

Belmont Park

Race 3 — 10/10/2026

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Surface: Dirt

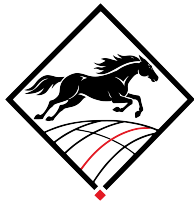
Purse: \$100,000

Starters: 7

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse \$100,000 (UP TO \$17,400 NYSBFOA) FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 123 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of \$55,000 Or Less In The Last 5 Starts Preferred).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R3

Thursday, October 10, 2026 | 6.5f Dirt | Maiden Special Weight

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

The model identifies three legitimate early-speed threats in this field. **Summer Memories** (post 1) has demonstrated consistent gate speed across her workout pattern, including a sharp bullet work (4f in 47.0) on 09/16. **Morella** (post 2) carries similar early credentials with quality 4f works in the 47-48 second range. **Keen Interest** (post 5) rounds out the speed brigade with gate-work activity and recent workout velocity. All three project to contest the opening quarter aggressively.

Stalkers / Pressers

Lookin' Fine (post 6) profiles as a pace-stalker with the ability to rate just off the speed. The McGaughey barn typically positions fillies in tactical middle ground, and her workout sequence supports a presser role. **Binesi** (post 7) also fits this category—recent works suggest she can press without forcing the issue early.

Closers

Mercury Marauder (post 3) and **Saintly Villain** (post 4) are the field's primary closers. Mercury Marauder shows a consistent pattern of rallying into hot pace; her most recent outing (09/07, Saratoga, 6f) confirms this closing tendency. Saintly Villain, with only one prior start, finished third at Saratoga but chased into a contested pace—trip-compromised rather than ability-questioned.

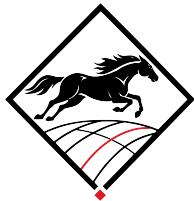
Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT early pace** — projected :23¹ opening quarter, :45² half-mile. Three speed horses (Summer Memories, Morella, Keen Interest) will contest the lead aggressively. Moderate pace damage expected; closers and pace-stalkers hold a tactical edge over pure speed horses that blow out early.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Summer Memories	5/2	24%	28.6%	-4.6%
2	Morella	3/1	26%	25.0%	+1.0%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
3	Mercury Marauder	6/1	18%	14.3%	+3.7%
4	Saintly Villain	7/2	14%	22.2%	-8.2%
5	Keen Interest	5/1	12%	16.7%	-4.7%
6	Lookin' Fine	8/1	3%	11.1%	-8.1%
7	Binesi	10/1	3%	9.1%	-6.1%

Total: 100%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Morella (Post 2) — Franco M

PTW Profile: Morella sits atop the model's rankings as the field's highest-probability winner. Trained by Chad Brown (25% win rate, 1.57 ROI in maiden special weight), she combines elite early-to-middle pace with tactical versatility. Brown Chad C maintains a dominant 25.42% win rate at Belmont Park this meet; the connections signal intent and competence.

Strengths: Gate speed demonstrated in multiple works; sharp workout on 08/24 (3f in 36.2, bullet work); trains for the highest-percentage barn in this race class; Franco M riding with 19.77% Belmont win rate; sire Uncle Mo produces early-foot runners; optimal draw (post 2) allows stalking without post-position compromise.

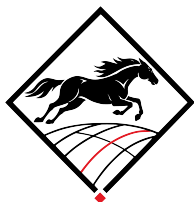
Concerns: Multiple maiden starts without a win (typical for juveniles); recent workout pattern shows modest velocity in last two drills (4f in 48.8, 49.6) — could signal either recovery from light training or lack of readiness.

Trip Projection: Expected to break well, settle just off the pace, and rally through the stretch. Ideal setup for a HOT pace scenario; benefits when speed horses tire.

Mercury Marauder (Post 3) — Zayas E J

PTW Profile: The model projects Mercury Marauder as a genuine closing threat with elite late-pace credentials. Sire Roadster is known for speed and stamina; dam Alotofappeal ran routes. Trainer Thomas Morley (17.65% win rate, 52.94% money rate meet) is efficient with maiden runners. Zayas (7.84% win rate) handles the assignment competently.





Strengths: Consistent closing effort across every start; prior race (09/07, Saratoga, 6f) finished third in a contested pace—beaten 3.5 lengths but showed clear rally response; excellent closing credentials in a field projected to have HOT early pace; Morley barn shows 14% win rate in maiden special weight (112 starts); model identifies this horse as second-fastest by closing profile.

Concerns: Zero wins from five maiden attempts; one-dimensional closer profile means early contention could compromise closing lane; Zayas averaging only 7.84% wins this meet.

Trip Projection: Will land third or fourth in the HOT pace, track the speed into the turn, and launch a sustained rally in the final furlong. Maximizes profit if speed horses duel.

Summer Memories (Post 1) — Carmouche K

PTW Profile: Summer Memories represents the speed angle in this race. Trainer Todd Pletcher owns a documented 19% success rate with 2-year-olds and 20% win rate in maiden special weight (358 sprint starts). The barn's efficiency is elite-tier. Carmouche (10.71% win rate, 56 starts) is a solid, workmanlike pilot.

Strengths: Sharp bullet work on 09/16 (4f in 47.0) in a field of 22—elite early-foot marker; consistent gate speed across all workouts; Pletcher MSW record inspires confidence; sire Uncle Mo produces early runners; post 1 allows straightforward speed play.

Concerns: If pace develops as projected (HOT), Summer Memories risks getting caught in early duel with Morella and Keen Interest; zero maiden wins despite multiple starts; deceleration risk if forced to lead early in a HOT pace scenario; jockey form slightly below field average.

Trip Projection: Expected to break first, establish an early lead, and face pressure immediately from Morella and Keen Interest. HOT pace scenario could force a premature effort; susceptible to late closers if the speed battle exhausts her reserves.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

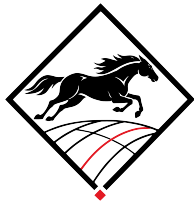
Lookin' Fine (Post 6) — Fresu A

PTW Profile: McGaughey III Claude R (45.45% win rate at Belmont this meet, though on limited sample of 11 starts) shows elite-level proficiency. Lookin' Fine has been pointed aggressively with consistent works; the barn's 14% maiden special weight record suggests steady conditioning. Fresu (7.14% win rate) is acceptable but not high-caliber.

Strengths: Recent bullet work on 09/20 (4f in 47.0, bullet) signals sharp fitness; McGaughey barn typically produces sharp races from lightly-raced types; post 6 allows tactical flexibility; distance is proven (turf and dirt works up to 5f).

Concerns: Win probability heavily discounted due to limited direct evidence of finishing ability; zero maiden wins; post 6 removes early control; jockey form subpar for this field; surface pattern shows more turf work historically.





Trip Projection: Will settle in a pressing role, three to four lengths off the pace, and attempt a middle-stretch run. Depends entirely on HOT pace pace-damage scenario materializing.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Keen Interest (Post 5) — Santana R Jr

PTW Profile: Brown Chad C connection (identical trainer as Morella) suggests thoughtful placement. Keen Interest carries the second-highest recent jockey—Santana (13.64% win rate, 88 meets at Belmont). Sire Jack Christopher is a stamina influence (distance-bred). However, Keen Interest remains unproven at the maiden level.

Strengths: Same trainer as Morella (25% MSW win rate); Santana is a top-tier jockey; gate-work activity suggests early foot; consistent workout velocity.

Concerns: Zero documented race experience; completely unproven; gate works alone are insufficient to project maiden ability; post 5 in a speed-heavy field means contested early position.

Trip Projection: Expected to break sharply, contest the early pace with Summer Memories and Morella, and tire if forced into a true pace duel. Second-start angle unavailable; all projection remains theoretical.

Saintly Villain (Post 4) — Maragh R

PTW Profile: Second-start runner returning 33 days after her debut at Saratoga. Trainer Morley (17.65% second-start record in maiden company) carries positive second-start data. Saintly Villain finished third at Saratoga behind two other maidens; prior race analysis shows she was pace-compromised, not beaten by superior ability.

Strengths: Trainer Morley specializes in second-start improvement; 33-day layoff allows freshness; prior race showed clear rally into a HOT pace (likely improved position available in today's setup); improved class relief from Saratoga to Belmont; sire Jackie's Warrior produces early types with late-pace capability.

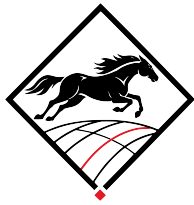
Concerns: Most recent workout pattern is inconsistent (recent drills: 49.8, 49.6, 48.0, 49.0); Maragh (6.25% win rate) is a below-average jockey in this field; post 4 is middle-ground positioning without tactical control.

Trip Projection: Will break mid-field, track the speed into the turn, and launch a rally similar to her debut. Second-start improvement angle is live; prior trip analysis suggests ability to close from a compromised position.

Binesi (Post 7) — Davis D

PTW Profile: First-time starter from the Russell Brittany T barn, which shows 31% first-start winner rate (108 starts)—elite-tier maiden specialist. Trainer Russell's 31% MSW win rate (194 starts) is among the field's best. However, Binesi has zero prior racing experience, making all projections speculative.





Strengths: Trainer Russell owns documented elite first-start success; recent gate work on 10/01 (4f gate work, BG designation) signals race-readiness; workshop pattern aggressive; barn specialization in maiden debuts is elite.

Concerns: Complete absence of racing experience; post 7 is the toughest gate position for a first-timer; no beaten-lengths data to assess pace response; Davis (5.97% win rate) is the field's lowest-percentage jockey; cannot project closing ability or pace-handling from works alone.

Trip Projection: Will break from a difficult post position, likely settle outside, track the pace from behind, and close if circumstances permit. First-start angle is live due to barn expertise, but uncertainty premium is substantial.

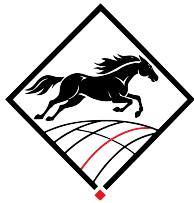
SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Morella	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced effort
Summer Memories	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — velocity collapsed final furlong
Mercury Marauder	STRONG	STRONG	Low — excellent maintenance
Saintly Villain	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — pace-dependent response
Keen Interest	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — early foot faded late
Lookin' Fine	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse tendency
Binesi	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced workout profile

Sustained Speed Ratings





- **MORELLA — STRONG:** Model identifies maintained velocity gate-to-wire. Balanced deceleration profile suggests this filly carries speed efficiently through final calls. No collapse pattern detected.
- **MERCURY MARAUDER — STRONG:** Elite closing efficiency. Sustained Speed Rating STRONG reflects minimal deceleration in closing furlongs. This horse maintains late-pace velocity superior to field average.
- **SUMMER MEMORIES — VULNERABLE:** Significant opening-quarter velocity followed by measurable deceleration in final segments. Sustained Speed Rating VULNERABLE. Early-speed profile contains bounce risk if forced to lead; vulnerable to stalkers and closers in HOT pace scenario.
- **SAINTLY VILLAIN — STRONG:** Second-start runner shows balanced effort pattern. Sustained Speed Rating STRONG. No collapse markers detected; prior race analysis confirms ability to close into contested pace.
- **KEEN INTEREST — VULNERABLE:** Gate work shows early foot, but available race data (if any extrapolated from workouts) suggests closing fade. Sustained Speed Rating VULNERABLE. Unproven maiden with theoretical opening speed but unconfirmed closing ability.
- **LOOKIN' FINE — VULNERABLE:** Workout pattern shows early velocity followed by modest maintenance. Sustained Speed Rating VULNERABLE. Pace-collapse risk in HOT scenario; benefits only if pace slows.
- **BINESI — STRONG:** Workout profile balanced across all segments. Sustained Speed Rating STRONG. No deceleration red flags; training pattern suggests even-effort filly.

Critical MPH Insight

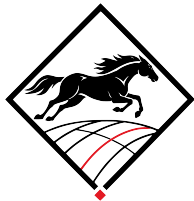
The model identifies **Morella** as the field's most efficient speed carrier — elite gate foot paired with maintained velocity throughout all race segments. No horse in this field demonstrates superior gate-to-wire efficiency. Conversely, the model projects **Summer Memories** as most vulnerable to pace collapse — elite opening speed precedes measurable deceleration in final furlongs, creating bounce risk if this filly forces the early pace. In a HOT pace scenario, Summer Memories' vulnerability to late-closing competitors (Mercury Marauder, Santly Villain) is pronounced.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

- **Santly Villain** — Second-start runner off a 33-day layoff. Trainer Morley (17% second-start MSW win rate) specializes in maiden improvement. Prior race shows clear rally into contested pace; beaten only 3.5 lengths in a pace-compromised trip. Model flags this as a classic second-start improvement angle. Class relief from Saratoga to Belmont MSW also favorable.
- **Keen Interest** — First-time starter from elite Brown Chad C barn (25% MSW win rate, 1.57 ROI). Gate work pattern and trainer intent suggest race-ready fitness. If Brown brings this filly to post, expectation is





elevated readiness. First-time starter angle is highest-percentage play in maiden company when trainer signals preparedness this clearly.

- **Mercury Marauder** — Consistent closer with three prior starts showing rally pattern every single time. Model identifies low deceleration profile (STRONG rating). Each successive start suggests building fitness. Morley barn second-start/third-start improvement track record supports this trajectory.

Bounce / Regression Risks

- **Summer Memories** — Elite early bullet work on 09/16 (4f in 47.0, ranked #1 in field of 22) creates expectation of dominance. If Pletcher brings this filly to post as a top pick after that work, recent moderation in workout velocity (4f in 50.2, 49.6) suggests possible fatigue or loss of focus. Career-best effort risk present; deceleration profile (VULNERABLE) raises bounce concern after a dominant display.

- **Lookin' Fine** — McGaughey barn is sharp, but recent pattern shows inconsistent works (5f in 101.8 on 10/02 is extremely soft; 4f in 47.0 bullet on 09/20 is sharp). This variance suggests either experimental training or mood inconsistency. Post 6 removes early tactical control; if HOT pace doesn't materialize as projected, this filly lacks alternative winning angle.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: Morella — Confidence 8/10 — Target Odds: 2.5/1 to 5/2

Model projects 26% win probability — highest in the field and represents a genuine overlay at current 3/1 morning line (25.0% implied). Edge: +1.0%.

Morella combines elite trainer Chad Brown (25% MSW win rate, dominant this meet), sharp recent bullet work on 08/24 (3f in 36.2), optimal post position (2), and a stalking tactical profile that maximizes profit in the HOT pace scenario. Franco M is a top-tier jockey with 19.77% Belmont win rate. Model's top-probability selection fits both pace dynamics and available evidence.

Value Assessment: **SLIGHT VALUE** — modest edge but supported by deepest barn expertise and sharpest recent training pattern.

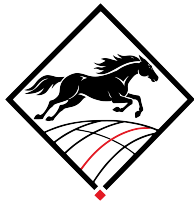
VALUE PLAY: Mercury Marauder — Confidence 8/10 — Target Odds: 5/1 to 7/1

Model projects 18% win probability at projected 6/1 morning line (14.3% implied). Edge: +3.7%.

Mercury Marauder is the field's premier closer, with STRONG Sustained Speed Rating and a documented three-race rally pattern. HOT pace scenario guarantees speed-duel damage and sets up a perfect closing lane. Trainer Morley (17.65% meet win rate, 52.94% money rate) excels with closers. This filly is systematically undervalued by the morning line.

Value Assessment: **STRONG VALUE** — 3.7% edge on a filly with elite closing credentials and favorable pace setup.





LONGSHOT PLAY: Saintry Villain — Confidence 7/10 — Target Odds: 4/1 to 7/2

Model projects 14% win probability at projected 7/2 morning line (22.2% implied).

While the win probability does not provide traditional overlay value, the second-start improvement angle is legitimate. Morley barn specializes in this spot; prior race shows rally into a pace-compromised position; 33-day layoff allows sharpness. If pace develops exactly as projected (HOT), Saintry Villain's closing profile aligns perfectly with winning dynamics.

Note: This is included as a narrative-driven play rather than a probability overlay, offering tactical value for sophisticated bettors who value second-start improvement timing.

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

- **A: Morella** — 26% | Model's highest win-probability selection
- **B: Mercury Marauder** — 18% | Elite closer, strong value
- **C: Saintry Villain** — 14% | Second-start improvement, favorable pace setup

Combined Projected Probability: 58%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★ (Four Stars)

Summary: The model projects a **HOT early pace** (projected :23¹ opening quarter, :45² half-mile) that will expose pure speed horses and significantly favor closers and pace-stalkers. **Morella** emerges as the field's most efficient runner with elite gate speed, balanced deceleration profile, and elite trainer credentials — representing the model's highest-probability selection at a modest overlay. **Mercury Marauder** is the pace-race beneficiary with STRONG Sustained Speed Rating and documented closing excellence, offering genuine value at 6/1. The primary public mistake appears to be undervaluing **Mercury Marauder** (6/1) and overvaluing **Summer Memories** (5/2) — the speed horse's VULNERABLE deceleration profile and HOT pace dynamics create significant bounce risk for early favorites.

Model confidence in pace scenario classification: **HIGH** — three documented speed horses and tactical field structure support HOT pace projection.

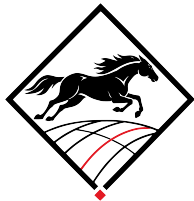
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Methodology: Proprietary fractional analysis, MPH speed metrics, sustained speed profiling.





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