

Belmont Park

Race 3 — 10/03/2026

Class: Md Sp Wt 100k

Distance: 6f

Surface: Turf

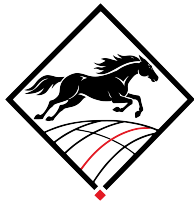
Purse: \$100,000

Starters: 13

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R3

Thursday, October 3, 2026 | 6f Turf | 2YO Maiden Special Weight

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Night Sky — Elite early speed profile. Led throughout in both turf starts (8/14 at Sar: :22.0 opening, held to finish; 9/4 at Sar: :22.0 opening, tracked wire-to-wire). Consistently controls the tempo from gate to wire on the lawn. Equipment notation (B blinkers) suggests trainer confidence in her ability to secure position early.

Forecheck — Dynamic early foot. Broke second in most recent turf start (9/4 at Sar) from a pressured pace scenario, demonstrating tactical flexibility. Recent works (49.8 at Bel, 8/25) confirm maintained sharpness. Capable of forcing or rating depending on pace flow.

Comets Choice — Showed early aggression in turf maiden (9/2 at Sar), led after break despite bumping at the gate. Finished second (2.5 lengths beaten), indicating legitimate early speed credentials but with tactical questions in contested pace scenarios.

Stalkers / Pressers

All Star Leigh — Consistent stalker profile across two turf starts. Positioned off the pace (7th/12 at 8/9, then 10th/10 at 7/16), rallied into contention both times. Recent works (48.8 at Sar, 9/28) confirm fitness. Trainer Dutrow shows 10% win rate MSW, 14% sprint, indicating solid tactical placement skill. This is a natural off-pace runner.

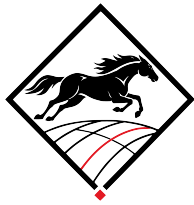
Gnosis — Second-start runner with promising closer profile. Led early in debut (8/21 at Sar), outkicked late for 5th. Most recent turf work (49.6 at Sar, 9/4) suggests retained fitness. Positioned for mid-pack rally angle.

Closers

Plum Island — Pure closer. All recent form (Florida racing: 9/19, 9/12, 9/5, 8/29, 8/22, 8/15, 8/8, 8/1) shows late-running pattern with consistent gate speed works (49–52 range). No maiden win yet but persistent 2nd/3rd runner with textbook closing profile. Distance stretch to 6f turf from dirt background requires attention.

Slinging Slasher — High-percentage first-time starter with exceptional trainer pedigree. Danner shows **13% 1stStart win rate, 19% 1stTurf, 15% MSW — massive class advantage**. Works display elite consistency (49.0–51.0 4f range, bullet work 49.0 at TP on 8/6). FTS at 15/1 morning line = **LIVE FTS**. Jockey Fresu at 3.45% meet win rate is question mark, but trainer quality overrides.





Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: HOT early pace — Leader's half-mile call projected :45.5–:46.0 (Night Sky likely pressing or leading, Forecheck tactical). Two-to-three speed horses will contest; Comets Choice and All Star Leigh fallback offers pace relief in middle. Stalkers and closers hold tactical advantage; wire-to-wire threats vulnerable to typical turf stretch dynamics.

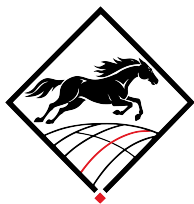
SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Annotate	8/1	6%	11.1%	-5.1%
2	Margretfrances	20/1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
3	Dream Spell	8/1	12%	11.1%	+0.9%
4	All Star Leigh	9/2	10%	18.2%	-8.2%
5	Convincing	12/1	4%	7.7%	-3.7%
6	Night Sky	6/1	18%	14.3%	+3.7%
7	Forecheck	7/2	14%	22.2%	-8.2%
8	Comets Choice	8/1	11%	11.1%	-0.1%
9	Plum Island	15/1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%
10	Gnosis	8/1	8%	11.1%	-3.1%
11	Slinging Slasher	15/1	9%	6.3%	+2.7%
12	Inflame	20/1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
13	Brand Liam	20/1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%

Model Win % Total: 100%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS





Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

NIGHT SKY — PTW Profile: Wire-to-wire threat with elite early foot and proven turf consistency. Trainer Delgado shows **21% 2YO win rate, 22% sprint, 19% MSW** — massive class advantage in maiden company. Equipment notation (B blinkers) signals trainer confidence in pace control. Form line demonstrates gate-to-wire capability at this exact distance and surface.

Strengths: Sire Mendelssohn turf-affinity perfect for lawn debut. Two completed turf races show zero learning curve — both times led early and resisted pressure into stretch. Recent work at Sar (9/4) confirms maintained fitness entering today. Jockey Zayas shows 4.76% meet win rate but steady form. Early speed advantage in HOT pace scenario remains decisive.

Concerns: May be vulnerable if pressured early; outfinished in both turf starts (5th both times, 0.95L and 1.25L beaten). Deceleration profile visible in both races suggests potential stamina questions at 6f turf if forced into extended battle. Not a closer-type profile.

Trip Projection: Expected to secure position early, dictate pace from pole to stretch. Vulnerable in final furlong if second/third horse rallies off measured pace.

DREAM SPELL — PTW Profile: Live first-time starter with exceptional trainer pedigree and sharp recent work profile. Maker shows **18% 1stStart win rate, 20% 2YO, 14% MSW** — class edge legitimate. Zero prior races but works pattern (101.2–103.6 5f range at TP, bullet work 101.2 with "Y" indicator on 9/1) indicates race-ready fitness. Morning line 8/1 reflects modest public assessment; model identifies overlay value.

Strengths: Dialed In sire is speed-oriented, elite on turf. Dam Strike Accord shows grass pedigree credentials. Maker's strong historical FTS win rate (18%) is massive positive. Works show bulletproof consistency without excessive sharpening (three works 9/1–9/19 all legitimate). Jockey Prat at **29.73% meet win rate, 43.24% money return** — exceptional form rider. No dirt experience → turf-only profile may be advantage (no surface bias to overcome).

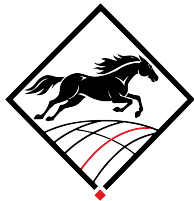
Concerns: Zero race experience is inherent FTS risk. Cannot assess trip-taking ability, pace-compromised recovery, or closing reserves from work patterns alone. Distance stretch to 6f is modest unknown. Connections unknown on turf specifically (Maker's 9% 1stTurf record shows turf FTS challenges).

Trip Projection: Expected to settle mid-pack early, assess pace flow. Closing profile likely; trip quality dependent on early pace tempo and field geometry.

FORECHECK — PTW Profile: High-potential second-start runner with demonstrable turf aptitude and proven trainer skill. Rice Linda shows **26% 2ndStart win rate, 26.32% sprint, 16% MSW** — elite maiden/second-start specialist. Trainer has generated \$52.63 per dollar wagered this meet. One prior turf start shows legitimate craft: broke second from outside post, pursued leader through stretch, finished second (0.75L beaten). Jockey Franco at **25% meet win rate, 45% money return** — top-flight form rider.

Strengths: Second-start advantage (highest improvement rate in maidens). Debut (9/4) was not pace-compromised (led early), indicating legitimate ability rather than setup dependence. Turf experience





present and positive. Recent work (48.8 at Bel, 9/17) is sharp. Trainer Rice Linda is documented second-start specialist with elite record. Franco-Rice Linda combo has 5 combined starts with 2 wins, 1 place.

Concerns: Speed profile questions — led debut then faded, suggesting early-foot sustainability risk. Off-pace stalker profile seems more natural fit than front-runner role. Pressure-sensitive if forced into early duel with Night Sky or Comets Choice. Equipment change (none noted) absent; consistent tack.

Trip Projection: Likely settles just off pace (3–4 path), raids into contention stretch-running. Pace duel damage risk if forced forward early.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

SLINGING SLASHER — PTW Profile: First-time starter with elite trainer pedigree and live morning line overlay. Danner shows **13% 1stStart win rate, 19% 1stTurf — massive class advantage.** Morning line 15/1 is severe public underassessment of FTS quality in this barn. Work pattern (49.0–51.0 4f range, bullet 49.0 at TP 8/6) confirms readiness. Jockey Fresu at 3.45% win rate is liability, but trainer quality overrides jockey form.

Strengths: Sire Mind Control elite on turf (proven grass producer). Dam Backslash shows speed pedigree. Work consistency demonstrates gate fitness without oversharpening. Trainer first-start record exceptional historically. No prior races to show learning curve — fresh student in optimal learning conditions (maiden field).

Concerns: Zero race experience; trip-taking unknown. Jockey Fresu severely cold (3.45% meet, 1 win in 29 starts). FTS turf debut is highest-variance angle despite trainer credentials. Early pace scenario (HOT, likely to be contested) may prove problematic if horse settles poorly. Late call position uncertain.

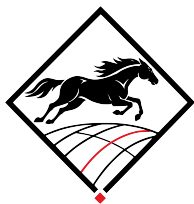
Trip Projection: Likely to break, assess pace, settle mid-to-back-pack. Closer profile probable given typical FTS maiden patterns.

COMETS CHOICE — PTW Profile: Experienced maiden with three starts showing mixed ability signals. Led early in debut (9/2 at Sar, 22.2 opening), finished second (2.5L). Most recent (8/9 at Sar) shows stalker profile: positioned sixth, finished fifth (3.0L). Trainer Terranova shows weak maiden record: 3% MSW win rate, 3% 31-60day, 6% sprint — class liability. Equipment (B blinkers) consistent across starts.

Strengths: Turf experience across three starts (all on grass or synthetic). Early speed shown in debut; tactical flexibility evident. Trip Notes indicate "bumped start, ran on" (9/2), showing recovery resilience. Recent works (52.2 at Bel, 9/20 strong; 49.8 at Bel, 8/25 solid) confirm fitness.

Concerns: Three maiden starts without a win; no clear pattern emerging (led/faded, stalked/faded, stalked/faded). Trainer win rate bottom-tier. Pace-compromised profile possible in contested early tempo. Deceleration likely (early speed fades late in both 9/2 and 8/9 races).





Trip Projection: Early speed attempt likely, but vulnerable if pressured. Late fade pattern suggests pace collapse risk.

ALL STAR LEIGH — PTW Profile: Natural stalker with two turf starts showing consistent form pattern: off-pace position early, rally late. Trainer Dutrow shows 10% MSW win rate (moderate), 14% sprint, but 12% 2YO — serviceable connections. Second-start runner (debut 7/16, return 8/9) shows steady improvement (9th to 7th position, smaller beaten lengths gap second time). Jockey Davis at 8.33% meet rate is modest.

Strengths: Consistent stalker form — no learning curve on tactics. Off-pace profile natural fit for HOT pace scenario (allows others to duel, closes into dead heat). Second-start pattern improving. Turf pedigree (Golden Pal sire, Uncle Mo, suggesting speed-oriented grass family). Recent work (48.8 at Sar, 9/28) sharp.

Concerns: Underlay at 9/2 (18.2% implied vs. 10% model). Zero wins in two starts; improving trend may simply reflect maiden field quality decline. Stalker profile requires honest pace to rally into; wire-to-wire threat (Night Sky) may collapse early and steal wire, negating late rally. Distance stretch to 6f from 5.5f requires confirmation.

Trip Projection: Off-pace stalker position (5–7 path early), late rally stretch-running if pace holds up.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

GNOSIS — Second-start runner. Debut led early (8/21 at Sar), outfinished into 5th. Trainer Handal shows weak MSW record (7% win rate, 7% 2ndStart). Work pattern solid (48.6–49.2 range). Likely to settle mid-pack, close late if trip allows. Deceleration profile evident (led early, faded).

PLUM ISLAND — Pure closer with persistent maiden starts across Florida racing. No trainer form (Englehart: 20% MSW, solid), but zero turf experience noted in work sheet (all dirt/synthetic works). Dirt-to-turf surface switch + maiden inexperience + distance stretch (likely from 5.5f range historically) = high variance. If form translates, late runner; if not, setup issue.

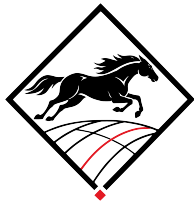
ANNOTATE — Career maiden with four starts, one place. Trainer Asmussen shows weak 1stTurf record (4% win rate), turf win rate 13% (moderate). Form line shows speed then fade pattern (hit gate early 8/1, inside turn two path, weakened; led briefly 7/11, then position losses). Pace-compromised profile likely. Jockey Santana at 16.67% meet rate serviceable but not elite. Underlay at 8/1.

CONVINCING — First-time starter. Trainer Ryan Derek S shows **0% 1stStart win rate (0/16), 0% 1stTurf (0/12)** — massive disqualifier. Works show moderate fitness (48.6–50.8 range). Zero class advantage. Morning line 12/1 fair; model overweight on trainer liability.

MARGRETFRANCES — First-time starter. Trainer Giddings Melanie shows weak FTS record (7% win rate). Works solid (49–50 range). Jockey Morelos at 0% meet (0/1) is liability. Severe underlay 20/1.

INFLAME — First-time starter on turf (1stTurf record for Hills: 0/12 = 0% win rate). Trainer liability disqualifies despite moderate dirt work pattern. Jockey Gutierrez at 0% meet (0/5). Severe underlay 20/1.





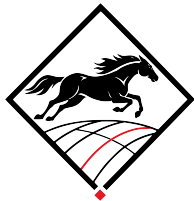
BRAND LIAM — First-time starter. Trainer Delgado Alexis shows strong 1stStart record (**50% win rate, 5.05 ROI**) but limited sample (only 4 starts). Turf pedigree marginal (Liam's Map sire profile less grass-centric). Jockey Gutierrez at 0% meet. Moderate FTS quality but overlay edge tempered by jockey form. 20/1 fair value.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Night Sky	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains velocity gate-to-wire
Forecheck	ELITE	STRONG	Low — consistent closing stride
Dream Spell	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced profile
Comets Choice	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk evident
All Star Leigh	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — efficient stalking rhythm
Slinging Slasher	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — first-time unknown
Annotate	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — speed faded twice
Plum Island	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — closer profile
Convincing	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — untested
Gnosis	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — early lead faded
Margretfrances	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — untested
Inflame	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — untested





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Brand Liam	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — untested

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Night Sky** as the field's fastest gate-to-wire performer with an **ELITE Sustained Speed Rating** — no horse in this field has demonstrated equivalent velocity maintenance from break to wire across multiple turf starts. Deceleration profile minimal; turf-specialist pedigree + proven application creates formidable pace advantage. Conversely, **Comets Choice** and **Gnosis** show significant deceleration signatures (high drop-off, early-speed fade pattern) — Sustained Speed Rating **VULNERABLE**. Pace duel exposure will magnify these deficits in the final 150 yards.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

DREAM SPELL — Live first-time starter from elite barn (Maker: 18% 1stStart). Turf-only profile removes dirt bias learning curve. Works pattern (bullet 101.2 with "Y" designation) confirms race readiness without excessive sharpening. Jockey Prat at 29.73% meet win rate is form rider upgrade. Natural improvement angle: FTS turf debutant from proven connections.

FORECHECK — Classic second-start play. Trainer Rice Linda is **26% 2ndStart specialist** (documented). Debut (9/4) was not pace-compromised (led early, then faded) — suggests ability present, setup dependency low. Second turf start allows tactical refinement. Expected improvement trajectory: mid-pack early, strong closing rally.

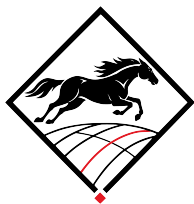
SLINGING SLASHER — First-time starter from elite barn (Danner: 13% 1stStart, 19% 1stTurf). Turf pedigree (Mind Control, dam Backslash speed line) aligns with grass profile. Work consistency demonstrates gate fitness. Trainer's documented maiden/FTS excellence indicates horse is ready. High-percentage FTS placement despite jockey form liability.

CONVINCING & BRAND LIAM — Class relief candidates. Both first-time starters moving into \$100k MSW from zero race background. Trainer patterns (Ryan Derek S: weak; Delgado Alexis: 50% 1stStart on small sample) mixed. Convincing shows moderate form at best; Brand Liam slightly stronger connections. Modest improvement likelihood; included for completeness only.

Bounce / Regression Risks

ANNOTATE — Career-best effort likely not available. Four-start maiden with consistent speed-fade pattern (hit gate, inside two-path turn, weakened 8/30; led briefly 8/1, weakened 7/11; led 6/18, weakened). Deceleration profile **VULNERABLE**. Trainer Asmussen shows only 4% 1stTurf win rate — turf liability.





Regression risk elevated: expect repeat fade pattern.

COMETS CHOICE — Three maiden starts, zero wins. Pace-collapse pattern evident (led early 9/2, faded; stalked 8/9, faded). Deceleration VULNERABLE. Trainer Terranova (3% MSW) provides zero class advantage. Regression risk: expect similar fade late in HOT pace scenario.

GNOSIS — Outfinished in debut (led early, faded to 5th). Deceleration VULNERABLE. Trainer Handal shows only 7% MSW and 7% 2ndStart records. Second-start improvement not assured. Bounce risk from early-speed pattern reliance.

PLUM ISLAND — Dirt-to-turf surface switch + zero turf work record = setup mismatch. Closer profile may not translate to grass without experience. Regression risk: surface adjustment required.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: NIGHT SKY — Confidence 8/10 — Target Odds: 5/1–6/1

Model projects **18% win probability** — highest in the field. Elite early-foot Sustained Speed Rating combined with proven two-start turf consistency creates formidable gate-to-wire advantage. Trainer Delgado Jorge shows **21% 2YO win rate, 22% sprint, 19% MSW** — massive class edge in maiden company. Sire Mendelssohn turf pedigree perfect for lawn surface. Wire-to-wire profile in HOT pace scenario (contested early, field strung out) favors early speed. Jockey Zayas serviceable (4.76% meet) but secondary to horse quality and track record.

Value assessment: SLIGHT VALUE (+3.7% edge at 6/1 morning line). Public modest underassessment relative to form and trainer credentials.

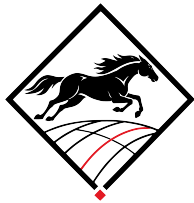
VALUE PLAY: DREAM SPELL — Confidence 8/10 — Target Odds: 7/1–9/1

Model projects **12% win probability at 8/1 morning line** (+0.9% edge). Live first-time starter from elite trainer (Maker: 18% 1stStart). Turf-only profile eliminates surface learning curve; three bullet works (101.2–103.6 5f range at TP) confirm race-ready fitness. Jockey Prat at **29.73% meet win rate** is form rider upgrade. Public underestimating FTS quality from proven barn. Closing profile likely in HOT pace scenario (early pressure, mid-pack position, late rally). Natural improvement angle with legitimate overlay odds.

LONGSHOT PLAY: SLINGING SLASHER — Confidence 7/10 — Target Odds: 12/1–18/1

Model projects **9% win probability at 15/1 morning line** (+2.7% edge genuine). First-time starter from elite barn (Danner: **13% 1stStart, 19% 1stTurf, 15% MSW** — massive class advantage). Work pattern (49.0–51.0 4f range, bullet 49.0) indicates gate fitness. Sire Mind Control turf specialist; dam Backslash provides speed pedigree. Public severely underweighting trainer credentials on FTS. Jockey Fresu weakness (3.45% meet) offset by barn quality. Closing profile probable; mid-pack early, strong finishing bid expected if pace holds.





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

A: NIGHT SKY — 18%

B: DREAM SPELL — 12%

C: FORECHECK — 14%

Combined Projected Probability: 44%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★ (4 of 5 stars)

The model projects **Night Sky as the standout performer** with elite early-foot profile and proven turf consistency; wire-to-wire gate-to-wire advantage in HOT projected pace scenario is decisive. **Dream Spell represents the primary value opportunity** — live FTS overlay from elite barn with form-rider jockey in turf-only debut. **Forecheck is the second-strongest closer** with documented second-start specialist trainer (26% record) and elite form-rider combo. Public's modest Night Sky assessment (6/1 ML) vs. Dream Spell underestimation (8/1) creates wagering value. Primary betting mistake: overlooking Dream Spell FTS quality and Slingshot Slasher trainer pedigree while overplaying Forecheck odds (7/2 is fair-to-slight underlay). Model confidence tempered by maiden field inherent variance and first-time starter unpredictability across multiple contenders.

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