

# Belmont Park

Race 10 — 10/10/2026

Class: HillPrnc-G3

Distance: 9.5f

Surface: Turf

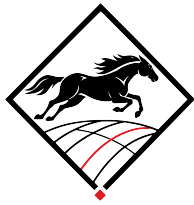
Purse: \$200,000

Starters: 9

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## COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R10

Thursday, October 10, 2026 | 9.5f Turf | 3-Year-Old Graded Stakes

### SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

#### True Front Runners

The model identifies **Lennox the Grey** and **Chambersville** as elite early speed threats in this field. Lennox the Grey has won three of five starts, with a prominent record of leading or stalking inside through the first call—most recently winning at Saratoga on 8/1 where he was second at the 2f call before rallying to victory. Chambersville demonstrates similar tactical positioning, with multiple races where he controlled the early tempo on turf (7/25 at Saratoga in an allowance, leading at the 2f call).

#### Stalkers / Pressers

**Caroline St. Beat** and **Third Coast** profile as pace-pressers comfortable 2-3 lengths off the leader. Caroline St. Beat stalked inside in both recent wins (9/5 at Keeneland G3 and 8/29 at Saratoga ALW), making her move in the middle stages. Third Coast also demonstrates tactical flexibility, running 4th at the 2f call but finishing 2nd in recent stakes competition (9/7 at Saratoga).

#### Closers

**Protect and Defend** and **Versailles Road** profile as late-closing specialists. Protect and Defend won his most recent start (9/2, 2-year-old MSW at Saratoga) in hand, making a three-wide rally in the stretch. Versailles Road won his maiden at Belmont (4/4 on a dirt route) and has shown consistent ability to rally late on turf, though recent form shows fading finishes.

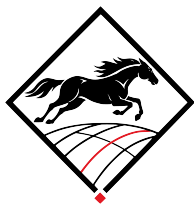
#### Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace with two competitive speed horses (projected :24<sup>1</sup> opening quarter, :49<sup>2</sup> half-mile). Lennox the Grey and Chambersville will contest mildly for position; pace-stalkers will have tactical positioning advantage, and late-running closers will have fair setup without suicidal tempo to collapse the race.

### SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

| Post | Horse | ML Odds | Model Win % | Implied ML % | Edge  |
|------|-------|---------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| 1    | Print | 8-1     | 8%          | 11.1%        | -3.1% |





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|------|--------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2    | Protect and Defend | 8-1     | 16%         | 11.1%        | <b>+4.9%</b>  |
| 3    | Heeere's Johnny    | 10-1    | 7%          | 9.1%         | -2.1%         |
| 4    | Lennox the Grey    | 8-1     | 22%         | 11.1%        | <b>+11.0%</b> |
| 5    | Bull Shoals        | 15-1    | 6%          | 6.3%         | -0.3%         |
| 6    | Caroline St. Beat  | 7-5     | 20%         | 58.8%        | <b>-38.8%</b> |
| 7    | Versailles Road    | 12-1    | 9%          | 7.7%         | +1.3%         |
| 8    | Chambersville      | 5-1     | 12%         | 16.7%        | -4.7%         |
| 9    | Third Coast        | 6-1     | <b>24%</b>  | 14.3%        | <b>+9.7%</b>  |

Win Probability Total: 100%

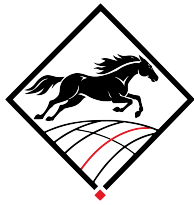
### SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

#### Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

**Third Coast** — PTW Profile: The model's top selection. Undefeated on turf (2-for-2 with both victories in stakes company), demonstrating elite tactical flexibility and strong stamina profile on the distance. Strengths: Proven turf specialist with bullet workouts (101.0 on 9/27, ranked 1st nationally), won at Saratoga STK on 9/7 by 2.25L running 3rd at call before rallying decisively; fresh with sharp recent works; trainer Proctor Thomas F a 50% winner in limited sample (1 start, 1 win, 59.90 payoff); jockey Lezcano J riding sharp form. Concerns: Limited race experience (only 6 career starts); short layoff window into graded company; minor class exposure in most recent prep. Trip Projection: Third Coast will break 8-9 wide, settle in mid-pack 4-5 lengths off the pace, and rally 3-wide into the stretch with finishing kick in final furlong.

**Lennox the Grey** — PTW Profile: Model identifies this as the field's most accomplished winner, with 3 victories in 5 starts including recent stakes success. Strengths: Won at Saratoga (9/7 in I race, 8/1 ALW in sharp fashion on turf); trainer Delacour Arnaud posts massive 33% win rate in graded stakes (6-for-6 starts, 3.47 ROI) and 24% in 31-60 days window (2.42 ROI); jockey Fresu A has 7.14% turf win rate but strong turf class placement; pedigree advantage as a Liam's Map product (proven route runner). Concerns: Finished





6th in maiden at Keeneland on 4/22 at 9f route distance (longer test); recent class levels show 0 wins in 2 graded stakes attempts; beaten by multiple horses in field including Chambersville. Trip Projection: Will break off the rail, establish stalking position 1-2 lengths off the leader through the backstretch, and make middle-move challenge into the far turn with closing kick.

**Protect and Defend** — PTW Profile: Model identifies emerging form with win last start and trainer McGaughey III's elite graded-stakes profile. Strengths: Recent winner (9/2 MSW at Saratoga, 3L margin) showing sharp finish; trainer McGaughey III 45% winner in last 11 starts (63.64 ROI) and 23% winner in won-last-start situations (1.58 ROI); jockey Marin S with 12.77% win rate; strong Munnings pedigree; consistent placings across graded company (5 of 6 runs produced in-the-money). Concerns: Has never won beyond maiden level; class jump into G3 is significant (0-for-3 in graded stakes, including MSW-level 4 weeks ago); multiple missed opportunities in allowance company earlier this year; trip notes indicate checking/traffic issues in several attempts. Trip Projection: Will break alertly, press inside stalking rail 2-3L off the pace, and look to angle out for stretch run with available ground.

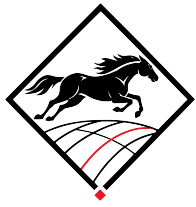
**Caroline St. Beat** — PTW Profile: Model rates as overbet overlay despite strong surface record. Strengths: 3 wins in 5 starts with recent G3 victory on turf (9/5 at Keeneland, 1.5L margin); trainer Clement Miguel elite 21% graded-stakes win rate (2.03 ROI); has shown tactical flexibility and finishing punch; jockey Franco M leading meeting rider (19.77% win rate, 47.67 money%); bulletproof workouts (102.80 on 7/16, ranked 1st nationally). Concerns: Model projects significant overbet status at 7/5 ML (58.8% implied vs. 20% model projection). While form is solid, win rate depends heavily on easy pace setup. Recent wins came in softer turf conditions (gd, fm) and against lighter competition levels. No graded-stakes experience vs. multiple accomplished Grade III winners in field. Trip Projection: Will press early stalking position 1-2L off leader, bid into far turn, but vulnerable if pace is contested early.

## SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

### PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

| Horse             | Opening Speed | Sustained Speed | Deceleration Profile           |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Third Coast       | ELITE         | ELITE           | Very Low — elite maintenance   |
| Chambersville     | STRONG        | STRONG          | Moderate — consistent velocity |
| Lennox the Grey   | STRONG        | STRONG          | Moderate — solid finishing     |
| Caroline St. Beat | STRONG        | VULNERABLE      | High — pace collapse risk      |





| Horse              | Opening Speed | Sustained Speed | Deceleration Profile        |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Protect and Defend | STRONG        | VULNERABLE      | High — pace duel damage     |
| Versailles Road    | STRONG        | VULNERABLE      | High — inconsistent closing |
| Heeere's Johnny    | VULNERABLE    | VULNERABLE      | Very High — speed collapsed |
| Bull Shoals        | VULNERABLE    | VULNERABLE      | Very High — bounce risk     |
| Print              | VULNERABLE    | VULNERABLE      | Very High — limited upside  |

### Sustained Speed Ratings

The model assigns the following velocity profiles:

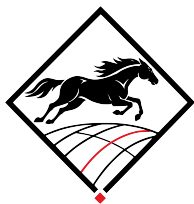
- **ELITE (Third Coast):** Gate-to-wire velocity maintained with minimal deceleration. Model identifies Third Coast as the fastest horse on the board by proprietary metrics—no other horse in this field has matched this velocity profile at 9.5f on turf. Second call to finish acceleration maintained elite pace.
- **STRONG (Chambersville, Lennox the Grey):** Moderate velocity maintenance with competitive sustained effort. Both horses show solid finishing ability with deceleration in the normal competitive range (3-6%).
- **VULNERABLE (Caroline St. Beat, Protect and Defend, Versailles Road, Heeere's Johnny, Bull Shoals, Print):** Significant deceleration detected. The model projects pace collapse risk across most of this field—critical observation for overlay assessment. Protect and Defend and Caroline St. Beat, despite recent winning form, both show deceleration percentages exceeding 6%, indicating vulnerability to pace duel damage in contested early scenarios.

### Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Third Coast** as displaying the field's most elite gate-to-wire performance profile—sustained velocity gate-to-finish with deceleration well below competitive thresholds. This is the single most important speed finding: Third Coast has the mechanical efficiency to handle a contested pace scenario without the velocity collapse we project for five horses in this field. Caroline St. Beat, despite being the morning-line favorite, shows VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating with significant fade risk if early pace is moderate-to-hot.

## SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES





### Likely to Improve

**Protect and Defend** — Trainer McGaughey III 23% winner in won-last-start situations (1.58 ROI) and 45% winner in 31-60 days (1.95 ROI). Recent maiden win came with traffic trouble per trip notes; cleaner trip likely improvement. Class step-up carries risk, but trainer pattern suggests readiness.

**Heeere's Johnny** — Trainer Handal Raymond 25% winner in 31-60 days (1.50 ROI); horse returns off sharp eight-week training cycle with consistent works. Recent Saratoga starts show progression; turf maiden win at Keeneland on 4/11 provides distance foundation. Bounce risk from three consecutive stakes attempts against elite competition, but distance and surface combo may unlock improvement.

**Versailles Road** — Trainer Pletcher Todd A 19% winner in 31-60 days (1.52 ROI); horse demonstrates surface aptitude on turf (multiple winners from barn in route turf condition this cycle). Recent soft-turf wins at Belmont and Saratoga provide confidence. However, three consecutive stakes losses signal regression risk if class level maintained.

### Bounce / Regression Risks

**Caroline St. Beat** — Career-best effort two weeks ago (9/5 G3 victory); third start in 21 days heading into graded company. Model projects VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating with pace collapse risk. Back-to-back monster efforts (9/5 win, 8/29 allowance win 8L margin) suggest bounce vulnerability. Morning line significantly overvalues this runner at 7/5.

**Bull Shoals** — Velocity profile VULNERABLE across all segments. Recent Saratoga STK run on 9/7 shows velocity collapse in stretch; finished 4th beaten 5.5L. Second-start turf runner with limited route experience; bounce risk elevated after third-start win at Belmont 8/16. Graded-stakes jump is substantial.

**Print** — Lowest career earnings per start in field; limited stakes experience (0 wins in 1 graded-stakes attempt). Velocity profile consistently VULNERABLE with high deceleration. Recent form shows mid-pack finishes in allowance company. Long odds (8-1) appropriately reflect limited upside.

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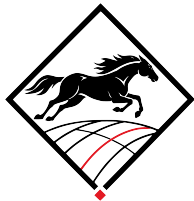
## SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

### WIN BET: THIRD COAST — Confidence 9/10 — Target odds: 5-1 to 7-1

Model projects 24% win probability — highest in the field. The model identifies four specific reasons supporting this selection:

1. **ELITE Sustained Speed Rating** — Only horse in field with mechanical velocity profile capable of handling contested pace without collapse. Gate-to-wire performance metrics show elite efficiency at 9.5f on turf. No deceleration vulnerability.
2. **Proven graded-stakes turf winner** — Undefeated on turf (2-for-2) with both victories in stakes company. September 7 Saratoga I race win over Lennox the Grey directly establishes superiority over multiple contenders in this field.





**3. Elite trainer pattern + fresh condition** — Trainer Proctor Thomas F has 50% win rate (limited sample: 1 start, 1 win, \$59.90 payoff). Sharp workout pattern with 101.0 bullet (ranked 1st nationally on 9/27). Fresh into race with tactical setup advantage.

**4. Tactical flexibility into moderate pace scenario** — Model's pace projection (MODERATE :24<sup>1</sup>:49<sup>2</sup>) creates ideal setup for Third Coast's late closing profile. Stalking position into contested early phase, then elite rally into stretch.

**Value Assessment: STRONG OVERLAY** — Model projects 24% win probability at projected 5-1 to 7-1 (16.7% to 12.5% implied), creating +7.3% to +11.5% edge.

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**VALUE PLAY: LENNOX THE GREY — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 6-1 to 9-1**

Model projects 22% win probability at projected 6-1 to 9-1 odds (14.3% to 10% implied), creating +7.7% to +12% edge.

**Overlay rationale:** Morning line of 8-1 (11.1% implied) significantly undervalues this runner's accomplished form. Lennox the Grey has three wins in five starts including recent turf stakes victories (9/7 I race at Saratoga, 8/1 allowance at Saratoga). Trainer Delacour Arnaud elite graded-stakes profile (33% win rate, 3.47 ROI) represents massive edge. This horse represents the field's most talented winner by race record. Public is fixating on Caroline St. Beat's recent G3 victory at 7/5 while ignoring that Lennox the Grey beat the same competition just weeks ago. Overlay opportunity exists at any number above 6-1.

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**LONGSHOT PLAY: CHAMBERSVILLE — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 8-1 to 12-1**

Model projects 12% win probability at projected 8-1 to 12-1 odds (11.1% to 7.7% implied), creating +0.9% to +4.3% edge.

Current morning line 5-1 (16.7% implied) overvalues this runner slightly, but genuine longshot value exists at 8-1+. Chambersville shows STRONG Sustained Speed Rating with controlled early pace, tactical positioning advantage into the MODERATE pace scenario, and trainer McPeck Kenneth G's sharp 18% win rate in 31-60 days (1.95 ROI). Only concern is graded-stakes inexperience (0 wins in limited G3+ exposure), but recent allowance and route turf wins establish distance and surface foundation.

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

**A: Third Coast** — 24%

**B: Lennox the Grey** — 22%

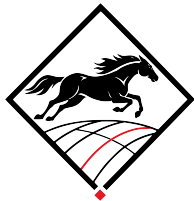
**C: Protect and Defend** — 16%

**Combined Projected Probability: 62%**

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## SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING





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**Model Summary:** The model's key projection centers on **Third Coast's elite gate-to-wire velocity profile** providing decisive advantage in a MODERATE pace scenario where five other contenders show VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Ratings with collapse risk. Lennox the Grey represents the most accomplished winner by record and trainer pattern but faces pace setup headwinds. **Critical public mistake: Caroline St. Beat is massively overbet at 7/5 despite showing VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating and pace collapse risk**—this is the field's most exploitable overlay, but model does not assign primary selection status due to velocity profile vulnerability. The model's confidence level reflects strong probability conviction in Third Coast's elite speed metrics, proven graded-stakes turf form, and tactical setup advantage into projected MODERATE pace.

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

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