Belmont Park

Race 5 — 11/01/2026

Class: Md Sp Wt 100k

Distance: 8.5f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $100,000

Starters: 8

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)

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November 01, 2026 | 8.5f Dirt | Maiden Special Weight

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

The model identifies **Flightress** as the primary speed horse in this field. She broke awkwardly in her most recent start (09/05, Sar, 7.0f) but recovered to lead at the 2f call, showing early foot on dirt. Prior to that (08/01, Sar, 6.0f), she chased in third from the break and never found her stride in the lane. **First Site** demonstrates elite gate speed with a commanding 21.80 opening quarter in her 09/19 start at Prx (6.5f), maintaining tactical position through the first two calls. She has led or pressed early in four consecutive outings. **Gun Broker** is secondary speed, showing a 23.40 opening quarter in her 09/19 start at Bel (8.0f), though she was out of rhythm early and played catch-up. **Claim the Throne** has shown minimal early speed across her races, typically rating 4th-6th at the first call.

Stalkers / Pressers

Royal County Down is a committed pace-stalker. Her turf efforts reveal setup-dependent form (4th at 2f on 08/28, 7th at 2f on 08/06), though she rallied into second at Cnl when given a clear trip. **Podkova** (first-time starter) will likely rate off the pace based on her bullet workout pattern at WO; her pedigree (Uncle Mo sire) suggests tactical flexibility. **Dreamology** (first-time starter, single allowance run in England) profile is unclear, though her recent gate work at Bel suggests race readiness.

Closers

Gun Broker posted a 2.75-beaten-length finish in her debut (09/19, Bel, 8.0f), rallying three-wide from mid-pack in a small field, indicating late-pace responsiveness. **Rags to Roses** and **Claim the Throne** both show come-from-behind patterns in their maiden starts but have lacked finishing punch when called upon.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace with Flightress and First Site contesting the early lead (projected :22■ opening quarter, :45² half-mile). This contested early duel will create moderate pace damage, positioning stalkers and closers to capitalize in the stretch. The 8.5f distance rewards horses with tactical positioning and reserve late speed.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Rags to Roses	30/1	2%	2.5%	-0.5%
2	Royal County Down	8/1	6%	8.7%	-2.7%
3	**Claim the Throne**	4/1	16%	15.7%	+0.3%
4	Flightress	5/2	20%	22.5%	-2.5%
5	**Gun Broker**	2/1	28%	26.2%	+1.8%
6	Dreamology	6/1	8%	11.2%	-3.2%
7	**Podkova**	10/1	12%	7.1%	+4.9%
8	**First Site**	12/1	8%	6.1%	+1.9%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**100.0%**	

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

TIER 1 — PRIMARY CONTENDERS (★★★★)

Gun Broker — **PTW Profile:** Second-start runner with maiden experience at route distance (8.0f). Comes from Danny Gargan barn with strong route-record credentials (11% win rate on routes in maiden/claiming company, 1.24 ROI). Prat, elite jockey at 25% win rate across field today, rides a high-profile connection. **Strengths:** Strong 09/19 debut effort—rallied three-wide from mid-pack to finish second, beaten only 2.75 lengths in small field of four horses. Fractional data shows velocity maintenance in stretch phase. Model projects 28% win probability—highest in the field. Second-start maiden development curve (Gargan 13% rate, 1.95 ROI) positions this horse ideally. **Concerns:** First-time route starter in maiden special weight; class has been limited to maiden company. Second-start psychology always carries slight bounce risk. **Trip Projection:** Will rate off pace from post 5, find clear running room in final quarter mile, and close strongly into the stretch drive.

Flightress — **PTW Profile:** Lightly raced (two starts, both against maiden company). Most recent 09/05 at Sar (7.0f) saw her bounce away from stumble at gate, rally to lead by 3/16 mark, secure 2nd-place finish beaten 5.75 lengths—strong closing response. Prior 08/01 at Sar (6.0f) showed chase tactics, mid-pack finish. McGaughey barn (14% maiden special weight win rate, 1.73 ROI) is consistent and sharp. Zayas solid at 13.6% win rate. **Strengths:** Latest effort demonstrates elite closing acceleration after gate trouble—recovery pattern suggests mental toughness. Speed model marks her as field's fastest





opening-quarter performer. Class-edge trainer (McGaughey) proven in maiden special weight. Distance stretch favorable. Model projects 20% win probability—second-highest in field. **Concerns:** Pace scenario (HOT) means early pressure will consume more energy; she may not find elite late pace if contested early duel unfolds. Stumble history noted; gate anxiety possible. **Trip Projection:** Likely to stalk off early speed, find her race three-wide in stretch drive; depends on contested pace unfolding as projected.

Claim the Throne — **PTW Profile:** Single maiden start on 09/25 at Bel (6.0f) produced a 5th-place finish, beaten 8.75 lengths. Trained by legendary Bill Mott, who shows 14% win rate with second-start maidens and maintains 19% dirt proficiency (1.50 ROI). Alvarado, solid journeyman at 8.3% win rate, has tactical acumen. **Strengths:** Mott barn projects upward development—class-edge trainer. Distance stretch from 6.0f to 8.5f suits pedigree (Medaglia d'Oro sire, Into Mischief dam). Sharp gate work on 09/14 (47.0 bullet) signals readiness boost. Model projects 16% win probability. **Concerns:** First maiden start showed minimal early speed (6th at 2f call, 5th at 4f), "empty" trip note—suggests ability gap vs. field, not trip trouble. Pace scenario today (HOT early) will expose any speed deficiency. **Trip Projection:** Will stalk outside early pressure, attempting to rally three-wide into stretch; route experience is theoretical.

TIER 2 — SECONDARY CONTENDERS (★★★)

Podkova — **PTW Profile:** First-time starter (zero prior race starts). Attard barn shows 17% first-start win rate (strong FTS indicator) and 17% maiden special weight proficiency (1.30 ROI). Castellano elite jockey (17.2% win rate, 36% at-track meeting rate) rides for connections with positive FTS patterns. **Strengths:** Workout pattern is exceptional—two bullet works at WO within past 10 days (10/22, 10/15, both at 4.0f, 48.20 time marked with "Y" bullet distinction). Gate work recorded on 09/13, suggesting race-ready fitness. Pedigree fit (Uncle Mo sire on dirt is elite) is strong. Model projects 12% win probability, reflecting genuine overlay at 10/1 morning line (+4.9% edge). **Concerns:** Zero race experience always carries execution risk; maiden special weight is above entry-level claiming, adding difficulty. No fractional data available to assess pace profile or closing ability. **Trip Projection:** Will likely stalk inside early, attempting to improve through middle stages; raw talent unknown.

Royal County Down — **PTW Profile:** Two maiden starts: 08/28 at Sar (8.5f turf) where she stayed inside, showed no rally with 8th finish; 08/06 at Cnl (5.5f turf) where she rallied from rail into 2nd place, beaten only 0.25 lengths on firm turf surface. Trainer Brendan Walsh (17% maiden special weight win rate, 1.78 ROI) excels with maidens. **Strengths:** Class relief today—both prior races on turf; she's stepping onto dirt for the first time, which can unlock improvement vs. grass-specialist profile. Turf 2nd-place finish confirms ability; surface switch is a high-percentage angle. Route distance aligns with pedigree (Audible sire, Bernardini dam—route-oriented bloodline). Model projects 6% win probability. **Concerns:** Zero dirt experience in this price class introduces uncertainty. Both prior races on firm turf may not translate directly to dirt footing. **Trip Projection:** Will rate stalking three-wide, relying on dirt adaptability; surface switch could trigger positive or negative response.

Dreamology — **PTW Profile:** Single prior race: 09/09 at Kempton (GB) in allowance conditions (7.0f), finished 5th, beaten 8.25 lengths. Connections Beckman-Whitworth (11% two-year-old rate, 1.91 ROI; 14% 31-60 day return rate, 2.11 ROI) suggest measured development approach. Fresu, journeyman at 13.1%





win rate. **Strengths:** Allowance win-level competition vs. maiden company suggests class potential. Returns from 52-day layoff (09/09 to 11/01), consistent with trainer return-pattern proficiency. Route distance at 7.0f in prior race indicates stamina profile. Model projects 8% win probability. **Concerns:** Single race on foreign surface (Kempton all-weather) provides zero dirt form baseline. No usable fractional data—prevents deceleration assessment. Connections cold in recent BEL activity (1 win in 18 recent starts). **Trip Projection:** Unknown running style; may press early or rate stalking. Bermuda grass experience unlikely to translate to dirt.

TIER 3 — PACE FACTORS / LONGSHOTS (★★)

First Site — **PTW Profile:** Four career starts, zero wins. Most recent 09/19 at Prx (6.5f) saw her vied between horses, no match for winner, 2nd-place finish beaten 7.0 lengths. Prior start 08/01 at Sar (6.0f) showed early speed advantage (led at 2f, 2nd at 4f), tired badly in stretch (3rd, beaten 8.50 lengths). Trainer Joseph Jr. (25% dirt win rate, 1.65 ROI; 19% route rate, 1.53 ROI) shows strong competency, but recent meet form is 2 wins in 19 starts (cold). Lopez journeyman at 6.9% win rate. **Strengths:** Elite early foot—fastest gate-to-wire performer in field. Sharp works prepping for route distance (recent 4.0f work at 48.60 on 10/19; 3.0f bullet at 37.0 on 10/11 signals sharpness). Distance stretch from 6.5f to 8.5f suits closing profile. Model projects 8% win probability. **Concerns:** Career: 0-2-2 from 4 starts—never broke maiden form. Stretch-running profile (tired badly 08/01) clashes with pace scenario (HOT early). If she leads, she'll be caught; if she chases, she has no closer. **Trip Projection:** Likely to be stalked and pressured early by Flightress; will retreat in stretch. Odds (12/1) reflect extended form slump and pace-setup mismatch.

Rags to Roses — **PTW Profile:** Two career maiden starts: 09/25 at Bel (6.0f), 7th-place finish beaten 20.50 lengths after awkward break, ducked in, ran inside (traffic jam). 08/15 at Sar (6.0f), 4th-place finish beaten 25.75 lengths, similar inside-traffic pattern. Baker Charlton barn (0% maiden 2YO win rate, 6% sprint/route rate, 20% route rate) shows route bias but maiden struggles. Maragh (2.3% win rate, cold) is below-average pilot. **Strengths:** Lightly raced (2 starts); improvement arc possible with cleaner trip. Route credentials in barn suggest distance stretch to 8.5f could help. **Concerns:** Career 0-0-0 from 2 starts, both showing traffic trouble and no competitive speed. Pedigree (Liam's Map sire) lacks elite distance credentials. Model projects 2% win probability, correctly reflecting limited upside. **Trip Projection:** Will likely need perfect trip (clear sailing from break, no traffic) to threaten; highly dependent on running room and field configuration.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Flightress	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains velocity





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Gun Broker	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — solid finishing profile
Claim the Throne	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — versatile route runner
First Site	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Royal County Down	STRONG	UNRATED	Turf-only data — dirt profile unknown
Podkova	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter — no fractional data
Dreamology	UNRATED	UNRATED	Single foreign race — insufficient dirt baseline
Rags to Roses	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — velocity drop-off, closing risk

Sustained Speed Ratings — Field Assessment

The model identifies **Flightress** as the field's premier sustained finisher with an **ELITE Sustained Speed Rating**—no horse in this field has matched her velocity maintenance profile at route distances. **Gun Broker** and **Claim the Throne** both earn **STRONG** ratings, indicating competitive velocity maintenance relative to their rivals; both are versatile route runners with solid closing credentials. **First Site** draws a **VULNERABLE** rating—despite elite gate speed (fastest opening quarter in the field), her fractional analysis reveals significant deceleration over the final two furlongs; pace collapse risk is pronounced in her profile. **Rags to Roses** similarly earns **VULNERABLE** status—opening speed gives way to heavy deceleration, indicating fatigue vulnerability in extended routes.

Three horses cannot be rated: **Royal County Down** has zero usable dirt fractional data (turf-only history); **Podkova** and **Dreamology** are first-time starters or possess insufficient domestic dirt form.

Critical MPH Insight

The model projects a significant pace-speed dichotomy in this field: **Flightress** combines elite early foot with elite sustained finishing—a rare profile that positions her as the field's fastest, most durable route performer. In contrast, **First Site**, despite matching Flightress's opening acceleration, collapses sharply in the stretch—velocity erosion that will expose her to late-charging horses. The **HOT pace scenario** guarantees that early contested speed will damage First Site's closing hopes while reserving energy for stalkers (Gun





Broker, Claim the Throne) positioned to strike in the final furlong.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

Gun Broker — Second-start runner transitioning from 8.0f sprint debut into first route attempt (8.5f). Maiden second-start win rate is among the highest in racing; Gargan's documented 13% second-start maiden win rate (1.95 ROI) signals improvement projection. Pace scenario today (HOT early) will create rally setup she thrived in at debut. Model projects 28% win probability. **Royal County Down** — Surface switch from turf to dirt is one of racing's highest-percentage improvement angles when prior form indicates ability (she rallied into 2nd on turf). Route distance and trainer pattern (Walsh 19% two-year-old win rate, 2.00 ROI) support upside. Model projects 6% win probability. **Claim the Throne** — First-start maiden showed clear ability-question flag ("empty" stretch run), but Mott's typical second-start development curve is steep; distance stretch from 6.0f to 8.5f unlocks her route pedigree. Trainer's 14% second-start maiden win rate (1.46 ROI) backs improvement projection. Model projects 16% win probability. **Podkova** — Live first-time starter with elite workout pattern and Attard barn's strong 17% first-start win rate. Tactical flexibility from quality pedigree suggests debut could land in money. Model projects 12% win probability.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Flightress — Career-best effort on 09/05 (strong late rally, 2nd place). Repeating that elite late-closing performance against stepped-up maiden special weight competition, particularly if early pace deteriorates her finishing reserves, represents regression risk. Model projects 20% win probability. **First Site** — Four career starts producing zero wins; latest effort (09/19) saw her beaten by 7.0 lengths in small field. Extended losing streak combined with pace-collapse profile (VULNERABLE sustained speed rating) suggests negative momentum. Model projects 8% win probability. **Dreamology** — Single allowance-level race followed by 52-day layoff. If Kempton surface form doesn't translate to domestic dirt, expects significantly worse numbers. Model projects 8% win probability. **Rags to Roses** — Career 0-0-0 with two-race pattern of traffic trouble, minimal competitive speed, and VULNERABLE deceleration profile. Model projects 2% win probability, correctly reflecting limited upside.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: Gun Broker — Confidence 9/10 — Target odds: 1.8-2.2

Model projects 28% win probability — highest in the field. Gun Broker's second-start placement into favorable route distance with elite jockey Prat creates model-optimized setup. Strong 09/19 debut rally (2.75-length finish in small field) confirms late closing ability. Gargan's 20% dirt win rate and established second-start maiden development pattern (13% with 1.95 ROI) provide barn-level confidence. Route distance unlocks closing profile evident at debut. HOT pace scenario will position her perfectly four-to-five lengths off early duel, with clear running room into stretch. Value assessment: SLIGHT VALUE at 2/1





implied (26.2%), edge +1.8% over morning line.

VALUE PLAY: Podkova — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 8.5-11.0

Model projects 12% win probability at 10/1 morning line (+4.9% edge). Genuine overlay emerges from live first-time starter profile: Attard barn 17% first-start win rate, elite bullet workouts within 10 days, Castellano elite jockey at 17.2% win rate, Uncle Mo pedigree fit on dirt. Early morning line of 10/1 undervalues connection quality and workout pattern. Exceptional value justifies tactical inclusion alongside primary Gun Broker play.

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

- **A:** Gun Broker — 28%
- **B:** Flightress — 20%
- **C:** Claim the Throne — 16%

Combined projected probability: 64%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★ (4 out of 5 stars)

The model projects **Gun Broker** as the standout selection at 28% win probability, combining second-start route placement with elite jockey credentials and proven closing acceleration into a favorable HOT-pace setup. Primary conviction rests on Gargan's documented second-start maiden win rate (13%, 1.95 ROI) and the structural pace scenario, which will position her perfectly to capitalize on early contested speed. Secondary value opportunity exists in **Podkova** (12% model win probability, 10/1 morning line overlay, +4.9% edge) via live first-time starter credentials and elite workout pattern. **Flightress** (20% model win probability) remains legitimate threat as elite sustained finisher but faces race-setup risk if early pace deteriorates her closing reserves. Main uncertainty centers on turf-to-dirt conversion (Royal County Down, 6% model win probability) and first-time starter execution (Podkova), both carrying execution risk but representing uncapped upside. Public betting consensus (Gun Broker 2/1 favorite, Flightress 5/2 secondary favorite) correctly elevates the top contenders but undervalues the stalker-closer positioning advantage in the HOT-pace scenario.

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