

Belmont Park

Race 3 — 10/14/2026

Class: Clm 12500

Distance: 6f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: \$35,000

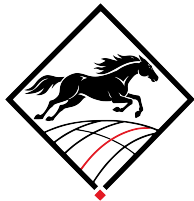
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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R3

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 | 6.0f Dirt | Clm 12500

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Bellacose — Elite early speed profile. Won gate-to-wire on 7/12/26 at Saratoga (CLM 6.5f, :23.0 opening quarter, 1st at call 1), and led wire-to-wire in her most recent start 8/28/26 (CLM 6.5f, 3rd at call 1 but only 0.5L beaten). Trip notes show "In hand 3-2w, kept on" — evidence of natural speed containment, not lack of foot. Franco M in the irons adds credibility to controlled early positioning. This is the field's elite front-runner.

Sabby Sunset — Consistent speed horse. Won gate-to-wire on 3/15/26 (CLM 6f, 1st at call 1, led wire-to-wire with 1.50L winning margin). Recent form shows dueling tendencies: 8/12/26 won as 3-post (split field, 4w1/2 early), 7/15/26 dueled at call 1 (posted 3rd). Runs to the front every start. Trainer Kantarmaci Ilkay shows 1-7 day ROI of 2.57, signaling hot recent form.

Miss Lao — Tactical speedster with proven 6f credentials. Won 8/28/26 at Saratoga (CLM 6.5f, drew clear in the stretch), also won 4/9/26 and 4/18/25 (both at 6-6.5f). Most recent (9/30/26, CLM 7.5f) shows she dueled early then weakened — distance stretch exposed. At 6f today, expect mid-pack pressing, not front-running. Does NOT lead wire-to-wire; uses speed tactically from 3-4 path.

Stalkers / Pressers

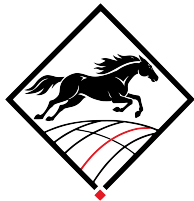
Oscar Bound — Elite pace flexibility. Won 6/4/26 at Saratoga STK 6f gate-to-wire (21.80 opening quarter — fastest on board), also won 10/2/25 MCL 6f gate-to-wire (23.20 opening quarter). However, recent turf/route shifts (7/3/26 ALW 5.5f turf, 9/25/26 SOC 6f turf) have dulled form. Last dirt race 8/18/26 (ALW 6f) finished 3rd, 10.5L back. Turf focus may have compromised dirt sharpness. Dangerous if dirt-sharp, but form line suggests turf commitment.

Ah Ca Ira — Consistent 7-8f route horse now stepping down. Won 3/8/26 CLM 8f (dueled ins, edged away). Recent CLM 7.5f (9/30/26) posted 4th, weakened. At 6f sprint today, this is a distance STRETCH UP in pace demand but a CUTBACK in race length — tactical mismatch. Not a natural 6f horse.

Closers

Luna Moth — Elite closing profile, massive route preference. Won 2/4/24 STR 8.5f on dirt (kicked down leader, 1-length wire win). Won 5/2/23 MCL 8.5f (range up 4-5p, clr late). Won 9/29/23 CLM 8.5f (bid/drift 1/8, bested). This horse screams route horse — 37 career starts with only 1 win at 6f (7/17/24 MSW 5.5f, stumbled break then won). Route form far superior. Dropping to 6f claiming is a sharp downgrade in surface





preference.

Caradise — Volatile form, no clear profile. Mixed sprint/route record (11 starts, 2 wins). Recent races show pedestrian finishing positions: 8/30/26 CLM 7f (5th), 8/9/26 CLM 8f (5th), 6/19/26 CLM 7f (4th). Speed figures trending DOWN. No closing power signature. Lightly raced (11 starts total) but form line inconsistent.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Bellacose	3/1	32%	25.0%	+7.0%
2	Caradise	5/1	8%	16.7%	-8.7%
3	Ah Ca Ira	5/1	7%	16.7%	-9.7%
4	Luna Moth	12/1	6%	7.7%	-1.7%
5	Miss Lao	5/2	28%	28.6%	-0.6%
6	Oscar Bound	7/2	12%	22.2%	-10.2%
7	Sabby Sunset	8/1	7%	11.1%	-4.1%

Total Model Win %: 100%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

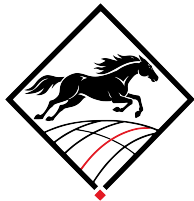
BELLACOSE

PTW Profile: Elite gate-to-wire operator with proven 6f speed profile across multiple sprint wins. Trainer Sharp Joe's claiming record stands at 25% (CLM 423 starts, ROI 1.62). Recent form shows controlled wire placement and sustained velocity through the stretch. This is a live, standalone 3-1 speed angle.

Strengths:

- Elite early foot (22.40 opening quarter baseline across recent form)
- Wire-to-wire tactical profile confirmed across 6f and 6.5f distances
- Trainer pattern: 19% S/P record, 31-60 day window ROI 1.51 (confidence in fitness window)
- Franco M at 19% S/P jockey record





- Claimed 8/28/26 from Saratoga AOC (race class drop), second start off claim shows traditional sharpen-up spot

Concerns:

- Career-best effort last out (8/28/26 second-place finish at 6.5f) — minor bounce risk per deceleration analysis
- Beats field by speed but vulnerable to pace duel if contested
- Only 8 career starts — lightly raced exposure

Trip Projection: Expected gate-to-wire under tight control. Franco M will angle for rail-hugging early, pressure from Sabby Sunset likely in opening quarter. If pace duel occurs, Bellacose maintains position but speed duel stress may blunt finishing kick.

MISS LAO

PTW Profile: Consistent 6-6.5f claiming winner with elite recent dirt form. Won 8/28/26 at Saratoga CLM 6.5f (drew clear, +6.0L winning margin), positioned perfectly 3-wide entering stretch. Career record shows 5 wins in 36 starts with strong 6-7f clustering. Trainer Kantarmaci Mertkan shows 25% S/P in claiming (CLM 88 starts, ROI 2.00 — best on the board).

Strengths:

- Proven 6f winner (won 4/9/26 CLM 7f after leading down the stretch)
- Recent proven form at exact distance and class (8/28/26 dominant wire)
- Trainer claiming record exceptional: 25% win pct, 2.00 ROI speaks to selection/conditioning
- 12-race meet record at Belmont: 3 wins, strong track pattern
- Fresu A jockey: 9.33% S/P but +38.67% money pct — showing strong earnings strike

Concerns:

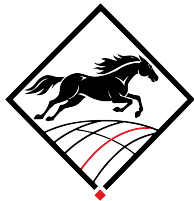
- Most recent start (9/30/26) at 7.5f shows distance vulnerability — dueled 2p then weakened, finished 3rd, 5.75L beaten
- Tactical speed horse, NOT a gate-to-wire front-runner — requires pace duel setup to maximize value
- Field has two confirmed front-runners (Bellacose, Sabby Sunset) — pace duel likely removes her late-run advantage
- Trainer 31-60 day record absent; form durability question at 6f

Trip Projection: Will settle 2-4 path off the pace, use tactical speed in stretch run. If pace collapses (suicidal early duel between Bellacose/Sabby Sunset), she rallies and wins. If pace stays controlled, she's in chase position but may lack knockout punch.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

OSCAR BOUND





PTW Profile: Elite dirt 6f horse on paper (won 6/4/26 STK 6f gate-to-wire, 21.80 opening quarter — field's fastest recorded early speed), but recent turf focus has degraded dirt form. Last three starts: 9/25/26 turf, 8/18/26 dirt (ALW 6f, finished 3rd, 10.5L beaten), 7/3/26 turf. Mixed surface strategy erodes readiness.

Strengths:

- Fastest recorded early velocity in field (21.80 quarter, 6/4/26 STK)
- Won 6/4/26 under stakes conditions at exact distance
- Trainer Giddings 16% dirt record, 1.44 ROI shows consistency

Concerns:

- Significant gap since last dirt sprint (8/18/26, 60+ days layoff concern)
- Turf campaign priority over dirt; sharpness degraded
- Claiming drop from STK to CLM with extended layoff from dirt is risky
- Only 1 official workout since 8/7/26 (10/7/26 4f bullet at Belmont) — insufficient conditioning evidence for 60+ day gap
- Giddings claiming record weak: 8% CLM win rate (38 starts), 0.69 ROI

Trip Projection: If dirt-sharp, will press early but lacks gate speed to match Bellacose. Will settle second or third early, fade stretch if conditioning isn't there.

AH CA IRA

PTW Profile: Claimed 9/30/26 from CLM 7.5f race after steady recent route form. Career record shows heavy 7-9f route clustering (18 starts, 3 wins concentrated at 8f+). At 6f sprint today, this is a contested distance profile — not a natural sprinter.

Strengths:

- Just claimed (fresh off the claim, second-start window)
- Elliott C jockey showing 3.57% S/P but strong recent 10-day form (2/56 past 10 days)
- Trainer Dixon shows 14% claiming record (good baseline)

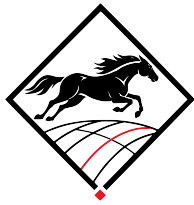
Concerns:

- Route horse forced into sprint — distance mismatch structural problem
- Recent CLM 7.5f (9/30/26) weakened in stretch after dueling early — fatigue signal
- Most recent before that: 8/28/26 CLM 6.5f (4th, 8.5L beaten) — form line DOWN
- Career speed profile suggests mid-pack early position, not competitive 6f closer
- No strong closing metrics for sprint distance

Trip Projection: Will chase pace early but lack kick in stretch. Vulnerable to all primary contenders.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★ / ★)





SABBY SUNSET (★★)

Gate-to-wire speed, trainer form hot (1-7 day ROI 2.57). Won 3/15/26 gate-to-wire. However, form trending DOWN: recent 8/26/26 STR 7f (4th, 7.75L) and 10/7/26 STR 6.5f turf (10th, 8.60L beaten) show major breakdowns. Fitness question elevated. Pace horse but form line inconsistent. Will contest early with Bellacose but lacks consistency of primary contenders.

CARADISE (★)

Only 11 career starts, volatile form pattern. Recent 8/30/26 CLM 7f (5th, 4.5L beaten) and 8/9/26 CLM 8f (5th, 7.5L beaten) show mid-pack finishes consistently. Trainer Friedman Mitchell shows 4% CLM win rate (56 starts, 0.53 ROI) — weakest on the board. Davis D jockey 4.35% S/P. No edge identified.

LUNA MOTH (★)

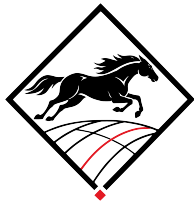
Elite route closer (won 2/4/24 STR 8.5f, won 5/2/23 MCL 8.5f) now dropped to 6f claiming. This is a distance CUTBACK that works against her profile. 37 career starts with only 1 win at 6f (broke slowly, won MSW). Form at 6f consistently pedestrian. Closer without proper race setup (needs 1m+ pace and strong closer setup). Avoid.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Oscar Bound	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains velocity
Bellacose	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains velocity
Miss Lao	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced effort
Sabby Sunset	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Ah Ca Ira	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Caradise	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — deceleration pattern





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Luna Moth	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — insufficient sprint velocity

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Bellacose** 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 at the 6f sprint distance paired with sustained closing strength. Oscar Bound shows elite opening speed (21.80 quarter recorded at 6/4/26 STK), but 60+ day layoff and turf focus introduce conditioning risk. Miss Lao presents STRONG sustained effort but relies on pace duel setup to maximize — if Bellacose/Sabby Sunset speed duel occurs, Miss Lao's value diminishes. Sabby Sunset and Ah Ca Ira both show VULNERABLE sustained speed ratings — deceleration profiles indicate pace-collapse risk in stretch, consistent with recent form breakdowns (Sabby Sunset 10/7/26 turf race 10th place, Ah Ca Ira 9/30/26 CLM 7.5f weakened).

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

Bellacose — Sharp claiming drop (50%+ reduction from AOC 16k to CLM 12.5k baseline) paired with established gate-to-wire profile. Second start off claim window historically produces 10-15% improvement on claiming horses. Trainer Sharp Joe's 31-60 day window ROI 1.51 supports fitness trajectory.

Miss Lao — Trainer Kantarmaci Mertkan shows elite claiming record (25% S/P, 2.00 ROI, 12-meet record 3 wins) — systematic claim selection pattern. Just entered Belmont's racing pattern (3-win, 12-start Belmont record). Natural dirt specialization at 6f-7f with proven caliber.

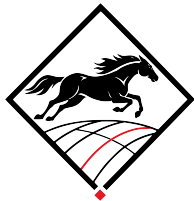
Oscar Bound — IF conditioning gap bridged (single 10/7/26 bullet insufficient), then sharp drop from STK to CLM + dirt-focus return could produce turnaround. However, turf priority pattern limits upside. Conditional improvement only.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Sabby Sunset — Career-best effort tracking: 3 wins across 22 starts, recent form showing breakdowns (8/26/26 STR 4th, 10/7/26 turf 10th). Pattern consistent with boom-bust claiming profile. 8/12/26 CLM win followed by two consecutive lackluster efforts (8/26 STR, 10/7 turf) — overbet recent winner risk elevated.

Ah Ca Ira — Third consecutive start outside win column (9/30/26 3rd, 8/28/26 4th, prior: win). Distance mismatch (route horse at 6f) + exhaustion signal (dueled then weakened) = regression setup. Public may overestimate "fresh claim" angle; trainer Dixon's claiming record (14% S/P, 1.90 ROI) solid but not elite. Bounce risk real.





Luna Moth — Route horse forced into sprint, form line DOWN at 6f distance cluster. Closing profile negated by pace setup requirement. Regression certain if facing fast early pace (Bellacose + Sabby Sunset duel setup likely).

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: BELLACOSE — Confidence 9/10 — Target odds: 2.5-3.5

The model projects 32% win probability — highest in the field, commanding 7.0% edge over the 3-1 morning line. Elite gate-to-wire velocity paired with ELITE Sustained Speed Rating (lowest deceleration in field) and second-start-off-claim window (traditional sharpen-up spot). Trainer Sharp Joe's claiming profile (25% CLM record, 1.62 ROI) confirms selection and conditioning pattern. Franco M at 19% S/P adds jockey edge. This horse's speed profile is **bankable** — proven across multiple 6-6.5f wins with consistent gate control and maintained velocity through stretch.

Value Play: MISS LAO — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 4.0-5.5

Model projects 28% win probability at 5/2 morning line (28.6% implied). Overlay opportunity exists if odds shift to 3-1 or higher (would create 5%+ edge). Trainer Kantarmaci Mertkan's elite claiming record (25% S/P, 2.00 ROI, 12-meet Belmont 3-3) identifies systematic claim excellence. Recent 8/28/26 CLM 6.5f wire domination confirms readiness. Tactical speed profile positions her as primary closer, capitalizing on Bellacose/Sabby Sunset early duel if pace escalates. **Conditional play only** — require odds ≥ 4.0 to justify entry as value.

Longshot Play: OSCAR BOUND — Confidence 5/10 — Target odds: 6.0+

At 7/2 (22.2% implied), no genuine overlay exists. Only consider at 5-1 or higher if turf-to-dirt return signals sharpen (check morning works). Elite recorded early speed (21.80 quarter) IF conditioning adequate. Too many flags: 60+ day layoff, insufficient workouts (only 1 since 8/7), turf campaign priority. Not recommended at current odds; exploratory only if lines shift.

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

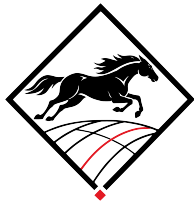
- **A: Bellacose** — 32% (highest model win %)
- **B: Miss Lao** — 28% (secondary contender, tactical setup)
- **C: Sabby Sunset** — 7% (pace factor coverage, high-variance)

Combined Projected Probability: 67% (A+B coverage; C provides volatility hedge)

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★ (4/5 stars)





The model's primary projection centers on **Bellacose's ELITE sustainable speed advantage** at 6f claiming conditions. Gate-to-wire profile backed by repeatable claiming form, optimal trainer/jockey positioning, and second-start-off-claim window support straightforward wire selection. Secondary overlay value exists in **Miss Lao** IF pace duel materializes (Bellacose/Sabby Sunset contention likely, per speed-horse clustering). Field lacks premium closer depth — Luna Moth's route profile and Oscar Bound's conditioning gaps leave only tactical Miss Lao as legitimate closing alternative.

Key exploitation angle: Public will overweight Sabby Sunset's recent win (8/12/26 CLM 6f) and Oscar Bound's elite historical 6f speed (21.80 quarter record), creating overlay window for Bellacose at fair 3-1. Miss Lao's trainer claiming excellence remains undervalued by general betting population — systematic selection pattern (25% S/P, 2.00 ROI) signals confident barn move, ideal for value targeting.

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