Belmont Park

Race 2 — 11/01/2026

Class: BoldRlr-G3

Distance: 6f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $200,000

Starters: 6

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R2

November 01, 2026 | 6f Dirt | G3 BoldRlr

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

The model identifies **Buccherino** and **Commuted** as the field's elite early-speed horses. Buccherino has established a pattern of dueling inside, recording gate-to-wire and near-wire efforts across recent stakes company (9/19/2026 Prx STK, 8/19/2025 Prx STK — both with blazing opening quarters). Commuted similarly shows consistent front-running credentials with early position in 6 consecutive races, including wire-to-wire success on 10/17/2026 at this track in a softer pace environment (22.8 opening quarter).

Stalkers / Pressers

Paradise Valley and **Subrogate** rate as tactical pressers capable of tracking the speed or pressing early. Paradise Valley has shown ability to stalk at 1–2 lengths off the pace (9/15/2026 FL), then rally late. Subrogate displays mid-pack positioning with occasional close-tracking patterns (6/28/2025 LRL STK, 5/26/2025 Mth STK).

Closers

Contrary Thinking and **Stickupwithoutagun** project as late-moving closers. Contrary Thinking demonstrates consistent 4–6 length deficits at the 2f call, with late-race improvement evident in multiple allowance efforts. Stickupwithoutagun shows similar rally patterns off moderate pace fractions, with strong finishes when pace setup accommodates late charge (9/21/2026 FL STK — 0.10 sec loss at half-mile, 1.50 length finish).

Pace Scenario Projection

- **Classification:** MODERATE early pace
- **Opening Quarter:** :22■
- **Half Mile:** :45¹
- **Narrative:** Buccherino and Commuted will contest the pace but without suicidal pressure; stalkers have clear positioning lanes, and closing horses receive moderate setup with legitimate stretch room.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Commuted	2-1	22%	33.2%	-11.2%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
2	Paradise Valley	10-1	11%	9.0%	+2.0%
3	Buccherino	5-2	28%	28.6%	-0.6%
4	Subrogate	6-1	16%	14.3%	+1.7%
5	Stickupwithout agun	12-1	7%	7.6%	-0.6%
6	Contrary Thinking	9-5	16%	7.3%	+8.7%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**100.0%**	

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Buccherino

PTW Profile: Elite stakes performer with exceptional gate-to-wire and pace-controlling credentials. Model identifies this horse as the field's most consistent front-runner with technical speed advantage in this distance and company. Recent placement in G3/stakes races (9/19/2026 win at Prx) confirms class.

Strengths: Dominant early foot; blazing opening quarters (21.8–22.4 mph range); proven wire-to-wire stamina at 6f; minimal deceleration profile in recent efforts; experience in graded stakes; trainer Velazquez demonstrates 28% win rate in sprint stakes.

Concerns: Will face immediate pressure from Commuted, which may create early duel damage; prior effort on 8/18/2026 weakened when pressed inside (4th finish), suggesting vulnerability if pace accelerates beyond projection.

Trip Projection: Lead gate-to-wire or stalk one length off, dictate tempo at projected :22■/:45¹ fractions, control stretch drive.

Commuted

PTW Profile: Proven near-wire finisher with consistent gate-to-wire and close-up placing patterns. Model projects strong win probability of 22% based on recent form trajectory, winning 10/17/2026 at this track in comparable distance/class (6f, STR condition). Career 43% win rate (9 of 21 starts).

Strengths: Establishing elite early foot; recent wire win at Belmont confirms track affinity; trainer Rice (19% sprint win rate) well-suited to pace control; solid work tab (bullet 5f work 10/09/2026 at Belmont); jockey Prat





at 25% win rate; proven distance horse with multiple 6f placings.

Concerns: Will be pressed by Buccherino; deceleration data suggests moderate finish fatigue in longer route efforts (6/6/2026 at 7f declined sharply); must control pace or risk getting caught wire.

Trip Projection: Lead or pressured lead, manage early pace, hold on in stretch.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Contrary Thinking

PTW Profile: Late-moving closer with developing form trajectory in allowance company. Model projects 16% win probability, a significant overlay based on morning line (9/5 favorite). Recent effort 8/14/2026 (win, AOC) confirms class capability and stretch kick (2.50 length closing margin).

Strengths: Elite closing speed profile; three wins in last 13 starts; jockey Franco at 20.77% win rate; trainer Green 8.89% win rate (modest but consistent); responds well to pace setup that develops clear stretch room; capable of impacting at generous morning line given 16% model projection.

Concerns: Moderate-to-vulnerable deceleration rating limits closing punch effectiveness if pace flattens late; trainer win rate below field average; recent 10/1/2026 effort showed no rally in 7f route race; unproven in G3 stakes environment (0 of 1 at graded level per data).

Trip Projection: Track early off the pace at 4–6 lengths, rally when pace falters in lane.

Subrogate

PTW Profile: Versatile route/sprint performer with proven class edge (graded stakes experience, route pedigree). Model projects 16% win probability with overlay potential. Recent 10/19/2026 effort at Prx (AOC) shows fitness; rallied from 4th to 2nd (0.75 length).

Strengths: Distance/surface versatility; moderate deceleration profile supports both pace scenarios; trainer Duarte 21% sprint win rate; recent form on the rise (2 second-place finishes in last 3 starts); jockey Lopez at 6.90% win rate at this meeting.

Concerns: Inconsistent early placement (5th-to-7th typical starting position); class edge modest (AOC vs. G3); deceleration profile ranks mid-pack vs. field (STRONG rating, not elite); bounce risk elevated after back-to-back efforts targeting top three finishes.

Trip Projection: Sit off pace 3–4 lengths, make steady progress, fight late.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Paradise Valley

PTW Profile: Model projects 11% win probability at 10-1 morning line, representing a +2.0% edge. This horse benefits from pace scenario certainty: when Buccherino and Commuted duel early, Paradise Valley's stalking position becomes a viable stretch weapon. Recent form suggests 6f specialist with stretch-running





capability.

Strengths: Recent win 10/10/2026 CLM at Belmont confirms track and distance form; adequate deceleration profile (STRONG rating); long work tab suggests trainer investment; capable closing finisher (multiple 2nd-place finishes in last 20 starts).

Concerns: Modest class level (allowance/claiming background); trainer Kantarmaci 8.62% win rate; no wins in last 13 starts (only 3 of 33 career wins); horses with consistent sub-25% ROI tend to regress; jockey Marin at 12.23% win rate.

Trip Projection: Stalk 2–3 lengths off pace, rally if front-runners tire.

Stickupwithoutagun

PTW Profile: Model projects only 7% win probability, reflecting severe bounce risk. Young horse (2023-born) with erratic form pattern and multiple unplaced efforts suggesting immaturity or training inconsistency.

Strengths: Recent 9/21/2026 win at FL STK shows valid win capability; trainer Kantarmaci (same as Paradise Valley) has sprint experience; jockey Elliott (4.26% win rate) improving; capable of early speed when position breaks right.

Concerns: Severe recent form decline (10 starts: 4 wins, 6 unplaced); 8/29/2026 and 7/13/2026 efforts show catastrophic pace collapse (deceleration 28–39%); vulnerability rating VULNERABLE; third start off 8/29 layoff (historically bounce risk); inconsistent trainer performance in G3 (0% win rate at graded level).

Trip Projection: Likely off the pace early, minimal impact expected.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Buccherino	ELITE	ELITE	Low — maintains velocity
Commuted	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — solid finisher
Subrogate	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — mid-pack maintenance
Paradise Valley	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — solid finisher





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Contrary Thinking	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Stickupwithoutagun	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk

Critical MPH Insight:

The model identifies **Buccherino** 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 consistently at the 6-furlong distance. Opening quarters between 41–42 mph paired with closing speeds above 34 mph establish a sustainable finishing profile that dominates the field's pace metrics. **Commuted** ranks STRONG on sustained effort but trails Buccherino in the critical opening velocity segment, creating model confidence in a pace advantage that compounds through the final furlong.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Subrogate — Model projects upside movement off the 10/19/2026 effort. Trainer Duarte shows 25% win rate in the 2Off45-180 category (recent layoff returns), and this horse last raced 12 days prior, trending positively toward this sprint distance. 10-race sequence shows improving form rank (4th, 2nd finishes in last two starts); tactical adjustment to closer positioning may unlock additional value.

Paradise Valley — Recent 10/10/2026 CLM win at Belmont establishes baseline fitness. Trainer Kantarmaci shows 14% sprint win rate with ROI advantage in WonLastStart category (13% win rate on repeat attempts). If Commuted/Buccherino pace duel materializes, Paradise Valley's stalking positioning becomes more valuable; model flags this as pace-setup dependent improvement.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Contrary Thinking — Elevated bounce risk following back-to-back efforts targeting podium finishes (10/1/2026 7f race, 8/14/2026 win). Career pattern shows clustering of wins/places followed by 2–3 race droughts; currently in 4-race no-win stretch after 8/14 victory. G3 stakes debut (0 of 1 prior record) presents additional class adjustment risk. Deceleration profile (VULNERABLE rating) suggests pace vulnerability will expose in faster G3 tempo.

Stickupwithoutagun — Severe regression risk: young horse (age 3) on third career start off 8/29/2026 layoff, historically problematic tier. Last two route efforts (7/13/2026, 8/29/2026) show catastrophic deceleration (20.5–28.75 mph closing speed), indicating conditioning issues or distance stretch beyond profile. Trainer has 0% graded stakes win rate; marginal jockey at 4.26% win rate; recommend avoiding.





Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

-- WIN BET --

HORSE: Buccherino

CONFIDENCE: 9/10

TARGET ODDS: 5-2 to 7-2

VALUE ASSESSMENT: SLIGHT VALUE

The model projects 28% win probability — highest in the field. Buccherino combines elite early foot with the field's most sustainable closing velocity profile, establishing a pace-control foundation that neutralizes late closers. Recent 9/19/2026 G3 win at Prx confirms graded stakes readiness, and trainer Velazquez delivers 28% win rate in sprint stakes with 2.46 ROI in the 31-60 day range (fitness window). Jockey Ruiz provides solid 17.17% recent win rate. Model edge of -0.6% reflects morning line near-perfect alignment with technical probability, but the underlying pace advantage and stamina profile justify confidence in the highest win% assignment.

-- VALUE PLAY --

HORSE: Contrary Thinking

CONFIDENCE: 7/10

TARGET ODDS: 9-5 to 2-1

VALUE ASSESSMENT: STRONG VALUE

Model projects 16% win probability at 9-5 morning line (35.7% implied), generating +8.7% edge — the field's largest overlay. This is a public betting mistake: the 9-5 favorite is severely overestimated. While Contrary Thinking offers elite closing speed, the deceleration profile (VULNERABLE rating) exposes the horse to moderate pace scenarios where finishing velocity collapses. At 9-5, the public is pricing this as a 35.7% winner when model technical probability is only 16%. The stretch-running capability is real, but the edge belongs to patient players taking the overlay at posted morning line odds.

-- LONGSHOT PLAY --

HORSE: Subrogate

CONFIDENCE: 6/10

TARGET ODDS: 6-1 or higher

VALUE ASSESSMENT: SLIGHT VALUE

Model projects 16% win probability at 6-1 implied (14.3%), generating +1.7% edge. Subrogate offers late-run potential if pace reaches projected MODERATE scenario; trainer Duarte's 25% return-off-layoff performance (2Off45-180 category) supports fitness narrative. Recent 2nd-place finish 10/19/2026 (12 days ago) signals form presence without overwork. Edge is modest but actionable at 6-1 or longer, particularly as a second horse in exacta/trifecta sequences.





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

A: Buccherino — 28%

B: Commuted — 22%

C: Contrary Thinking — 16%

Combined Projected Probability: 66%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★

The model projects **Buccherino as the control horse in a MODERATE pace scenario**, with elite early velocity and sustainable closing speed establishing a pathway to wire-to-wire victory or dominant late-run position. Pace scenario certainty is high (dual speed horses Buccherino/Commuted will contest :45[1] half-mile, creating predictable dynamics for stalkers). The primary value opportunity exists at **Contrary Thinking (9-5 overlay, +8.7% edge)** — the market has overcorrected on this horse as morning line favorite when technical deceleration issues and limited graded stakes experience warrant significant discount. **Public betting mistake:** Ignore the 9-5 favorite bias; model identifies Contrary Thinking as 16% win probability against 35.7% implied, a structural betting error ripe for exploitation. Buccherino at 28% win probability offers baseline control if pace plays setup correctly; Paradise Valley at 11% provides complementary stalker value on mid-race dynamics.

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

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