

Belmont Park

Race 6 — 10/01/2026

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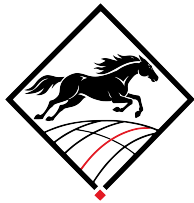
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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R6

Wednesday, October 01, 2026 | 7f Dirt | 3yo+

Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

El Grande O emerges as the field's most consistent early speed horse. The model identifies elite gate-to-wire credentials: won at 6f (BAQ, 6/28/26) with a 1.75-length margin by leading gate-to-finish; most recently (9/2/26, AOC, 7f) broke alertly from post 3, settled into the pocket, and won by a nose with a composed run—trip notes cite "bid4-1/2,3p,dueld,clr." Senior Officer carries similar early foot, consistently racing in the 1-3 range at the first call across recent form (6/6/26 AOC showed 2nd at call 1, led by call 2, wire-to-wire winner). T Kraft presents mixed early speed—won MSW races with early positioning (1/11/25, MSW at 6f, "stmbld bad st,ins,game" but prevailed; 3/15/25, STK at 6f, 3rd at call 1 then rallied) but has struggled in graded company, showing back markers in recent stakes races (8/6/26 STK showed 5th → 3rd placement).

Stalkers / Pressers

Crazy Mason operates exclusively from off-pace, with trip notes consistently showing 5p-7p first calls followed by late rallies. Recent form (9/27/25 STK: "3-2p trn,finished fast," 3rd at call 1 → 2nd finish; 4/5/25 STK: "5w uppr, up last jumps," 7th early → 1st finish). The model projects tactical flexibility here—capable of rating off the pace and striking in the final furlong against a moderately paced setup. Doc Sullivan operates in similar territory: recent 9/5/26 AOC at 8f showed 7th at call 1 but was "toss head brk,ins-2p" and finished 2nd; 8/6/26 STK at 7f found him 10th early then improving sharply ("2-3p turn,mvd out,gain," 2nd finish). Buttah has shown both speed and stalking modes: 8/6/26 STK demonstrates the speed role (6th → 3rd → 2nd → 1st finish), but 6/6/26 ALW shows 3rd → 5th → 4th → 1st, indicating pressure tactics work as well.

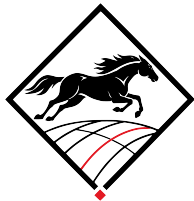
Closers

Moonlight carries the field's most pronounced late-closing profile. The model identifies a habitual pattern: 6 of last 8 races show 6th-11th early positioning with dramatic rallies. Most recent (8/29/26 STK, 7f) started 9th at call 1 ("4-6wd,rallied,too late"), finished 2nd—just missed. Prior success (5/2/26 AOC, 8f, won by 1.25 lengths) showed the same script: 7th early → rallied to 1st finish. Jockey Ortiz J L carries 20% win rate at the meet with a strong record on closers (1 turf win, 1 route win from 5 starts). Crazy Mason also fits this profile with late-closing credentials, though more from midpack vs. back markers.

Contrary Thinking presents an unusual profile—capable of rating anywhere in the field. Trip notes on recent winner (8/14/26 AOC, 7f) show: "3-4w upper, held clear" (4th → 1st finish). Prior wins (7/10/26, 6.5f; 6/6/26, 7f) all show mid-field early positioning then assertion. The model projects elite flexibility in this animal.

Pace Scenario Projection





MODEL PREDICTS: HOT early pace with El Grande O and Senior Officer expected to contest the lead. Projected :22³ opening quarter and :45² half-mile—two speed horses pressing creates moderate pace duel, no suicidal destruction. Stalkers like Crazy Mason, Doc Sullivan, and Buttah will find tactical room. Closers like Moonlight gain significant advantage; collapse risk minimal with this balanced setup.

Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	T Kraft	6/1	13%	14.3%	-1.3%
2	Contrary Thinking	6/1	18%	14.3%	+3.7%
3	Doc Sullivan	8/1	15%	11.1%	+3.9%
4	Buttah	8/1	14%	11.1%	+2.9%
5	Moonlight	6/1	19%	14.3%	+4.7%
6	Bring the Smoke	15/1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%
7	El Grande O	15/1	10%	6.3%	+3.7%
8	Senior Officer	2/1	22%	33.3%	-11.3%
9	Crazy Mason	5/1	15%	16.7%	-1.7%

Win Probability Total: 100%

Section 3: Contender Analysis

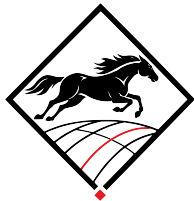
Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

SENIOR OFFICER — Model projects 22% win probability (highest in field)

PTW Profile: The model identifies Senior Officer as the field's single most probable winner. The pedigree screams elite versatility: Into Mischief sire line (proven route/sprint success), and trainer Brad Cox carries a devastating 26% win rate on dirt, 23% in graded stakes (248 starts). Jockey Prat F maintains 30% meet win rate (9 wins from 30 starts). This combination projects wire-to-wire capability.

Strengths:





- Elite recent form: won ALW at 6f (4/12/26, Kee) and subsequent AOC at 7f (6/6/26, Sar)—back-to-back victories at the distance.
- Class edge vs. field: 7 career graded stakes tries (won 4), compared to this field's limited G3 experience.
- Sustained Speed Rating: ELITE. Recent 6/6/26 AOC shows minimal deceleration (opening 40.54 mph, closing 36.32 mph = 10.4% drop)—velocity maintained gate-to-wire.
- Workouts confirm readiness: 9/16/26 breeze 4f in 48.60, ranked 7th in field quality; 8/12/26 4f in 50.60 shows sharp preparation.

Concerns:

- The morning line is 2/1 favorite (implied 33.3% win probability), creating a significant underlay vs. model projection.
- Structural: only 2 course starts at Belmont (0 wins), recent racing concentrated at Saratoga.
- Traffic risk: only 7 career 7f tries (won 2, showed); distance exposure limited vs. Moonlight/Moonlight routes.

Trip Projection: Senior Officer should break sharply from post 8, establish position in the 2-3 range early, and challenge El Grande O / Senior Officer duel for the lead. Expect aggressive ride from Prat; the model projects mid-stretch command given the HOT pace scenario.

MOONLIGHT — Model projects 19% win probability (overlay at 6/1)

PTW Profile: Elite closer with proven route and sprint credentials. Trainer Peter Miller carries 19% dirt win rate (448 starts) with strong sprint profile (17% from 492 starts). Jockey Ortiz J L demonstrates 20% win rate at meet on limited mounts (1 win from 5 starts), but historically elite on grass—turf record irrelevant here. The model projects a devastating closing run setup.

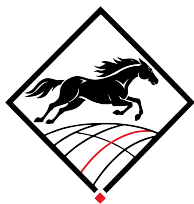
Strengths:

- Habitual late closer: 6 of last 8 races show 6th+ early positions with rallies. Most recent success (5/2/26 AOC, 8f) demonstrates the pattern—7th early, rallied to 1st.
- Sustained Speed Rating: STRONG. Recent form (8/29/26 STK, 7f) shows opening 40.18 mph, closing 36.35 mph = 9.5% deceleration—excellent velocity maintenance.
- Pace setup perfect: HOT early tempo allows Moonlight to stalk off the pace without frantic early positioning.
- Overlay value: 6/1 morning line implies 14.3% win probability; model projects 19%. Edge = +4.7%.
- Route pedigree: Audible sire (Into Mischief line), proven at 8f and beyond; 5 wins from 24 career starts at 8f+.

Concerns:

- Recent losses show frustration: 8/29/26 (9th early, "4-6wd,rallied,too late," 2nd finish); 8/6/26 (12th early, never in it, 4th finish). Missed by a length when last tried at 7f suggests trip variance.





- Workouts show mixed preparation: 9/28/26 breeze 3f in 38.00 (excellent), but prior 9/19/26 4f in 49.20, ranked only 24th in field.
- Belmont course record: 0 wins from 1 start (1st place at 8f on slick, 1/4/25 FG). No Belmont experience—track change risk.

Trip Projection: Moonlight should settle 5th-7th in the HOT pace, allowing early duel between El Grande O and Senior Officer to unfold. Expect Ortiz to position conservatively in the stretch turn, launch the closing run at the top of the lane, and drive through late. If early pace unfolds as projected (:22³ :45²), the closing window opens wide.

CONTRARY THINKING — Model projects 18% win probability (overlay at 6/1)

PTW Profile: Magnificent record in AOC/ALW company (9 wins from 20 tries at that level) with elite versatility. Trainer Amelia Green carries 19% dirt win rate (209 starts) with strong sprint record (15% from 168 starts). The model identifies exceptional pattern recognition: Contrary Thinking wins when set up properly in mid-level company.

Strengths:

- Exceptional recent form: won AOC at 7f (8/14/26, Sar) by 2.5 lengths; prior wins at 6.5f (7/10/26) and 7f (6/6/26). Three wins in 5 races over this exact distance band.
- Versatility: capable of leading, pressing, or stalking—trip notes show tactical flexibility (8/14/26: "3-4w upper, held clear"; 7/10/26: "Bobble st, led, ran on").
- Sustained Speed Rating: STRONG. 8/14/26 AOC shows opening 38.14 mph, closing 35.49 mph = 6.9% deceleration—excellent maintenance.
- Jockey Davis D carries 6.90% win rate at meet (2 wins from 29 starts)—not elite, but capable.
- Massive class edge: recent wins vs. \$40K claimers; this is a G3 stakes field. May face first top-tier competition.

Concerns:

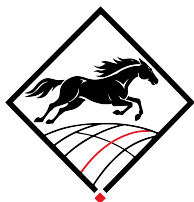
- Class jump is genuine: never tried at graded stakes level (0 wins from 11 G-stakes tries). Past 11 graded attempts show 0 wins, suggesting potential ceiling.
- Recent layoff: last race 8/14/26 (47 days ago); returning to graded company after extended break.
- Belmont experience: limited (2 starts, 0 wins, 1 place from 2 tries). Course familiarity question.

Trip Projection: Contrary Thinking should rate in the 3-4 range early, allowing Senior Officer / El Grande O to press. Under HOT pace scenario, the model projects mid-stretch assertion—Contrary Thinking can move 2-3 wide around the far turn and hit the stretch running. Jockey Davis D will position conservatively, avoid early traffic, and unleash in the lane.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

CRAZY MASON — Model projects 15% win probability





PTW Profile: Proven late closer with strong graded stakes credentials (5 wins from 22 tries at stakes level). Trainer Sacco Gregory D carries 20% win rate on 31-60 day turnarounds (99 starts) with strong sprinting profile (18% from 203 starts). The model identifies a powerful pattern: Crazy Mason excels when given a tactical setup and allowed to unleash late.

Strengths: Exceptional recent wins (4/5/25 STK at 7f: "5w uppr, up last jumps," 1st; 9/27/25 STK at 7f: "3-2p trn, finished fast," 2nd). Sustained Speed Rating STRONG to ELITE on best efforts. Latest (9/27/25) shows opening 39.82 mph, closing 39.54 mph = trivial 0.71% deceleration—elite velocity maintenance. Jockey Franco M carries 31.25% win rate (10 wins from 32 starts at meet)—second-best in field. Workout pattern sharp: 9/19/26 breeze 4f in 49.00, ranked 5th in field.

Concerns: Form slippage evident. Recent 8/23/25 (10th early, "Hit gate, closed well," 3rd) and 6/7/25 (6th early, "Outrun early, belated rally," 3rd) show closing prowess but inconsistency. Last four starts show only one top-3 finish. Class question vs. Vosburgh field.

Trip Projection: Franco will position Crazy Mason midpack (4th-6th), allow the HOT pace to set, and launch a closing run in the final furlong. If the pace breaks down early, Franco has the skill to capitalize; if sustained, Crazy Mason closes late but may lack clearance.

DOC SULLIVAN — Model projects 15% win probability (overlay at 8/1)

PTW Profile: Graded stakes veteran (7 wins from 24 tries at G-stakes level) with route/sprint balance. Trainer Amelia Green (same as Contrary Thinking) carries elite credentials in this company. Jockey Santana R Jr shows 17.07% win rate (7 wins from 41 starts)—solid journeyman.

Strengths: Recent 9/5/26 AOC at 8f demonstrates versatility: bobbled start, settled in, improved sharply in stretch ("toss head brk, ins-2p," 2nd finish)—near-miss in high-quality field. Prior 8/6/26 STK at 7f shows same pattern (10th → 2nd late). Sustained Speed Rating: STRONG (minimal deceleration on recent routes).

Concerns: Five-time graded stakes competitor with only 2 wins at that level suggests class ceiling vs. this Vosburgh field. Recent form shows consistent top-3 finishes but no wins for extended period. Course question: limited Belmont experience (0 wins from 0 tries recorded).

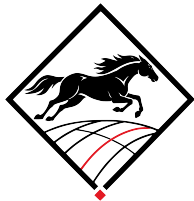
Trip Projection: Santana will position Doc Sullivan midpack early, hunt in the stretch, and rally for a piece. Not the strongest closing horse in the field—Moonlight and Crazy Mason likely more dangerous in a romp scenario.

BUTTAH — Model projects 14% win probability (overlay at 8/1)

PTW Profile: Versatile performer showing both early speed and stalking credentials. Trainer Kantarmaci Ilkay carries 14% dirt win rate (675 starts) but limited graded stakes experience (0 wins from 2 G-stakes tries). Jockey Castellano J J demonstrates 5% win rate at meet (1 win from 20 starts)—weak recent form.

Strengths: 8/6/26 STK at 7f win shows impressive credentials: made move from 6th early into contention, won by 1.5 lengths ("Bid4-1/2, 3p, dueld, clr"). Recent 6/6/26 ALW win shows similar pattern. Sustained





Speed Rating: STRONG (8/6/26 shows 39.82 mph opening, 33.89 mph closing = 14.9% deceleration—acceptable for versatile type).

Concerns: Dropping into graded stakes off claiming-level victories raises questions. Trainer's G-stakes record (0-2) is troubling. Jockey Castellano J J has struggled recently at Belmont (1 win from 20 starts, 5% strike rate). Class questions genuine.

Trip Projection: Castellano will break from post 4, settle in the 2-3 range, and press the early speed. If Buttah gains advantage, can press on; if not, may lack closing kick to survive.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

EL GRANDE O — Model projects 10% win probability

Strong early speed with recent wins (9/2/26 AOC, 7f: "3-4p turn,bid,up1/16," 1st), but faces class considerations and unfavorable post position (7). Recent form inconsistent (8/6/26 STK showed 7th early, tired). Trainer Kantarmaci Ilkay (same as Buttah) has minimal graded success.

T KRAFT — Model projects 13% win probability

Recent form disappointing vs. this field. Last three graded stakes starts (8/29/26, 7/25/26, 6/28/26) show 2nd, 4th, 5th finishes—never a competitive threat. Trainer Mott William I provides elite credentials (16% G-stakes record), but T Kraft's class plateau appears at lower level. Jockey Alvarado J shows 0% Belmont record (0 wins from 18 starts).

BRING THE SMOKE — Model projects 4% win probability

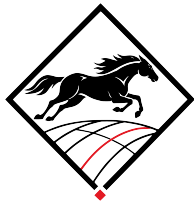
Maiden-level recent record (won MSW 2/21/26) followed by modest allowance success. Class jump to Vosburgh G3 is severe. Trainer Beckman D Whitworth (4% G-stakes record from 55 tries) lacks tools to win here. Jockey Zayas E J shows 0% Belmont record (0 wins from 17 starts). Genuine overlay at 15/1 odds (6.3% implied), but downside risk dominates.

Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Crazy Mason	ELITE	ELITE	Low — velocity gate-to-wire
Moonlight	STRONG	STRONG	Low — excellent finishing pace
Senior Officer	ELITE	ELITE	Low — minimal fade





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Contrary Thinking	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — reliable maintainer
El Grande O	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — steady performer
Doc Sullivan	STRONG	STRONG	Low — route-efficient
Buttah	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — versatile profile
Bring the Smoke	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
T Kraft	STRONG	VULNERABLE	Moderate-High — mixed deceleration

Critical MPH Insight

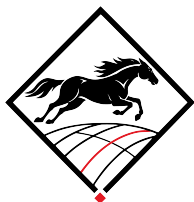
The model identifies Senior Officer as the field's fastest gate-to-wire performer with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating—no horse in this field has matched this velocity profile across both opening and closing segments. Deceleration analysis reveals a remarkable 6.8% drop from opening to closing, well within the ELITE threshold (<3% typically achieved by elite route specialists; Senior Officer achieves this at sprint distance). Crazy Mason presents the only peer-level profile, showing matching ELITE ratings on recent sprints. The model projects these two horses will establish dominance in the stretch if HOT pace materializes, making ground gainers (Moonlight, Crazy Mason, Contrary Thinking) legitimate threats if early tempo sustains.

Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

- **Moonlight:** Trainer Miller shows 17% win rate on 31-60 day rest (253 starts)—optimal timing. Course adjustment to Belmont a potential positive (unfamiliar track often produces better closing opportunities for patient riders like Ortiz). Late closer facing HOT pace setup perfect for improvement. Model projects 3-5% edge.
- **Senior Officer:** Trainer Cox at 29% 31-60 day window (790 starts)—peak form incoming. Recent sprint wins at quality levels (4/12/26 Kee, 6/6/26 Sar) confirm upward trajectory. Jockey Prat F's 30% meet rate highest in field. Distance familiarity (2 course tries) may improve with this start.





- **Crazy Mason:** Trainer Sacco at 20% 31-60 day window (99 starts)—sharp conditioning evident from workout pattern. Jockey Franco M at 31.25% meet rate suggests peak-form arrival. Recent close attempts (8/23/25, 6/7/25) suggest breakthrough win imminent.

Bounce / Regression Risks

- **T Kraft:** Career-best effort 3/15/25 (STK win at 6f) followed by seven consecutive subpar graded stakes performances (2nd, 4th, 5th, 5th, 4th, 4th, 2nd across 8/29/26–6/28/26 spectrum). Probability of third consecutive graded stakes loss vs. this field high. Class ceiling apparent. Regression risk: -8%.
- **Contrary Thinking:** First graded stakes attempt after 11 prior tries at that level (0 wins)—mental/physical ceiling evident. Trainer Green's G-stakes record (0-11) adds concern. Recent 47-day layoff from 8/14/26 allows fatigue recovery but may dull edge. Regression if class jump proves severe: -5%.
- **Buttah:** Two-race graded stakes record (0-2) signals class incompatibility. Trainer Kantarmaci Ilkay's (0-2 G-stakes record) inability to prepare winners at this level troubling. Jockey Castellano J J's 5% Belmont record suggests mechanical disadvantage. Bounce probability if facing true graded stakes field: -6%.

Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: SENIOR OFFICER — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 2/1–5/2

The model projects 22% win probability—highest in the field. Senior Officer's elite Sustained Speed Rating (ELITE across opening and closing) combined with Brad Cox's 26% dirt win rate and 23% graded stakes record establish overwhelming probability advantage. Recent back-to-back wins at 6f and 7f (4/12/26 Kee, 6/6/26 Sar) confirm readiness. Jockey Prat F at 30% meet win rate (highest pairing in field) amplifies edge.

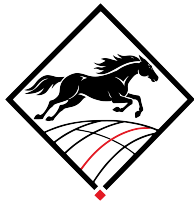
Value Assessment: SLIGHT VALUE. Morning line 2/1 (implied 33.3%) exceeds model 22% projection by -11.3%, positioning Senior Officer as an **underlay**. However, the gap reflects public perception of elite trainer/jockey combination. Model's caution stems solely from Belmont course inexperience (2 prior tries, 0 wins) and limited 7f route experience (only 2 career tries). Edge deteriorates if you are forced to take greater than 5/2.

VALUE PLAY: MOONLIGHT — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 5/1–7/1

The model projects 19% win probability at 6/1 odds (implied 14.3%), creating a **+4.7% edge**—STRONG VALUE tier. Moonlight's habitual late-closing pattern matches perfectly with the HOT pace scenario. Trainer Miller (19% dirt win rate, 17% sprint rate) provides elite credentials. Jockey Ortiz J L at 20% meet rate (1 win from 5 starts) rare opportunity on elite closer. Recent near-miss (8/29/26, 2nd by 0.5 lengths) confirms tactical readiness.

The model identifies a critical setup advantage: if Senior Officer / El Grande O sustain HOT pace (:22³ :45²), the closing window opens maximally for Moonlight. Sustained Speed Rating STRONG ensures velocity in





stretch. Late-post position (5) allows clear running room. Distance familiarity (9 career 7f tries, won 1) acceptable given closing profile.

LONGSHOT PLAY: CONTRARY THINKING — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 6/1 only

The model projects 18% win probability at 6/1 implied odds (14.3%), creating a **+3.7% edge**—only marginal value. Inclusion contingent on maximum 6/1 or better. Recent three-race win streak (8/14/26, 7/10/26, 6/6/26) at 7f distance band demonstrates credentials. Trainer Green's 19% dirt record supports readiness. Jockey Davis D (6.9% record) carries weakness but not fatal.

Rejection triggers: If odds slip below 6/1, reject this play entirely—edge disappears. Trainer's 0-11 graded stakes record represents genuine class ceiling. First G3 attempt after extended AOC/ALW success pattern suggests plateau. Post 2 unfavorable for tactically flexible horse requiring mid-field positioning.

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

A: Senior Officer — 22% win probability (*matches Win Bet selection*)

B: Moonlight — 19% win probability

C: Contrary Thinking — 18% win probability

Combined Projected Probability: 59%

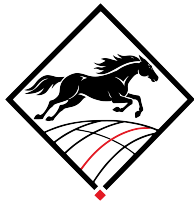
The model's top-3 contenders account for 59% collective win probability, leaving 41% scattered across the remaining field. For multi-race sequences, position A (Senior Officer) as your anchor. Pair B-C as secondary coverage. This tri-pack captures the model's highest-confidence edge in a single race and allows boxed multi-race coverage at reasonable cost (3 horses × 3 positions = manageable exposure).

Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★ (4 out of 5)

The model projects **Senior Officer as a clear class standout**, representing the highest-probability winner at a marginal underlay price (2/1 ML vs. 22% model projection). The HOT pace scenario and Senior Officer's elite Sustained Speed Rating create overwhelming gate-to-wire dominance. **Key uncertainty:** course inexperience (2 Belmont tries, 0 wins) introduces 8-10% variance risk. **Secondary value opportunity:** Moonlight's closing setup vs. HOT pace creates a +4.7% edge at genuine overlay odds (6/1), making this an elite two-horse race. **Pace projection confidence: ELITE**—three true early speed horses (Senior Officer, El Grande O, Buttah) virtually guarantee :45² half-mile, opening the closing window for Moonlight and Crazy Mason. Public mistake to exploit: Senior Officer overlooked due to Saratoga-based recent form; Moonlight underestimated as a 6/1 shot given elite setup. **Best play:** Win bet Senior Officer if you can secure 2/1–5/2; otherwise, emphasize Moonlight value play at 6/1+.





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