Belmont Park

Race 9 — 11/01/2026

Class: FortyNnr-G3

Distance: 8f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $200,000

Starters: 8

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R9

Saturday, November 01, 2026 | 8.0f Dirt | 3yo+ (Graded Stakes)

REPORT SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

- **Gate to Wire** — Elite early speed signature. Won at 6.5f AOC (Oct 4) with wire-to-wire effort off 7w uppr bid. Consistent pace-forcing profile across multiple surfaces. Early position tendencies show consistent 1st and 2nd call placement in recent efforts.
- **Crazy Mason** — Aggressive early foot. Recent Belmont STK (Oct 1) shows 7w early, rallied for 2nd-place finish (0.05 lengths). Closing late but establishes early tempo contention. Demonstrates ability to press or lead.

Stalkers / Pressers

- **Pentathlon** — Tactical mid-pack runner. Oct 4 AOC win at Belmont: bid 1/4, cleared decisively. Flexible positioning; can rate off early speed or move into contention from middle ground. Natural three-to-four-wide path specialist.
- **East Avenue** — Recent Sept 26 STK run at Churchill: advanced 5/8, 3p between, settled 4th. Shows stalking tendencies with late-race positioning adjustments. Methodical mover from off-pace.

Closers

- **Bendoog** — Elite late-pace profile. G3-level experience. Oct 3 Delaware Park STK (muddy): rated slw, inside, flattened finish—but Indy 8.32f STK (July 11) drew clear in final 70yds with strong finishing burst. Best suited for routes with room to rally.
- **Warp Nine** — Closing specialist with proven late rally. Sept 19 Prx STK: far back, wide energy, gained for 3rd (3.5 lengths back at call). Improvement pattern when given room and racing room.

Pace Scenario Projection

- **Classification:** HOT early pace
- **Opening Quarter:** :23¹
- **Half Mile:** :46■
- **Narrative:** Gate to Wire and Crazy Mason will contest the lead aggressively; expect a brisk opening tempo with stalkers like Pentathlon and East Avenue poised to profit from moderate speed collapse. Closers face a tactical setup requiring clear running lanes.

REPORT SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	East Avenue	5/2	13%	22.2%	-9.2%
2	Bendoog	4/1	14%	15.6%	-1.6%
3	Ignite the Light	6/1	7%	11.1%	-4.1%
4	Nelson Avenue	30/1	1%	2.5%	-1.5%
5	Crazy Mason	7/2	10%	17.3%	-7.3%
6	**Pentathlon**	9/2	24%	14.2%	+9.8%
7	**Gate to Wire**	6/1	19%	11.1%	+7.9%
8	**Warp Nine**	12/1	12%	6.0%	+6.0%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**100.0%**	

REPORT SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Pentathlon

- **PTW Profile:** Model projects this horse as the field's top-ranked win probability candidate at 24%. Consistent route winner with elite connections (McGaughey trainer, 29% win rate in won-last-start situations). Dirt specialist showing natural class rise.
- **Strengths:** 28.6% trainer confidence in similar spots. Won Oct 4 Belmont AOC decisively (bid 1/4, clear). Route distance ideal. Stalking position from 9/2 morning line creates tactical advantage. +5.8% overlay edge.
- **Concerns:** Modest recent form variance; some races show early pressure adversity. Class hike to G3 stakes territory presents measured risk.
- **Trip Projection:** Will rate off early speed, position 3-4 wide in upper stretch drive, challenge in final furlong.

Gate to Wire

- **PTW Profile:** Model projects 19% win probability. Elite early speed horse with proven gate-to-wire profile. Oct 4 Belmont AOC victory crisp and authoritative (7w uppr, won the bob). Only 2 wins in 12 career starts, but recent form elevated.





• **Strengths:** Elite early foot. Recent form sharp. Castellano riding (17.2% meet win rate). Belmont-proven course. +4.7% overlay edge at 6/1 morning line.

• **Concerns:** Limited graded stakes success (0-for-1 at G3). Sprint-biased profile. May get pressured in HOT pace scenario. Gate-to-wire bias vulnerable to sustained closers.

• **Trip Projection:** Will establish early lead, face two-horse duel with Crazy Mason. Vulnerable in deep stretch if stalkers close.

Bendoog

• **PTW Profile:** Model projects 14% win probability. Seven-year-old with extensive G3-level stakes experience and proven route credentials. Mott barn (24% dirt win rate) provides solid foundation.

• **Strengths:** G3 pedigree. July Indy win at 8.32f with closing authority. Recent form: 2nd at Delaware Park AOC (muddy). Class comfortable.

• **Concerns:** Pace vulnerability flagged—recent efforts show flattening in sprint finishes. Age and mileage concerns in high-level competition. Requires ideal pace setup.

• **Trip Projection:** Will settle off pace, need clear lanes in stretch drive. Best case: mid-pack position turning for home with running room.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Warp Nine

• **PTW Profile:** Model projects 12% win probability. Nine-race winner in 30 starts. Recent form shows moderate closing efforts with significant upside potential from 12/1 morning line.

• **Strengths:** Recent 5f bullet work (59.4) at Prx confirms readiness. September 19 Prx STK gained ground late. +4.3% overlay value at 12/1. HOT pace scenario ideally suited for closer.

• **Concerns:** Limited graded stakes experience. Modest trainer form (Wyner 13% routes). Mid-pack form tendency in recent outings.

• **Trip Projection:** Will chase mid-pack, rally late with room available. Winning chance if pace collapses and running lanes open.

Crazy Mason

• **PTW Profile:** Model projects 10% win probability. Recent form showing belated rally tendency. Young horse demonstrating natural improvement curve with 7-8 wide tactics working.

• **Strengths:** Recent Belmont STK (Oct 1): 7w early, rallied to 0.05-length defeat—massive moral victory. Belmont-proven. Pace setup favors closers.

• **Concerns:** Lacks graded stakes credentials. Form inconsistent; some races show early pace adversity without result. Trainer (Sacco) shows modest 13% G3 win rate.

• **Trip Projection:** Will race 7-8 wide upper turn, angle into stretch drive, charge late. High-risk closer dependent on pace collapse and clear running room.

East Avenue





• **PTW Profile:** Model projects 13% win probability. Young 4-year-old with solid recent record (4 wins in 13 starts). Walsh trainer showing 14% G3 success.

• **Strengths:** Recent form positive: Sept 26 Churchill STK, advanced 5/8, settled 4th. Distance proven at 8f. Prat up (25% jockey meet win rate).

• **Concerns:** Form trend shows tailing off late (3.60 beaten lengths at finish in recent STK). Overbet at 5/2 morning line with -15.6% edge.

• **Trip Projection:** Will stalk 3-4 wide, make mid-stretch run but may flatten in final furlong.

Ignite the Light

• **PTW Profile:** Model projects 7% win probability. Gelding with moderate recent form showing mixed results at allowance and lower stakes levels. Dutrow trainer 12.5% G3 win rate.

• **Strengths:** Some recent placings suggest route viability. Consistent handler with Velazquez.

• **Concerns:** Recent form unimpressive: June 28 Parx AOC, finished 7th. Limited graded stakes credentials. Distance stretch into 8f territory.

• **Trip Projection:** Will likely chase early pace, tire in stretch.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★)

Nelson Avenue

• **PTW Profile:** Model projects 1% win probability. 30-start veteran with 7 wins. Sept 19 Prx STK finished 6th (13 lengths back). Recent form bottom-tier.

• **Strengths:** Route-proven with some earlier stakes experience.

• **Concerns:** Recent form collapse. Age (7 years old) and mileage significant. Trainer (Abreu) shows 8.8% current form. 30/1 morning line justified.

• **Trip Projection:** Will chase off-pace, unlikely threat.

REPORT SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Pentathlon	STRONG	ELITE	Low — maintains velocity
Gate to Wire	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — pace collapse risk present
Bendoog	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Warp Nine	VULNERABLE	STRONG	High — pace fade





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
East Avenue	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent finisher
Crazy Mason	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — strong late profile
Ignite the Light	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — velocity collapse
Nelson Avenue	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — closing fade

Critical MPH Insight: The model identifies **Pentathlon** as the field's best sustained finisher with an ELITE velocity-maintenance profile through the final furlong. **Gate to Wire** projects elite opening speed but moderate deceleration risk in this HOT pace environment—early speed duel with Crazy Mason will expose both horses to late-pace runners. **Crazy Mason** demonstrates elite gate velocity paired with STRONG sustained finish—a powerful dual-phase profile but dependent on clear running lanes and pace collapse. The model's pace analysis reveals a three-horse scenario: Gate to Wire and Crazy Mason war early (HOT scenario confirmed), while Pentathlon stalks with superior finishing velocity. Bendoog's VULNERABLE sustained rating signals bounce risk—recent flattening patterns confirm velocity loss in the stretch phase where this race will be decided.

REPORT SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

- **Pentathlon** — Trainer pattern: McGaughey 29% won-last-start (highest confidence situation). Recent Belmont AOC win (Oct 4) provides confidence benchmark. Class-appropriate placement in G3. Dirt specialist trending upward with consistent work tabs. Route confirmation evident. Model projects 24% win probability reflecting this upward trajectory.
- **Warp Nine** — Recent 5f bullet work (59.4) at Prx ranks #1 in training pattern. Wyner 13% route profile trending upward. Late-closing profile suits HOT pace scenario perfectly. Four-week freshness confirms preparation. Model's 12% projection reflects improvement potential.
- **Gate to Wire** — Pletcher 27% won-last-start (elite confidence pattern). Recent Belmont AOC dominance (Oct 4) confirms current fitness. Early speed profile ideally suited for HOT pace classification. Model projects 19% reflecting strong recent form.

Bounce / Regression Risks

- **Bendoog** — Mott barn shows pace-collapse pattern in this field (HIGH deceleration %). Back-to-back stalking roles (recent Delaware Park, prior Indy) without dominant result signals fatigue risk. Oct 3 muddy track run followed by quick turnaround (29 days). Model projects 14% reflecting these concerns.





• **Crazy Mason** — Third start off layoff (Oct 1 recent race). Career-best effort nearly achieved (0.05 lengths); regression to mean likely after extreme effort. Sacco 13% G3 rate signals class vulnerability. Model projects 10% reflecting bounce risk.

• **East Avenue** — Overbet at 5/2 with -15.6% underlay edge. Form trend shows tailing off late. Model projects only 13%, suggesting public overvaluation of morning line.

REPORT SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

-- WIN BET --

HORSE: PENTATHLON

CONFIDENCE: 9/10

TARGET ODDS: 8-1 to 5-1

VALUE ASSESSMENT: STRONG VALUE

Model projects 24% win probability — highest in the field. Pentathlon represents the model's optimal probability-to-odds ratio at 9/2 morning line. Elite sustained speed rating (best velocity maintenance through final furlong) combined with HOT pace scenario creates perfect setup: early speed duel between Gate to Wire and Crazy Mason will produce pace collapse, leaving the field vulnerable to stalking closer with route-proven credentials. McGaughey's 29% won-last-start rate confirms trainer confidence. Belmont specialist with recent sharp win (Oct 4). At 9/2, Pentathlon delivers +5.8% overlay edge backed by elite speed profile and tactical pace position.

-- VALUE PLAY --

HORSE: WARP NINE

CONFIDENCE: 7/10

TARGET ODDS: 12-1 to 8-1

VALUE ASSESSMENT: STRONG VALUE

Model projects 12% win probability at 12/1 morning line (+4.3% edge). Recent 5f bullet work (59.4, ranked #1) signals readiness. HOT pace scenario benefits late closers; Warp Nine's closing profile ideally suited. September 19 Prx STK gained ground late confirming finishing ability. Genuine 12/1 overlay with legitimate winning chance if pace collapses and running room available in final furlong. Excellent value overlay at morning line.

-- LONGSHOT PLAY --

GATE TO WIRE

Model projects 19% win probability at 6/1 morning line (+4.7% edge). Elite early speed profile with recent dominant form (Belmont AOC, Oct 4). Pletcher's 27% won-last-start rate confirms high trainer confidence. 6/1 qualifies as genuine overlay, though not traditional 10/1+ longshot threshold. Included for multi-race sequence coverage given +4.7% edge and elite early speed profile controlling race tempo.





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

- **A: PENTATHLON** — 24% (Win Bet selection; highest model probability)
- **B: GATE TO WIRE** — 19% (Elite early speed; strong trainer confidence)
- **C: WARP NINE** — 12% (Closing specialist; HOT pace benefits)
- **Combined Projected Probability: 55%**

REPORT SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★ (Four Stars)

The model projects a **strong-probability Pentathlon victory** at 24% driven by superior sustained speed profile (ELITE rating) exploiting the HOT early pace scenario. Gate to Wire and Crazy Mason will war early; Warp Nine offers credible overlay alternative at 12% projection, 12/1 odds. **Key confidence factor:** The field's deceleration profile shows clustered vulnerability in the final furlong—only Pentathlon and East Avenue maintain competitive velocity through the drive, giving Pentathlon decisive advantage. **Public betting mistake:** Early speed bias (Gate to Wire at 19%, Crazy Mason at 10%) is systematically overvalued relative to their sustainability; overlooking route-proven stalker with elite velocity maintenance (Pentathlon at 24%). **Pace scenario certainty:** HOT classification confirmed by multiple early-speed entries (Gate to Wire, Crazy Mason elite feet) and moderate pressure dynamics favoring closers—high confidence in pace prediction accuracy. Warp Nine offers legitimate value play at 12% projection matched against 12/1 morning line odds.

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

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