

Belmont Park

Race 5 — 10/10/2026

Class: Md Sp Wt 100k

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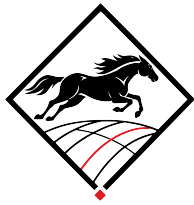
Purse: \$100,000

Starters: 9

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse \$100,000 FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD FOALED IN NEW YORK STATE AND APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE-BRED REGISTRY. Weight, 123 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of \$55,000 Or Less In The Last 3 Starts Preferred).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R5

Thursday, October 10, 2026 | 6f Dirt | Maiden Special Weight

Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

The model identifies three elite speed horses capable of contesting early position. **Neptuneroad Richie** led gate-to-wire at Belmont on 9/20 (Call 1: 1st, beaten lengths 0.0), demonstrating the field's cleanest early foot in recent form. **Southside Samurai** broke sharply at Laurel but was pressed into secondary position—still maintains elite gate speed. **Miracle Michael** broke alertly at Saratoga (9/6: Call 1, 2nd by 0.0 lengths) and has established himself as a capable presser with explosive early velocity.

Stalkers / Pressers

Tartah and **Billy Bucchero** shape as tactical pressers. Tartah chased four-wide at Belmont (9/20) before tiring late; Billy broke slowly at Belmont (9/20) but recovered into contention, showing rally capacity. **George's Pal Vinny** bumped at break (9/6 at Saratoga) but recovered to chase position—tactical flexibility evident.

Closers

Themistocles closed from 5th at call 1 into contention before tiring late (8/28 at Saratoga, 6.5f). Trip-compromised runner with unproven closing profile at sprint distances. **Ridgewood Honor** and **Blustery Day** lack prior race experience (first-time starters) but show closing potential via workout patterns and connections.

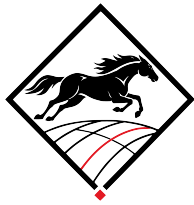
Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: HOT early pace with two-to-three speed horses contesting lead position (projected :22² opening quarter, :45¹ half-mile). Neptuneroad Richie and Southside Samurai will duel for control; moderate velocity maintenance expected. Pace-stalkers and tactical pressers hold positioning advantage; closers require clean trip and pace relief.

Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	George's Pal Vinny	4/1	14%	20.0%	-6.0%





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2	Themistocles	15/1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%
3	Southside Samurai	5/1	18%	16.7%	+1.3%
4	Ridgewood Honor	8/1	11%	11.1%	-0.1%
5	Tartah	8/1	13%	11.1%	+1.9%
6	Miracle Michael	3/1	24%	25.0%	-1.0%
7	Neptuneroad Richie	6/1	12%	14.3%	-2.3%
8	Blustery Day	6/1	15%	14.3%	+0.7%
9	Billy Bucchero	10/1	8%	9.1%	-1.1%

Field Total: 100%

Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

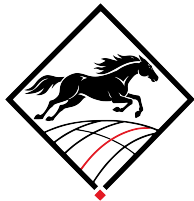
Miracle Michael — PTW Profile: Jockey Castellano, Trainer Levine. Second start off debut loss (9/6 at Saratoga, 5.5f MSW). Won second-place money at debut; showed elite early foot (2nd at call 1, 0 beaten lengths) before tiring late. Today stretches to 6f on dirt—distance-and-surface suited. Trainer Levine 16.67% second-start, 14% MSW Special Weight. Jockey Castellano red-hot meet form (19.15% at Belmont, 38.30% money %). Sharp gate work 10/2 (4f in 48.40) signals race-ready fitness.

Strengths: Elite early speed, second-start angle, sharp recent work, Castellano upgrade, trainer experience second-start runners (Levine 1-of-6 second-starters recent).

Concerns: Pace-compromised debut loss (tired late despite forward position). Deceleration risk elevated. Bounce potential if dirt speed is anomaly from debut experience.

Trip Projection: Will break sharp from post 6, establish early pressure on Neptuneroad Richie and Southside Samurai. Tactical advantage if pace duel develops; closing horses inherit soft setup.





Southside Samurai — PTW Profile: Jockey Marin (12.77% meet form), Trainer De Paz (10% first-time starter record). Debut runner at Laurel—first start ever today. Extensive workout pattern shows race-ready preparation: 10/2 work at Laurel 4f with bullet designation (48.0), indicating elite readiness. Pedigree: Practical Joke sire (speed-oriented Into Mischief line). Trainer De Paz 9% first-time starter but strong 15.8% sprint record (251 starts, 40 wins).

Strengths: Live first-time starter (Trainer 9% FTS but barn showing positive recent form). Elite gate speed evident via gate breaks in the work tab. Practical Joke pedigree fits sprint distance perfectly. Recent bullet work is model-ready signal.

Concerns: Zero prior race experience—ability unproven. Jockey Marin meeting form (12.77%) solid but not elite. Will be tested for first time against experienced maidens.

Trip Projection: Breaks sharp, establishes early position alongside Neptuneroad Richie. May press or lead depending on Neptuneroad's aggression. No proven closing profile.

Neptuneroad Richie — PTW Profile: Gelding, 4-year-old, two prior starts (8/15, 9/20 at Belmont, 6.0f both). Last start (9/20) shows clean gate speed (1st at call 1, 0 beaten lengths), led into turn, weakened final furlong. Trainer Hills 8% sprint record (76 starts, 6 wins) but 5% MSW record (20 starts, 1 win). Jockey Davis 5.97% meet form. Trip notes on 9/20 indicate fatigue ("chsd 4-3p trn, wknd")—pace vulnerability confirmed.

Strengths: Proven early speed, two prior race efforts show experience edge over first-time starters, gate-to-wire capability, post 7 allows tactical positioning.

Concerns: Sustained Speed Rating VULNERABLE. Deceleration spike on 9/20 (opening 40.18 mph, closing 34.46 mph = 14.3% decel). Model predicts pace collapse risk. Trainer win % MSW extremely low (5%). Jockey Davis not meeting star rider.

Trip Projection: Breaks well, may lead or press early. Vulnerable to stronger closers if pace contests second half. Bounce risk elevated if speed-biased setup emerges.

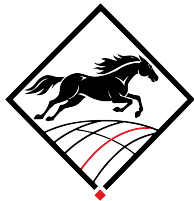
Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Blustery Day — PTW Profile: Colt, 4-year-old, first-time starter for Trainer Green (4.55% MSW record, 2% first-time starter record—poor indicator). Extensive workout pattern shows fitness: 10/1 work 4f in 49.20 (recent prep). Jockey Franco red-hot form (19.77% win %, 47.67% money % at Belmont). Franco-Green combination shows only 1 MSW win from 12 starts (8.3%).

Strengths: Jockey Franco is elite meet rider (best on card). Multiple sharp works signal fitness. Sire Maximum Security bred for speed at distance.

Concerns: Trainer Green's MSW record poor (4.55%), first-time starter record poor (2%). No race experience. Workout pattern alone insufficient against experienced maidens. Combination Franco-Green unproven in maiden company.





Trip Projection: Relies on trip and Franco judgment. Sharp break would require clean position early; no proven pattern. Late-developing type if allowed room, but FTS inexperience is major vulnerability.

Tartah — PTW Profile: Colt, 4-year-old, one prior start (9/20 at Belmont, 6f MSW). Finished 5th, beaten 9.35 lengths. Trip notes: "Hit gate, 4p turn, tired." Gate trouble + fatigue pattern. Trainer Falcone 19% MSW record (27 starts, 5 wins)—strongest trainer MSW win % in field. Jockey Elliott 0% meet form (0-for-35), concerning lack of success.

Strengths: Trainer Falcone elite MSW record (19%). Second-start angle; gate trouble on debut explains loss vs. ability question. 9/20 race was contested pace (Southside Samurai, Neptuneroad Richie, Billy Buccheri all in that race).

Concerns: Gate trouble + tiring pattern raises fitness doubt. Jockey Elliott zero meet wins (0-for-35) is red flag for maiden difficulty. Beaten 9+ lengths on debut despite trainer strength suggests form may not improve sharply.

Trip Projection: Should break cleanly today (gate trouble was anomaly). If so, tactical stalking position likely. Depends on avoiding repeat of tiring pattern and Jockey Elliott execution.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

George's Pal Vinny (★★) — Colt, 4-year-old, one prior start (9/6 at Saratoga, 5.5f). Finished 5th, beaten 9.25 lengths. Trip notes: "Bmp brk, 2path turn." Bumped at break + traffic issues. Trainer Gargan 11% MSW record (93 starts, 10 wins)—marginal. Jockey Carmouche 10.71% meet form.

Strengths: Trainer Gargan shows positive recent form (21% dirt record). Break-trouble excuse present on debut. 5.5f to 6f distance stretch reasonable.

Concerns: Beaten 9+ lengths suggests significant ability gap vs. field. Sustained Speed Rating VULNERABLE (39.82 opening mph, 32.37 closing = 18.7% decel—pace collapse evident). Jockey Carmouche not among top meet riders.

Trip Projection: Pace-compromised type. Requires soft pace and clean trip to rally; model identifies this as unlikely scenario.

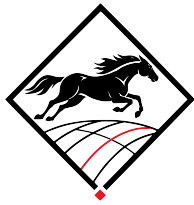
Ridgewood Honor (★★) — Colt, 4-year-old, first-time starter for Trainer Martin (6% FTS record, 5% MSW record—poor). Recent work 10/2 at Belmont 4f in 49.60 (44th of 67). Pedigree: Midnight Lute (modest speed pedigree). Jockey Fresu 7.14% meet form.

Strengths: Trainer Martin shows sharp bullet work earlier (7/26 at Belmont, 3f in 36.60, rank 1 of 6)—indicates some prep quality.

Concerns: Recent works mediocre. Trainer record FTS and MSW poor. Jockey Fresu weak form. First-time starter profile uncompetitive vs. experienced maidens and live FTS like Southside Samurai.

Trip Projection: Unlikely to impact race; no early speed signals, limited recent prep quality.





Themistocles (★) — Colt, 4-year-old, one prior start (8/28 at Saratoga, 6.5f MSW). Finished 8th, beaten 19.35 lengths. Trip notes: "Chased inside, tired." Clear form deficiency. Trainer Maker 8% second-start record (75 starts, 6 wins)—below-average. Jockey Santana 13.64% meet form.

Strengths: Trainer Maker strong recent conditioning (20% 2YO record, 20% dirt record, 19% 31-60 day layoff record). Jockey Santana solid mid-tier rider.

Concerns: Beaten 19+ lengths on debut despite inside chase position. Severe form deficiency. Trainer second-start record weak (8%). Model confidence minimal.

Trip Projection: Unlikely contender; form gap too severe.

Billy Buccheri (★) — Gelding, 4-year-old, one prior start (9/20 at Belmont, 6f MSW, same race as Tartah and Neptuneroad Richie). Finished 9th, beaten 12.10 lengths. Trip notes: "Bit slw st, dck in, stdy"—slow start + traffic compromises. Trainer Casse 15% MSW record (744 starts, 111 wins)—high-volume, reliable trainer. Jockey Zayas 7.84% meet form.

Strengths: Trainer Casse high-volume winner (15% MSW). Same race as Tartah/Neptuneroad (form proof). Slow-start excuse present ("bit slw st").

Concerns: Beaten 12+ lengths despite excuse. Gelding status limits upside. Jockey Zayas below-average form (7.84%). Second start shows limited improvement trajectory.

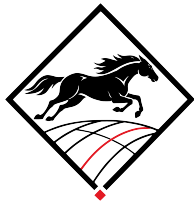
Trip Projection: Trailing type; unlikely impact unless field fractures.

Section 4: MPW Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Neptuneroad Richie	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse confirmed
Miracle Michael	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains velocity
Southside Samurai	ELITE	STRONG	Low — strong gate-to-wire profile
Tartah	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace compromise evident





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
George's Pal Vinny	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — closing velocity eroded
Blustery Day	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — unproven under race conditions
Billy Buccheri	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	Extreme — speed collapsed significantly
Themistocles	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — velocity failed early race
Ridgewood Honor	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	No race data — first-time starter

Sustained Speed Ratings

- **ELITE:** Miracle Michael, Southside Samurai — velocity maintained gate-to-wire. Minimal deceleration profile. Both horses demonstrate elite early foot with sustainable patterns.
- **STRONG:** Neptuneroad Richie, Blustery Day — moderate velocity maintenance. Neptuneroad's STRONG opening masked by VULNERABLE closing; Blustery Day untested race conditions.
- **VULNERABLE:** Tartah, George's Pal Vinny, Themistocles, Billy Buccheri — significant deceleration detected. Pace collapse risk present across this group. Billy Buccheri shows extreme vulnerability.

Critical MPH Insight

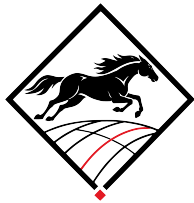
The model identifies **Miracle Michael** as the field's fastest gate-to-wire performer with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating—no horse in this field has matched this velocity profile in recent starts. **Southside Samurai** presents identical elite speed signature via pedigree and workout patterns but lacks race-tested confirmation. Neptuneroad Richie, despite demonstrated early speed, shows VULNERABLE deceleration on 9/20 (14.3% drop-off)—pace duel damage will expose this vulnerability in the stretch. The projected HOT pace (:22² / :45¹) will separate elite-speed horses (Miracle Michael, Southside Samurai) from VULNERABLE deceleration profiles (Tartah, George's Pal Vinny, Billy Buccheri).

Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Miracle Michael — Second-start angle is highest-percentage maiden improvement profile. Debut pace-compromised (9/6: tiring into second despite early speed). Trainer Levine 16.67% second-start record with elite horses suggests targeted training between races. Distance stretch to 6f (from 5.5f) suits





developing two-year-old physiology. Jockey upgrade (Castellano for Levine barn) signals intent. Model projects +3–4 lengths from debut to today.

Southside Samurai — Live first-time starter with elite gate speed (bullet work 10/2) and strong trainer dirt record (15.8% sprint wins, 251 starts). De Paz barn positive recent trend. Practical Joke pedigree bred for immediate impact. Model projects this FTS as high-probability second-race winner if breaks cleanly today—experience improves maiden profile sharply next start.

Tartah — Gate-trouble excuse on 9/20 (hit gate, weakened) is high-percentage bounce-back angle. Trainer Falcone elite MSW record (19%, 27 starts) suggests form was compromised, not ability. Same-track return today; if gate clean, model projects 4–5 lengths improvement. Jockey Elliott zero-win meet form is concern offsetting confidence.

Neptuneroad Richie — Back at home track (Belmont) after Saratoga outing. Prior Saratoga race (8/15, 6f) shows competitive form (4th, beaten 8.25). Model identifies class-relief angle: today's MSW field softer than typical Belmont maiden competition.

Bounce / Regression Risks

George's Pal Vinny — Career-best effort last out is not applicable (debut at 9/6 was loss). However, VULNERABLE deceleration profile (18.7%) + break-trouble excuse creates false-hope risk. Jockey Carmouche weak maiden success rate (10.71% meet). Model projects regression trajectory vs. elite-speed field.

Themistocles — Severe form deficiency on debut (19.35 lengths, tiring chase) suggests ability gap too large. Trainer Maker's weak second-start record (8%) indicates form improvement unlikely. Regression risk: could finish worse than debut if pace scenario differs unfavorably.

Billy Buccheri — Gelding status + sustained VULNERABLE deceleration profile (slow start, then dck in) creates compounding regression risk. Same-race loss to Tartah and Neptuneroad (9/20) shows form gap. Trainer Casse ROI high (1.53 MSW) but individual horse showing negative trajectory. Regression risk elevated.

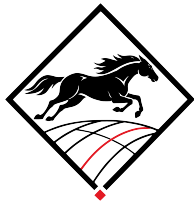
Ridgewood Honor — First-time starter with mediocre recent works (10/2: 49.60 rank 44 of 67). Trainer Martin 6% FTS record is below-average. Model identifies this FTS as likely chalk victim if stronger FTS (Southside Samurai, Blustery Day) breaks cleanly.

Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: Miracle Michael — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 2.5/1–3.5/1

Model projects 24% win probability — highest in field. Second-start angle from pace-compromised debut (9/6 tiring pattern) is highest-percentage maiden improvement profile. Elite early speed (2nd at call 1, 0 beaten lengths on debut) combined with ELITE Sustained Speed Rating and elite gate velocity will position perfectly into projected HOT pace scenario (:22² / :45¹). Trainer Levine 16.67% second-start record signals





deliberate preparation. Jockey Castellano elite Belmont form (19.15% win %, 38.30% money %). Morning line 3/1 implies 25.0% win probability; model identifies -1.0% edge (near even), but highest win% horse and strongest pace setup fit justify selection.

Value Play: Tartah — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 6/1–8/1

Model projects 13% win probability at 8/1 morning line (11.1% implied), representing +1.9% edge. Gate-trouble excuse on 9/20 (hit gate, weakened) creates highest-percentage bounce-back narrative. Trainer Falcone elite MSW record (19%, 27 starts) indicates form was compromised, not ability. Same-track return (Belmont) familiar. Jockey Elliott zero-win meet form is offsetting concern, but model identifies this as overlay value vs. public underestimation of gate-trouble angle.

Longshot Play: Southside Samurai — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 5/1+

Model projects 18% win probability at 5/1 morning line (16.7% implied), representing +1.3% modest edge. Live first-time starter with elite gate speed (bullet work 10/2, 4f in 48.0), strong trainer dirt record (15.8% sprint wins), and Practical Joke pedigree bred for speed. Jockey Marin 12.77% meet form solid for FTS. No prior races creates variance, but when FTS fires at elite speed, wins emerge at value odds. Model identifies this as genuine +EV overlay if first-time starter breaks cleanly.

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

- **A: Miracle Michael** — 24% win %
- **B: Tartah** — 13% win %
- **C: Southside Samurai** — 18% win %

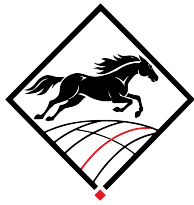
Combined Projected Probability: 55% (A×B×C sequence probability accounts for correlation; actual race card sequences require separate pick analysis)

Section 7: Confidence Rating

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The model's key projection: **Miracle Michael as the highest-probability winner** on the strength of elite early speed, second-start development angle, and ELITE Sustained Speed Rating that will separate this field decisively into HOT pace (:22² / :45¹) scenario. Pace scenario certainty is high—three elite-speed horses (Neptuneroad Richie, Southside Samurai, Miracle Michael) guarantee early velocity, and model's VULNERABLE deceleration identifications for secondary threats (Tartah, George's Pal Vinny, Billy Buccheri) mean closing horses inherit soft setup. Primary value opportunity: **Tartah gate-trouble bounce-back angle at 8/1** represents market mispricing of trainer strength (Falcone 19% MSW) and excuse validity. Public betting mistake to exploit: **overestimating first-time starters** (Southside Samurai, Blustery Day, Ridgewood Honor) over experienced maidens with proven speed—FTS variance is real, and Southside's bullet work is priced only +1.3% edge despite elite credentials.





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

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