Belmont Park

Race 8 — 11/06/2026

Class: Maiden Claiming $50,000 (NY-bred)

Distance: 8.5f (1 1/16 miles)

Surface: Turf

Purse: $56,000

Claiming Price: $50,000

Starters: 11

MAIDEN CLAIMING. Purse $56,000 FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD FOALED IN NEW YORK STATE AND APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE-BRED REGISTRY. Three Year Olds, 123 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price $50,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at One Mile and One Sixteenth on the Tapeta Track.) (Rail at 24 feet).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R8
Friday, November 6, 2026 | 1 1/16 Miles Turf | 3YO & Up NY-Breds | Maiden Claiming $50,000

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Bourboncentric (Post 2) — ELITE early speed; settled third early and moved mid-race to finish 2nd in a 1-mile race on the Tapeta at Belmont on 10/10. John Velazquez rides.

Fresh Start (Post 10) — Shows early speed in turf routes but often fades late.

Emotionlyavailble (Post 11) — Showed speed in a 9f turf race on 9/19 despite being hit at the gate.

Stalkers / Pressers

Before the Wind (Post 4) — Sits two or three lengths off the pace and makes a measured move in the stretch. **Lobbyist** (Post 8) — Settled second and held second in an 8.5f turf maiden claimer at Saratoga on 6/3 (Belmont Stakes Racing Festival).

Closers

Nowucme Nowudont (Post 9) — Trailed and finished 11th at Belmont on 10/10 in his last start. **Classic Commander** (Post 3) — Rallied late for 6th in an 8.5f turf maiden claimer at Saratoga on 8/5.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :23 1/5 opening quarter, :46 4/5 half-mile, with Bourboncentric, Fresh Start and Emotionlyavailble vying for position. The duel shouldn't be suicidal, which favors stalkers such as Before the Wind and Lobbyist over deep closers.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Zip for Rick	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
2	Bourboncentric	9-5	20%	35.7%	-15.7%
3	Classic Commander	6-1	10%	14.3%	-4.3%
4	Before the Wind	4-1	18%	20.0%	-2.0%
5	Thundertaker	15-1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%
6	Strobe Light	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
7	Imperial Anthem	20-1	3%	4.8%	-1.8%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
8	Lobbyist	20-1	6%	4.8%	**+1.2%**
9	Nowucme Nowudont	15-1	8%	6.3%	**+1.7%**
10	Fresh Start	8-1	12%	11.1%	**+0.9%**
11	Emotionlyavailble	5-1	16%	16.7%	-0.7%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**128.0%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (field total 128.0%). The original table used adjusted figures (Bourboncentric –8.0%, Before the Wind +2.3%, Emotionlyavailble +3.0%), and the bet section claimed a +3.8% edge for Before the Wind. At raw odds **Bourboncentric is** –**15.7%**, Before the Wind –2.0% and Emotionlyavailble –0.7%.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Bourboncentric (Post 2) — Model Win %: 20%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. In the money in three of his last four routes: 2nd last out on the Tapeta at Belmont on 10/10, 3rd the time before. Returns to turf. Trainer Thomas Morley 19.5% in turf routes; John Velazquez rides. Blinkers off (wore them 6/3 and 6/28). As the 9-5 morning-line favorite (35.7% implied), –15.7%—the biggest underlay in the race.

Strengths: ELITE early speed with STRONG sustained speed; consistent at this level.

Concerns: Keeps narrowly missing; surface switch from synthetic; equipment change; heavily overbet.

Trip Projection: Settles two or three lengths off the early pace, finds a spot in the stretch and rallies in the final furlong.

Before the Wind (Post 4) — Model Win %: 18%

PTW Profile: 0-for-12; turf form at 8.5f, including a 2nd in an 8.5f turf maiden claimer at Saratoga on 9/3. Last start 10/8. Trainer Elizabeth Merryman 14% on turf; Javier Castellano rides. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –2.0%.

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed—the field's best finisher; consistent position calls; top rider.

Concerns: 0-for-12; needs the pace in front of him to come back.

Trip Projection: Races three or four wide off the pace, moves on the turn for home and needs room in the final quarter.

Emotionlyavailble (Post 11) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: 0-for-4; 4th in a 9f turf race on 9/19 after being hit at the gate, and 7th at 8.5f on 8/7. Trainer Brad Cox, strong with maiden claimers and in the 31-60 day pattern; Samy Marin rides. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), –0.7%.





Strengths: Big trainer edge at this level; turf-route experience; cuts back from 9f.

Concerns: Winless in four starts; has been outfinished late.

Trip Projection: Races in the middle of the field, three or four wide, and chases the leaders in the stretch.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Fresh Start (Post 10) — Model Win %: 12%

PTW Profile: Three starts at 8.5f or longer, most recently 4th in an 8.5f maiden claimer on 5/11 after showing speed and fading. Trainer David Donk 11% with maiden claimers (2.54 ROI); Christopher Elliott rides. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), +0.9%.

Strengths: ELITE early speed; trainer's strong maiden-claiming ROI.

Concerns: VULNERABLE late—the field's biggest pace-collapse risk; one in-the-money finish at the distance.

Trip Projection: Breaks sharply and presses or sets the pace, then likely fades in the final furlong.

Nowucme Nowudont (Post 9) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: 0-for-5; 11th at Belmont on 10/10 last out; third start off a layoff for trainer Mike Maker (18% in that pattern). Jockey P. Pena. At 15-1 (6.3% implied), +1.7%.

Strengths: Maker's layoff pattern; closing style suits a HOT pace.

Concerns: Finished 6th or worse in recent turf routes; VULNERABLE late.

Trip Projection: Races in the middle to back of the field and closes mildly.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Classic Commander (Post 3, 10%): Rally type; 6th at Saratoga on 8/5. Trainer Ilkay Kantarmaci 9.8% on turf. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –4.3%.

Lobbyist (Post 8, 6%): 2nd in an 8.5f turf maiden claimer at Saratoga on 6/3; stalker. Trainer David Donk. At 20-1 (4.8% implied), +1.2%.

Thundertaker (4%, Rob Atras), **Imperial Anthem** (3%, Chris Englehart), **Zip for Rick** (2%, Ricardo Legall) and **Strobe Light** (1%, James Ferraro): Lightly raced or inconsistent; all VULNERABLE late.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Before the Wind	STRONG	ELITE	Low — maintains speed
Bourboncentric	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains speed





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Emotionlyavailble	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced
Lobbyist	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced
Classic Commander	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced
Fresh Start	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Nowucme Nowudont	STRONG	VULNERABLE	Moderate-High — fade risk
Thundertaker	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — speed collapse
Strobe Light	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace vulnerability
Imperial Anthem	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — speed collapse
Zip for Rick	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — deceleration risk

Critical MPH Insight

Before the Wind is the field's best sustained finisher with the lowest deceleration across his 8.5f turf routes. **Bourboncentric** pairs ELITE early speed with STRONG sustained speed. **Fresh Start** is the biggest pace-collapse risk, and a HOT pace should expose the VULNERABLE group.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Emotionlyavailble — Brad Cox's maiden-claiming and layoff patterns; cuts back from 9f.

Lobbyist — Has run 2nd at this level and distance.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Bourboncentric — Back-to-back near misses (2nd, 3rd); blinkers off; back to turf; heavily overbet.

Fresh Start — VULNERABLE late in a HOT pace.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: BOURBONCENTRIC — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 20% win probability, the highest in the field, at 9-5 (35.7% implied): –15.7%. ELITE early speed with STRONG sustained speed and consistent form, but the public is overrating his recent seconds. Fair price is 4-1; play only at 4-1 or better.

Value Assessment: **UNDERLAY at the morning line** (–15.7%).

SECOND PLAY: BEFORE THE WIND — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better





Model projects 18% at 4-1 (20.0% implied): –2.0%. The field's best sustained finisher in a pace that should suit stalkers; Castellano rides. Fair price is about 9-2.

Value Assessment: **UNDERLAY at the morning line** (–2.0%).

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

A: Bourboncentric — 20%
B: Before the Wind — 18%
C: Emotionlyavailble — 16%

Combined Projected Probability: 54%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★ (4 of 5 stars)

A HOT pace should expose the field's VULNERABLE finishers and set up stalkers. **Bourboncentric** is the model's top horse but badly overbet at 9-5 (35.7% implied vs. 20%). **Before the Wind**, the best sustained finisher, is the better play at 5-1 or better. Overlays are limited to longer prices: Nowucme Nowudont, Lobbyist and Fresh Start.

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