Belmont Park

Race 1 — 11/06/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight

Distance: 8f (1 mile)

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $100,000

Starters: 6

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $100,000 (UP TO $17,400 NYSBFOA) FOR MAIDENS, 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)

Belmont Park R1
Friday, November 6, 2026 | 1 Mile Dirt | 2YO | Maiden Special Weight

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

D. C.'s Army (Post 2) — ELITE early speed; showed speed and weakened in his 7f debut at Saratoga on 9/5, then vied, took over and was caught for 2nd at a mile at Belmont on 10/16.

Louisiana Baby (Post 6) — Pace presser; chased and tired in his debut at Saratoga on 9/7, then showed speed and weakened to 3rd at Belmont on 10/10.

Stalkers / Pressers

Joven (Post 3) — Chased four to three wide and gained to finish 2nd, beaten a length, in his 6f debut at Belmont on 9/30. **Le Patron** (Post 4) — Raced three or four wide with no rally at Belmont on 10/3.

First-Time Starters

Oyakata (Post 5, George Weaver) and **Bletchley** (Post 1, Chad Brown) are unraced; their running styles are projected from works and pedigree only.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :23 1/5 opening quarter, :46 2/5 half-mile. D. C.'s Army and Louisiana Baby contest the lead without heavy pressure, setting up stalkers like Joven to move in mid-race.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Bletchley	8-5	14%	38.5%	-24.5%
2	D. C.'s Army	4-1	19%	20.0%	-1.0%
3	Joven	9-5	36%	35.7%	**+0.3%**
4	Le Patron	12-1	4%	7.7%	-3.7%
5	Oyakata	6-1	20%	14.3%	**+5.7%**
6	Louisiana Baby	8-1	7%	11.1%	-4.1%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**127.3%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (field total 127.3%). The original table used adjusted figures (Bletchley 30.2% and –16.2%; Joven 28.1% and +7.9%; Oyakata +8.8%). At raw odds Bletchley is 38.5% implied and –24.5%, and Joven is +0.3%.





Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Joven (Post 3) — Model Win %: 36%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. One start: chased four to three wide and gained to finish 2nd, beaten a length, in a 6f maiden special weight at Belmont on 9/30. Trainer Gargan 13% with second-time starters; jockey D. Davis 6.83% at the meet. At 9-5 (35.7% implied), +0.3%—fairly priced.

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed—the best late profile in the field; second-start improvement; stretches out to a mile; sharp works.

Concerns: Only one start; first try at a mile; modest rider numbers.

Trip Projection: Settles 3rd or 4th behind the speed, moves three wide into the stretch and closes.

Oyakata (Post 5) — Model Win %: 20%

PTW Profile: First-time starter for George Weaver (22% with first-time starters, 2.99 ROI); Javier Castellano 15.89% at the meet; by Vekoma out of a Mizzen Mast mare. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), +5.7%—the best overlay in the race.

Strengths: Strong debut barn and rider; sharp works, including a gate work.

Concerns: Unraced (UNRATED); most recent works on turf.

Trip Projection: Projected to settle mid-pack and move in the stretch.

D. C.'s Army (Post 2) — Model Win %: 19%

PTW Profile: 4th, beaten 12 3/4 lengths after weakening, at 7f at Saratoga on 9/5; then 2nd, beaten 2 lengths, after vying and taking over at today's mile distance at Belmont on 10/16. Trainer Kenny McPeek 15% with maiden special weights (2.02 ROI); Christopher Elliott leads the meet (23.22%). At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –1.0%.

Strengths: ELITE early speed; big improvement second time out; already run a mile; top rider.

Concerns: Has tired late in both starts; will be pressed by Louisiana Baby.

Trip Projection: Shows speed from post 2 and sets modest fractions; vulnerable if Joven closes cleanly.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Bletchley (Post 1) — Model Win %: 14%

PTW Profile: First-time starter for Chad Brown (18% with first-time starters; 24.41% at the meet); Flavien Prat 22.9% at the meet; by Gun Runner. As the 8-5 morning-line favorite (38.5% implied) he is the race's biggest underlay (–24.5%).

Strengths: Hot barn and top rider; steady works.

Concerns: Unraced (UNRATED); works lack the sharpness of Oyakata's; heavily overbet on connections.





Trip Projection: Projected to settle mid-pack; how he handles his debut is the question.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Louisiana Baby (Post 6, 7%): 7th, beaten 17 lengths, at Saratoga on 9/7 (6f); 3rd, beaten 12 1/2 lengths after brushing and weakening, at Belmont on 10/10 (6.5f). Trainer Horacio De Paz 23% in routes. VULNERABLE late. –4.1%.

Le Patron (Post 4, 4%): 8th, beaten 18 3/4 lengths, on turf at Saratoga on 7/26; 4th, beaten 16 3/4 lengths, on dirt at Belmont on 10/3 (8.5f). Bill Mott trains; by American Pharoah. VULNERABLE late. –3.7%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Joven	STRONG	ELITE	Low — strong finisher
D. C.'s Army	ELITE	STRONG	Controlled — tires late
Le Patron	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace vulnerability
Louisiana Baby	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — loses momentum late
Oyakata	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Bletchley	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter

Critical MPH Insight

Joven is the only ELITE sustained-speed horse; he kept going through the stretch in his debut despite a wide trip. **D. C.'s Army** has ELITE early speed but has tired late. **Le Patron** and **Louisiana Baby** rate VULNERABLE late.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Joven — Second start after a strong debut; stretches out to a mile.

D. C.'s Army — Improved sharply from his first start to his second.

Oyakata — Weaver 22% with first-time starters.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Le Patron — Badly beaten in both starts.

Louisiana Baby — Badly beaten in both starts; stretches out to a mile.





Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: JOVEN — Confidence 9/10 — Target odds: 2-1 or better

Model projects 36% win probability, the highest in the field, at 9-5 (35.7% implied): +0.3%. ELITE late speed, second start, and a MODERATE pace that sets up his move. Fair price is about 9-5.

Value Assessment: **FAIR at the morning line** (+0.3%).

VALUE PLAY: OYAKATA — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 20% at 6-1 (14.3% implied): +5.7%, the race's best overlay. Weaver first-time starter with Castellano and sharp works. Fair price is 4-1.

Value Assessment: **STRONG VALUE** (+5.7%).

LONGSHOT PLAY: None.

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

A: Joven — 36%
B: Oyakata — 20%
C: D. C.'s Army — 19%

Combined Projected Probability: 75%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★★ (5 of 5 stars)

Joven has the best profile and setup and is fairly priced at 9-5. **Oyakata** (+5.7% at 6-1) is the value. The public's mistake is Chad Brown first-time starter **Bletchley** at 8-5 (38.5% implied vs. 14%).

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





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