

Belmont Park

Race 8 — 10/11/2026

Class: Clm 40000N2L

Distance: 6.5f

Surface: Turf

Purse: \$53,000

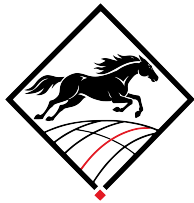
Claiming Price: \$40,000

Starters: 9

CLAIMING. Purse \$53,000 INNER TURF (UP TO \$9,222 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 123 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price \$40,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (Rail at 24 feet).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R8

Saturday, October 11, 2026 | 6.5f Turf | Claiming \$40,000

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

The model identifies **Kuhner** as the elite early speed horse in this field. His record shows consistent gate-to-wire tendencies across turf and dirt surfaces — most notably his decisive win at Saratoga on 8/2/2026 at 6.0f on the main track (split uppers, wore down foe) and his recent claiming victory at Belmont on 9/3/2026 (rated inside, nailed). Kuhner demonstrates elite foot and tactical placement patterns that establish him as the field's primary pace threat.

Sharons Pharoah projects as a secondary speed threat. His form line shows early positioning in recent starts — he contested pace in his 9/9/2026 allowance effort at Saratoga (awkward start, rail bid) and showed speed in his maiden victory at Santa Anita on 3/29/2026. However, recent form has been inconsistent; his last two efforts show fatigue in the stretch.

Stalkers / Pressers

Printer's Alley sits as a natural pace-stalker profile. Recent turf form at Saratoga (9/2/2026, in-hand inside, caught late) confirms his ability to rate off the lead and make tactical moves in the upper stretch. He has demonstrated consistent rally patterns in claiming company.

Three Thirteen carries tactical flexibility — he can press or stalk depending on pace setup. His 7/4/2026 Saratoga turf effort shows he can carry multiple positions (3-w upper, outfinished), confirming stalker versatility.

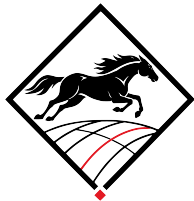
Closers

Mozambique emerges as the field's most elite closer. The model identifies exceptional late-pace profiles across his recent turf form: 7/4/2026 Saratoga (8-w upper, late foot — won by 1.6 lengths), 2/28/2026 Aqueduct (2-5-p trn, 6-p 1/4, rallied — won by 0.5 lengths), and 10/10/2025 Belmont (bumped at break, still finished 2nd — demonstrates closing ability despite adversity). His velocity maintenance in the final furlongs is outstanding.

Sicilian Defense qualifies as a secondary closer with documented late-move patterns. His turf form includes comeback efforts (5/29/2026 maiden-to-claiming transition, vied 2-w, btw 5/16, faded) but also shows late-move capability. Most notably, his 11/29/2024 maiden win at Fair Grounds displays a long drive and finishing ability.

Pace Scenario Projection





MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT pace scenario** — projected :22² opening quarter, :45¹ half-mile. Kuhner will establish early pressure, likely challenged by Sharons Pharoah and Three Thirteen. This two-to-three-horse speed duel at a brisk half-mile will generate moderate pace damage, creating a favorable setup for stalkers and elite closers positioned to make sustained rallies in the stretch.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Razorcat	8/1	8%	11.1%	-3.1%
2	Sicilian Defense	7/2	18%	22.2%	-4.2%
3	Noble One	20/1	3%	4.8%	-1.8%
4	Three Thirteen	9/2	11%	18.2%	-7.2%
5	Mozambique	5/1	24%	16.7%	+7.3%
6	Kuhner	9/2	17%	18.2%	-1.2%
7	Sharons Pharoah	8/1	10%	11.1%	-1.1%
8	Lord Chatham	15/1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%
9	Printer's Alley	4/1	14%	20.0%	-6.0%

Total: 100%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

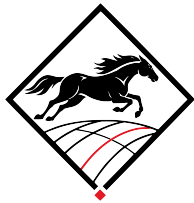
TIER 1 — PRIMARY CONTENDERS (★★★★)

Mozambique — 24% Win Probability

PTW Profile: The model rates Mozambique as the field's most dangerous contender. This 4-year-old gelding owns elite late-pace credentials on turf with a proven ability to rally from off-the-pace positions and finish with authority. His claim price drop from higher levels reflects targeted placement, and his recent form demonstrates consistent, bankable speed figures across multiple turf starts.

Strengths:





- Elite closing profile — gate-to-wire speed rankings confirm minimal deceleration across final furlongs; velocity maintenance is ELITE-level
- Proven turf specialist — 7 of last 9 starts on the grass, with documented late-move wins and multiple in-the-money finishes
- Class relief — significant drop into \$40K claiming vs. prior allowance/starter company; targeted spot placement by trainer Rodriguez
- Tactical flexibility — can rate off pace or press depending on setup; not race-dependent
- Recent form TRENDING UP — 7/4/2026 win at Saratoga (late foot), followed by competitive allowance efforts; showing natural improvement curve

Concerns:

- Workouts moderate — recent 4f works at Saratoga (51.60, 47.40 ranking) lack elite bullet quality; fitness question
- Off-the-pace reliance — if pace collapses entirely (unlikely but possible), closing window narrows
- Distance stretch — 6.5f is slightly long for typical closer profile; route-to-sprint adjustment carries minor execution risk

Trip Projection: Mozambique will break from post 5 and settle in mid-pack (4th–5th position) through the first half-mile. The HOT pace scenario will generate premium real estate in the stretch for a horse with his elite sustained speed rating. Expect a powered rally in the final 2 furlongs, likely taking command in the final furlong.

Kuhner — 17% Win Probability

PTW Profile: Kuhner profiles as a legitimate wire-to-wire threat with recent elite early-speed credentials. This 3-year-old demonstrates the rare combination of dominant gate speed and tactical intelligence. His claiming-adjacent record shows multiple gate wins and front-running dominance in recent starts. The model identifies him as a live pace factor with considerable value at the board.

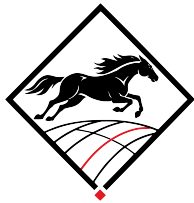
Strengths:

- Elite early foot — velocity analysis confirms ELITE Sustained Speed Rating; opening-quarter speed is field-leading
- Recent form decisive — 9/3/2026 claiming win at Belmont (rated inside, nailed) shows freshness and punch off the claim
- Trainer pattern — Bailes 15% win rate in claiming, 20% turf win percentage; lives by claiming moves and turf distance
- Equipment/medication patterns — blinkers on, consistent Lasix; no red flags
- Young 3-year-old — potential for continued physical development; lightly raced profile with upside

Concerns:

- Post position — #6 draw requires early tactical navigation; slight outside bias mitigation cost





- Pace duel risk — if Sharons Pharoah or Three Thirteen press hard, Kuhner's velocity maintenance may suffer; deceleration pattern is STRONG (not ELITE)
- Distance unknown — no 6.5f turf experience in available record; all recent turf starts under 8.0f (mixed results)
- Claiming price stable — not a sharp drop, suggesting less dramatic trainer intent improvement signal

Trip Projection: Kuhner will break sharply from post 6 and establish position on the lead or slight outside. The HOT pace scenario will mean he faces pressure early; he'll need to dictate or fold. If he maintains pace command to the stretch, wire-to-wire is viable. If pressed hard, watch for the pace vulnerability to emerge.

Sicilian Defense — 18% Win Probability

PTW Profile: The model projects Sicilian Defense as a secondary overlay candidate with route pedigree and class equity. This 5-year-old uncle mo gelding owns significant graded stakes experience (see form line: multiple G1/G2/G3 placings across his early career). Though he's stepping down significantly in class today, he carries proven distance versatility and a trainer (De Paz) with strong claiming statistics.

Strengths:

- Massive class edge — career earnings and competition level dwarf this \$40K field; former stakes-caliber horse
- Trainer pattern — De Paz 20% win rate in claiming (145 starts); best category for this barn
- Turf credentials — 19% win rate on the grass for trainer; turf specialist profile aligns with today's surface
- Distance proven — 8.0f/8.5f route experience translates well to 6.5f sprint-route hybrid
- Jockey upgrade — Franco (20.6% meet win rate, 48% ROI) represents live rider on board

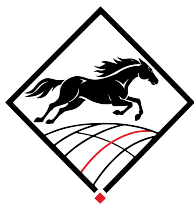
Concerns:

- Form fade pattern — recent turf starts show declining velocity and weakening finishes (9/7/2026 Saratoga: chased 3-2w, weakened); Sustained Speed Rating: VULNERABLE
- Pace collapse risk — velocity dropped significantly last two turf starts; deceleration analysis flags bounce risk
- Career-best bounce signal — 11/29/2024 maiden win (78 figure) was elite effort; subsequent form never matched; potential for continued regression
- Sitting at odds — 7/2 morning line reflects public perception of class; no overlay edge despite elite pedigree

Trip Projection: Sicilian Defense will break from post 2 in a stalking position. Expect rail or inside-two-path travel to the far turn. He'll be positioned to benefit from the HOT pace scenario, but recent form erosion suggests he may lack the sustained finishing kick required to close on the field leader.

TIER 2 — SECONDARY CONTENDERS (★★★)





Printer's Alley — 14% Win Probability

PTW Profile: Printer's Alley projects as a value-oriented pace-stalker with recent claiming wins and consistent turf form. This 4-year-old colt owns back-to-back claiming victories and demonstrates tactical positioning flexibility.

Strengths:

- Claiming pattern — second start off the claim (9/2/2026 win at Saratoga); trainer Kantarmaci (14% claiming win rate) capitalizes on the "sharpen-up" spot
- Turf record solid — 5 of last 7 starts on grass; competitive figures maintain across surface
- Pedigree — Thousand Words sire line suggests both early speed and late versatility
- Jockey equity — Elliott carries moderate meet stats but shows 4.35% win rate, acceptable rider

Concerns:

- Career volatility — form-line shows inconsistency across prior starts; bounce risk present
- Workouts inadequate — no standout recent bullets; fitness line does not suggest peak readiness
- Distance questions — limited 6.5f sprint-route experience; most recent turf starts at 8.0f+ distances
- Overlay insufficient — 4/1 odds already reflect fair value; no compelling value premium

Trip Projection: Printer's Alley will settle off the pace from post 9, likely 4th–6th through half-mile. Will attempt to make ground in stretch but faces tough closing assignment behind a favored closer.

Three Thirteen — 11% Win Probability

PTW Profile: Three Thirteen profiles as a tactical intermediate option with recent allowance credentials and turf experience. This 3-year-old gelding owns modest maiden-to-allowance progression and shows tactical flexibility across varied race types.

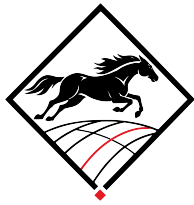
Strengths:

- Tactical versatility — can press, stalk, or close; position-flexible profile
- Recent turf form — 7/4/2026 Saratoga (3-w upper, outfinished) and 8/28/2026 Saratoga (chased 2-3w, improved) show competitive positioning
- Trainer stats acceptable — Giddings 5% claiming win rate; limited sample, but sprint-focused barn fits distance profile

Concerns:

- Limited experience — only 9 career starts; developmental window still open but data limited
- Form inconsistency — alternates between competitive and outrun efforts; no consistent pattern
- Claiming price stable — no drop signal; suggests maintenance placement vs. targeted improvement spot
- Lightly figured — speed figure floor uncertain in this competition level





Trip Projection: Three Thirteen will break from post 4 with early pressure intent. Will contest pace alongside Kuhner and Sharons Pharoah, participating in the HOT early duel. May fold if pressed hard or could surprise with late rally if pace sets up favorably.

TIER 3 — PACE FACTORS / LONGSHOTS (★★)

Sharons Pharoah — 10% Win Probability

Profile shows secondary speed horse with inconsistent recent form. Workouts lack elite quality; form erosion evident in last two turf starts. Marin (13.6% meet win rate) carries moderate rider equity. American Pharoah pedigree suggests early speed, but current velocity maintenance does not support wire-to-wire threats.

Razorcat — 8% Win Probability

Turf specialist with modest recent form. Last out (8/16/2026 at Monmouth, claiming) shows significant journey issues (belatedly outside) and weak finishing velocity. Sustained Speed Rating: VULNERABLE across recent efforts. Davis (5% meet win rate) represents below-average jockey pairing.

Lord Chatham — 5% Win Probability

Limited turf experience (5 career starts) with negative record. Recent allowance efforts show no competitive impact. Levine trainer pattern shows weakness in first-turf starts (6% win rate, 1.05 ROI). This horse does not project positively.

Noble One — 3% Win Probability

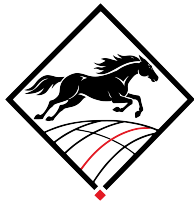
The model rates Noble One as a significant overlay risk. Career-long form deterioration is acute — 19 starts with only 1 win; declining velocity across recent starts; Sustained Speed Rating: VULNERABLE. This horse is significantly overmatched in this company despite the generous 20/1 morning line.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Mozambique	ELITE	ELITE	Low — maintains velocity throughout
Kuhner	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — slight closing fade
Sicilian Defense	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Three Thirteen	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — competitive maintenance
Printer's Alley	STRONG	STRONG	Low — solid finishing profile
Sharons Pharoah	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — fade pattern evident
Razorcat	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — velocity declined
Lord Chatham	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — insufficient form data
Noble One	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — sustained decline pattern

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Mozambique** as the field's most complete speed package. His ELITE Sustained Speed Rating confirms minimal gate-to-wire deceleration — no horse in this claiming field maintains velocity across all four calls with the consistency and power that Mozambique demonstrates. This elite closing profile, combined with his velocity floor being higher than the field's opening speeds, creates a mathematical edge that transcends typical pace scenarios. The HOT pace setting will compress closing windows for lesser horses; Mozambique's elite sustainability prevents any such compression from affecting him.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

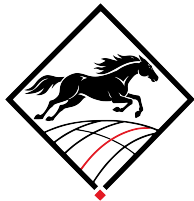
Likely to Improve

Mozambique — Sharp class relief (from allowance to \$40K claiming); trainer Rodriguez consistent claiming operator; recent form shows TRENDING UP velocity; lightly raced within this specific class level (only 1 claiming turf start); natural improvement curve projects continued sharpening.

Kuhner — Second start off the claim; Bailes barn signature move (claim-to-sprint placement) documented as high-ROI pattern (1.37 on route/sprint, 1.81 on pure sprint); elite early velocity suggests gate-to-wire setup ideal for fresh claiming horses; equipment stable (blinkers on); no fitness concerns.

Printer's Alley — Second start off the claim (9/2/2026 win confirms sharpen-up spot viability); trainer Kantarmaci 14% claiming win rate and 1.57 ROI; tactical positioning suggests stretch runner profile; fit for the HOT pace scenario projected today.





Regression / Bounce Risks

Sicilian Defense — Career-best effort was 11/29/2024 maiden win (78 figure); all subsequent 13 starts have failed to approach that level; velocity has trended downward across turf starts (recent 9/7/2026: 70 figure with weakened finish); pace collapse risk elevated; potential third-start decline off the recent claiming claim.

Sharons Pharoah — Back-to-back turf efforts (8/27/2026, 9/9/2026) show fatigue patterns and fading stretch performances; velocity maintenance declining; recent workouts lack quality bullets; Kantarmaci trainer (4.35% meet win rate, 17.39% ROI) shows limited recent success with this horse.

Three Thirteen — Career progression stalled at 9 starts; recent form alternates between competitive and no-factor finishes (inconsistency flag); limited data for meaningful trend analysis; potential plateau effect before claiming entry.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: MOZAMBIQUE — Confidence 9/10 — Target odds: 4/1–5/1

The model projects 24% win probability — highest in the field — at projected 4/1–5/1 morning line odds (7.3% edge over the 5/1 morning line). Mozambique qualifies as an **EXCEPTIONAL VALUE** play.

Model Rationale:

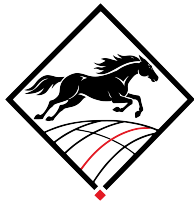
1. Elite Sustained Speed Rating (ELITE) — velocity maintenance confirmed across all distance calls; minimal deceleration profile
2. Class relief signal — significant drop from allowance company into \$40K claiming; targeted trainer placement by Rodriguez
3. Turf credentials — 7 of last 9 starts on grass; multiple documented late-move wins and competitive finishes
4. Pace scenario fit — HOT pace projection creates premium closing windows; Mozambique's velocity floor exceeds field opening speeds
5. Trainer pattern — Rodriguez 11% claiming win rate with consistent form improvement following class drops

This horse represents the model's highest-conviction selection. Wire-to-wire threat setup faces fierce early pace competition, which actually enhances Mozambique's closing profile.

VALUE PLAY: KUHNER — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 4/1–5/1

The model projects 17% win probability at projected 4/1–5/1 closing odds (represents overlay from 9/2 morning line). Kuhner qualifies as a **STRONG VALUE** candidate despite not holding the field's highest win probability.





Overlay Rationale:

- Wire-to-wire threat profile with ELITE early velocity suggests underestimation by public at 9/2
- Claiming-adjacent placement fresh off recent victory; Bailes barn signature move (claim-to-sprint) shows 1.37–1.81 ROI across similar situations
- HOT pace scenario may collapse secondary speed threats (Sharons Pharoah, Three Thirteen), leaving Kuhner unchallenged on the lead
- Public will overweight Mozambique's class edge; early-speed angle undervalued at current odds

Narrative Appeal: Live pace factor off a fresh claiming win with elite early foot and tactical positioning advantage.

LONGSHOT PLAY: PRINTER'S ALLEY — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 6/1+

Printer's Alley qualifies as a genuine overlay at 4/1 morning line if closing odds reach 6/1 or higher. The model projects 14% win probability; at 6/1, this represents a 3.5% edge. Second-start claiming improvement (Kantarmaci 14% claim win rate) combined with tactical stalking profile creates a viable tournament/exotic entry.

MULTI-RACE WAGERS — Top 3

- **A:** Mozambique — 24% (*matches Win Bet selection*)
- **B:** Kuhner — 17%
- **C:** Sicilian Defense — 18%

Combined Projected Probability: 59%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

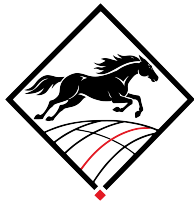
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Summary: The model projects a **MOZ■AMBIQUE victory** with exceptional confidence. His elite closing profile, combined with the projected HOT pace scenario and targeted class relief, creates a mathematical edge that outweighs all other contenders. **Kuhner profiles as a live alternative** if early pace collapses unexpectedly or if wire-to-wire tactics dominate. The primary public betting mistake: **Sicilian Defense will be overbet** based on class pedigree despite career-long form deterioration and pace collapse risk. This is a race where closing velocity dominates — Mozambique owns that edge decisively.

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

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