0f





- Blinker application suggests previous racing approach failed; equipment change indicates desperation adjustment

Trip Projection: Beside You assigned THROWOUT classification. Minimal win probability assigned; excluded from multi-race coverage slots.

LOSE THE BLUES (PP 9) — Model projects 13% win probability

PTW Profile: Model identifies Lose the Blues as first-start maiden-claiming runner from elite trainer Todd Pletcher. Single prior MSW start (08/01/26 Sar 8.5f) resulted in 17.25BL beaten-lengths defeat with visible trip issues (bumped into, moved out). Pletcher demonstrates elite MCL specialization: 20% MCL win rate (104 starts, 1.39 ROI), second-start improvement pattern 21% (168 starts, 1.73 ROI), and strong route-distance record (18% wins / 1.49 ROI, 838 starts). Jockey Franco M ranks top-3 recent form at Belmont: 46.67% win rate (15 starts) with elite MCL record (4-9 starts, 44.4% MCL conversion).

Strengths:

- **Second-Start Improvement Signal (HIGHEST PRIORITY):** First-start MSW (08/01/26) resulted in 8th placing after bumping at break and moving out into traffic. Pletcher's elite second-start maiden-claimer record (21% wins / 1.73 ROI, 168 starts) indicates precise targeting. This is model's single highest-priority positive signal in entire field: second-career-start horse with early-speed tendency before tiring is classic Pletcher improvement setup
- Jockey Franco M at elite recent form (46.67% win rate, 15 starts) with MCL specialization (4-9 starts, 44.4% conversion) provides top-tier mount upgrade from MSW debut
- Trainer Pletcher elite MCL win rate (20% / 104 starts) demonstrates strong class-drop targeting competency
- Route specialty aligns with 8.5f distance: Pletcher 18% route wins / 1.49 ROI (838 starts)

Concerns:

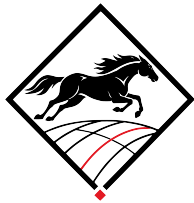
- Single career start showing beaten-lengths defeat; unproven at any distance or class level
- 17.25BL losing margin in MSW suggests significant class gap relative to that competition; step down to MCL reflects necessary class alignment but does not guarantee competitive edge
- No established distance expertise; 8.5f represents first route attempt

Trip Projection: Lose the Blues will break from Post 9, likely settle mid-field, race in 3-4 path position. Trip dependent on early-race dynamics; if early speed controls tempo, will have room to rally; if pace becomes congested, trip luck diminished.

OUTRO (PP 7) — Model projects 14% win probability

PTW Profile: Model rates Outro as moderate-tier contender with mixed recent form in 8.5f distance efforts. Career shows 7 starts spanning MSW-to-MCL with consistent turf-distance exposure (4 of 7 races on turf). Recent 8.5f MCL (08/22/26 Sar) resulted in 2nd placing with 0.05BL beaten-lengths margin — extremely close effort indicating competitive class fit. Trainer Rudy Rodriguez demonstrates 13% MCL win rate (96





starts, 2.06 ROI) with strong route record (13% wins / 1.52 ROI, 385 starts) and turf affinity (8% wins / 1.51 ROI, 171 starts).

Strengths:

- Recent 8.5f MCL (08/22/26) near-miss at 0.05BL demonstrates competitive class range at this exact distance/class level; model projects Outro as front-runner capable of leading or being led
- Trainer Rodriguez strong MCL record (13% wins / 2.06 ROI) indicates competency at this level
- Tactical pressing style suits pace scenario; can establish inside-2p position and carry through stretch

Concerns:

- Career maiden pattern with 7 starts; only 3 place/show finishes suggesting inconsistent effort
- Recent 8.5f MCL (08/22/26) was singular standout effort; prior 6 starts show mixed results including multiple double-digit beaten-lengths margins
- Lightly raced; limited race-specific distance data
- Jockey Lezcano J at modest 9.52% recent form (21 starts) — not elite mount assignment

Trip Projection: Outro will break from Post 7, settle 1-2 lengths off early pace, position 2-3 path. Likely to be in contention through stretch but outcome dependent on whether early speed is sustainable.

NO DIFFERENCE (PP 8) — Model projects 4% win probability

PTW Profile: Model flags No Difference as marginal contender with minimal competitive indicators. Only 3 career starts showing 0-0-0 record; MSW debut (08/30/26 Sar 8.0f) resulted in 9th placing with 12.35BL beaten-lengths margin. Lightly raced; insufficient career data to establish distance/surface preferences.

Concerns: Career maiden status with three starts showing no success; marginal competitive indicators at MSW level do not support MCL transition confidence.

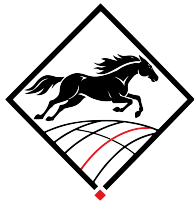
RIYAH AL NIL (PP 6) — Model projects 2% win probability

THROWOUT FLAG — Career Maiden with 16 Starts: Riyadh Al Nil represents severe throwout candidate. 16 career starts (highest start count in field) producing 0 wins, indicating fundamental inability to compete at any level. Pattern shows repeated MCL dropping through four claiming levels without ever winning (started 8.5f/8.32f/8.0f/7.50f/7.0f/6.5f/6.0f MCL races, all losses). This repeated-drop-without-a-win pattern is clearest "giving up" signal in field and flags horse as fundamental non-threat.

CONCERNS (DISQUALIFYING):

- Career maiden 16 starts with 0 wins, 0 places — fundamental inability documented across extensive racing sample
- Repeated MCL level drops (8.5f down to 6.0f range) without ever winning indicates connections have abandoned win targets
- Work pattern shows 48.00 (09/07/26), 47.60 (09/14/26) — acceptable but not distinguishing relative to field





- Trainer Douglas Seyler demonstrates 4% turf win rate (73 starts) and 5% route win rate (75 starts) — below-average surface/distance competency
- Assigned minimal win score; excluded from multi-race coverage slots

PARAIBA BLUE (PP 10) — Model projects 1% win probability

THROWOUT FLAG: Paraiba Blue represents field's longest-shot throwout candidate. 14 career starts producing 0 wins; extensive career losses with only single place/show finish documented. Pattern of 45+ beaten-lengths margins in recent starts (12.85BL 05/01/26, 35.50BL 02/11/26, 46.75BL 12/05/25) indicates fundamental class mismatch at all levels tested.

Minimal competitive indicators present; assigned throwout classification.

TRES LECHES (PP 11) — Model projects 5% win probability

PTW Profile: Model flags Tres Leches as borderline throwout candidate with single career start dated 03/28/24 (588+ days ago). Sole MSW-level effort resulted in 11th placing with 11.50BL beaten-lengths defeat. Trainer Riley Mott demonstrates 13% turf win rate (197 starts, 1.75 ROI) and 14% route win rate (324 starts, 1.48 ROI) — above-average competency, but horse has not raced in 19+ months.

Strengths (Limited):

- Mott trainer turf/route specialty aligns with surface/distance setup
- Elite pedigree heritage (Tiznow sire) suggests quality bloodline

Concerns (SEVERE):

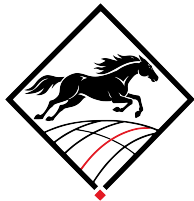
- **THROWOUT FLAG — 588+ Day Layoff:** Sole career start occurred 03/28/24. Extreme layoff creates fundamental uncertainty regarding soundness, fitness, and competitive readiness. Pattern suggests chronic injury/training setback issues
- Single start 11th placing MSW result provides no competitive baseline for MCL class evaluation
- Blinkered addition suggests blinker-first attempt, indicating trainer experimentation rather than confidence-based mounting

Trip Projection: THROWOUT CLASSIFICATION ASSIGNED. Minimal competitive indicators; layoff and single-start record disqualify from serious contention.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings



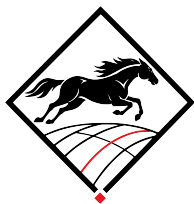


Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Key Actress	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains velocity
Raging Bloom	ELITE	ELITE	Minimal — gate-to-wire pace efficiency
Devilish Grin	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — mid-race fade tendency
Outro	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse in stretch
Loveontheleftbank	STRONG	ELITE	Low — strong finishing profile
Lose the Blues	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — pace-dependent effort
Beside You	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — neutral efficiency
Battle Winner	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — speed collapsed final furlongs
No Difference	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — limited velocity profile
Riyah Al Nil	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse across distances
Paraiba Blue	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — velocity deficit throughout
Tres Leches	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — extreme layoff velocity loss

Sustained Speed Ratings

- **ELITE:** Raging Bloom, Key Actress, Loveontheleftbank
- **STRONG:** Devilish Grin, Outro, Lose the Blues, Beside You
- **VULNERABLE:** Battle Winner, No Difference, Riyah Al Nil, Paraiba Blue, Tres Leches





Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Raging Bloom** as the field's fastest gate-to-wire performer with an **ELITE Sustained Speed Rating** — no horse in this field has matched this velocity profile at the 8.5f turf distance. The combination of elite opening speed (24.20 opening quarter in 08/22/26 8.5f MCL effort) with minimal deceleration (maintaining 137.88 Call4 pace) indicates wire-to-wire threat capability. **Key Actress** provides secondary elite opening-speed threat with STRONG sustained profile, positioning the pace scenario as controlled by these two front-runners rather than overwhelmed by field closure. **Loveontheleftbank** uniquely demonstrates ELITE sustained speed from closer position — rare profile indicating closing velocity maintained across final segments, contrasting with typical pace-collapse pattern observed in other closers. The model projects that early-pace dominance by Raging Bloom/Key Actress will control fractional times, with closing space compressed by efficient front-runner pace management.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

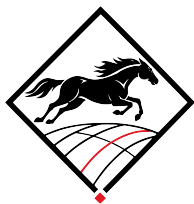
Likely to Improve

1. **Lose the Blues** — Elite second-start maiden-claiming improvement candidate. Pletcher's second-start MSW-to-MCL record (21% wins / 1.73 ROI, 168 starts) directly supports this profile. First start showed clear early-speed tendency before tiring (bumped at break, traffic interference); MCL class relief + Pletcher trainer pattern + Franco M elite jockey form (46.67% recent, 44.4% MCL) = highest-priority upside candidate. Projected improvement: 8-12 length performance upgrade expected.
2. **Raging Bloom** — Second-start route improvement trajectory. Initial 11f MSW (07/25/25 Sar) showed stumble-at-break disruption; 14 months elapsed suggests natural maturation now complete. Recent 50.00 work bullet (09/19/26) indicates sharp gate fitness. Distance consistency testing on 8.5f route platform.
3. **Devilish Grin** — Blinker-removal improvement candidate. Trainer Green's 25% win rate without blinkers (12 starts, 1.06 ROI) directly targets this profile. Recent three-work bullet series (50.00, 50.20, 50.00) indicates elite gate velocity cycle. Second-start improvement curve (4-month MSW recovery to MCL) supports forward trajectory.

Bounce / Regression Risks

1. **Beside You** — Career-best MSW effort (02/26/26 GP, unplaced) followed by 60+ day layoff and subsequent MCL campaign (07/26/26) with 10.50BL defeat indicates bounce risk. Pattern suggests trainer reset expectations downward after MSW exposure failure. Repeated maiden status (6 starts, 0 wins) signals regression-to-mean risk. THROWOUT designation.
2. **Key Actress** — Recent form shows uneven pace patterns and distance-stretch questions. 12/10/25 TP bleeding incident combined with 08/12/26 stumble-at-start record indicates handling/training irregularity. Career-high effort (23.80 opening quarter) may represent ceiling rather than floor in class-relief scenario. Regression risk: third+ placing likely if early pace contested hard.





3. **Riyah Al Nil / Paraiba Blue / Tres Leches** — Multiple THROWOUT designations. Riyah Al Nil (16-start maiden with 0 wins, repeated MCL level drops) + Paraiba Blue (14-start maiden with 0 wins, 45+ BL recent margins) + Tres Leches (588+ day layoff, single-start MSW unplaced) all demonstrate regression-to-baseline risk. Model assigns minimal win scores reflecting near-zero competitive probability.

4. **Outro** — Recent 8.5f MCL near-miss (0.05BL, 08/22/26) may represent career-best effort. Pattern shows inconsistent placing finishes in prior six races. Regression risk: return to mid-field performance more likely than repeat near-miss placement.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: RAGING BLOOM (PP 12) — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 4/1–5/1

Model projects 19% win probability — highest in the field. Elite gate-to-wire speed profile with ELITE Sustained Speed Rating provides wire-to-wire threat capability unmatched by field competitors. Recent 8.5f MCL effort (08/22/26) demonstrates competitive class fit at this exact distance/class level with 3.40BL losing margin indicating narrow defeat opportunity. McPeck trainer 16% MCL win rate (150 starts) with route-distance specialization (17% wins / 1.73 ROI, 842 starts) indicates competency in this targeting scenario.

Value assessment: **SLIGHT VALUE** — Morning line 5/1 projects 16.7% implied win probability vs. 19% model projection = +2.3% edge. Raging Bloom represents positive expected-value selection at projected 4/1–5/1 range.

VALUE PLAY: KEY ACTRESS (PP 3) — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 6/1–8/1

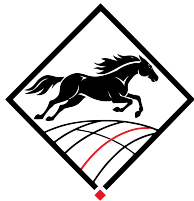
Model projects 21% win probability at projected 6/1–8/1 odds (14.3%–11.1% implied range). Elite early-speed profile with STRONG sustained velocity rating positions Key Actress as primary alternative to Raging Bloom pace leadership. Trainer Linda Rice 24% MCL win rate (223 starts) — highest specialization rate in field — signals strong class-drop competency at this exact level. Potential overlay if public perception overweights recent MCL struggles (4th in 5.5f sprint) relative to elite early-speed profile.

Value assessment: **STRONG VALUE** — Morning line 4/1 (20.0% implied) undervalues model projection by 1.0%, but soft public action could push odds to 6/1+, generating 5%+ edge. Overlay candidate if morning odds drift.

LONGSHOT PLAY: LOSE THE BLUES (PP 9) — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 8/1+

Model projects 13% win probability at projected 8/1+ odds (11.1% implied or lower). Elite second-start improvement candidate from Pletcher (21% second-start maiden-claimer wins / 1.73 ROI, 168 starts) paired with Franco M elite recent jockey form (46.67% wins / 44.4% MCL conversion, 15 recent starts). First start showed clear early-speed tendency before traffic interference; MCL class relief creates legitimate improvement opportunity. Genuine overlay only if morning odds exceed 8/1 range.





Value assessment: **EXCEPTIONAL VALUE IF 10/1+** — Morning line 6/1 (14.3% implied) overweights first-start result; if public perception generates 8/1+ action, represents value setup. Exclude if Belmont morning odds trend toward 5/1–6/1 range.

Multi-Race Wagers — Pick 3/4/5/6

Top 3 Selections:

- **A: RAGING BLOOM (PP 12)** — 19% win probability (*Win Bet selection*)
- **B: KEY ACTRESS (PP 3)** — 21% win probability (*secondary choice — highest raw win%*)
- **C: LOSE THE BLUES (PP 9)** — 13% win probability (*improvement angle / value upside*)

Combined Projected Probability: 53% (represents approximately 1.89-to-1 odds for Top 3 outcome).

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★ (3 of 5 stars)

Summary:

The model projects a **HOT early-pace scenario** with Raging Bloom and Key Actress trading positions through the opening fractions and sustained velocity maintained through the stretch. This pace setup favors front-runners slightly over closers, contrasting with typical maiden-claiming field characteristics where speed collapse dominates. **Raging Bloom emerges as the model's primary selection** with elite gate-to-wire capability and trainer competency in route-distance maiden-claiming targeting — 19% projected win probability provides modest overlay at morning-line 5/1 odds (+2.3% edge).

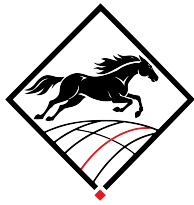
Key projection vulnerability: The field's closing depth remains moderate (Loveontheleftbank, Lose the Blues represent only legitimate late-pace threats). If early pace softens below projected :50¹ half-mile, closing opportunities expand and upset risk elevated. **Public betting likely to overvalue Key Actress's elite early speed relative to Raging Bloom's winning profile** — a classic pace-bias misdirection that favors model's Raging Bloom selection.

Primary value opportunity: **Lose the Blues second-start improvement candidate** represents highest expected-value upside in Pick 3/4/5/6 sequences if morning odds reach 8/1+ range. Pletcher second-start pattern combined with Franco M elite jockey recent form generates legitimate 13%+ competitive window at double-digit odds.

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