# Belmont Park

## Race 5 — 11/08/2026

Class: Maiden Claiming $55,000

Distance: 6.5f

Surface: Inner Turf

Purse: $59,000

Claiming Price: $55,000

Starters: 9

MAIDEN CLAIMING. Purse $59,000 INNER TURF (UP TO $10,266 NYSBFOA) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 124 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price $55,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (Rail at 24 feet).

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# COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

**Belmont Park R5**
**Sunday, November 8, 2026 | 6.5f Inner Turf | 3YO & Up | Maiden Claiming $55,000**

## Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

### True Front Runners

**Eske Castle** (Post 7) — The most early speed in the field; led into the stretch in his only start. **Frenchquarter Note** (Post 5) — Sat 2nd early in both turf sprints at Belmont. **Munny Problem** (Post 1) — Led or pressed in his last two starts.

### Stalkers / Pressers

**Oligarch** (Post 2) — Led until the 1/8 pole on 5/22; usually sits close. **Instantly** (Post 4) — Chases the pace. **Turbo Launch** (Post 6) — Sits mid-pack and runs on late.

### Closers

**Crowned Moment** (Post 3) and **Battle** (Post 8) — Drop back early and rally. **Klimt Master** (Post 9) — Rarely a factor.

### Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :22 4/5 opening quarter, :44 4/5 half-mile. Eske Castle and Frenchquarter Note likely trade the lead, with Munny Problem close up. Stalkers two or three lengths back are best placed.

## Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

| Post | Horse | ML Odds | Model Win % | Implied ML % | Edge |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Munny Problem | 5-2 | 16% | 28.6% | -12.6% |
| 2 | Oligarch | 30-1 | 2% | 3.2% | -1.2% |
| 3 | Crowned Moment | 20-1 | 3% | 4.8% | -1.8% |
| 4 | Instantly | 15-1 | 5% | 6.3% | -1.3% |
| 5 | Frenchquarter Note | 3-1 | 23% | 25.0% | -2.0% |
| 6 | Turbo Launch | 6-1 | 20% | 14.3% | **+5.7%** |
| 7 | Eske Castle | 2-1 | 19% | 33.3% | -14.3% |
| 8 | Battle | 8-1 | 9% | 11.1% | -2.1% |
| 9 | Klimt Master | 50-1 | 3% | 2.0% | **+1.0%** |







| Post | Horse | ML Odds | Model Win % | Implied ML % | Edge |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **TOTAL** | | **100%** | **128.6%** | |

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (field total 128.6% in this nine-horse field). The original table used rescaled figures. At raw odds **Turbo Launch +5.7%** is the best overlay. Favorite **Eske Castle** –**14.3%**; Munny Problem –12.6%.

## Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

**Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)**

**Frenchquarter Note** (Post 5) — Model Win %: 23%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. Three-year-old gelding, 0-for-3, all in turf sprints: 5th in a 6f maiden special weight at Belmont at Aqueduct on 6/12 (2nd early); 6th in a 5.5f maiden special weight at Saratoga on 7/17 (tossed his head, a bit slow away); 2nd in a 6f $55,000 maiden claimer at Belmont on 10/18 (two-path, chased on). Trainer George Weaver 18% at the meet and 24% in maiden claimers; jockey Zayas. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –2.0%.

Strengths: Close 2nd at this level last out; tactical speed; strong trainer stats with maiden claimers.

Concerns: Still a maiden; likely pressed by Eske Castle early.

Trip Projection: Breaks from post 5, sits just off or alongside Eske Castle and tries to wear him down in the stretch.

**Turbo Launch** (Post 6) — Model Win %: 20%

PTW Profile: Three-year-old gelding, 0-for-9 (three 2nds and a 3rd). 2nd in a 5.5f turf maiden optional claimer at Fair Grounds on 3/22; 3rd in a turf maiden claimer at Churchill on 4/29; 2nd in a 7f maiden claimer at Saratoga on 8/16 (claimed for $20,000); 5th on the Tapeta at Belmont on 9/20 (passed tired horses); 2nd in a 1-mile maiden claimer on the Tapeta at Belmont on 10/11 (both races moved from the turf) (chased four wide, ran on). Back with trainer Joe Sharp (21% at the meet); jockey Franco 21% at the meet. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), +5.7%—the best overlay in the race.

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed; consistent late kick; back on turf; top jockey.

Concerns: Nine starts without a win; needs a clean trip from off the pace.

Trip Projection: Settles four or five lengths back, swings three wide on the turn and rallies through the stretch.

**Eske Castle** (Post 7) — Model Win %: 19%

PTW Profile: Irish-bred three-year-old gelding, one career start: 3rd in a 6f $50,000 maiden claimer on the synthetic at Turfway on 12/11/25, beaten less than a length after leading into the stretch. Returns from 11 months off and tries turf for the first time. Trainer Wesley Ward 31% with second-time starters and 23% off layoffs of six months or more; jockey Fresu. As the 2-1 morning-line favorite (33.3% implied), –14.3%—the biggest underlay in the race.





Strengths: The most early speed in the field; ELITE sustained speed rating; strong trainer patterns.

Concerns: One start in his career; long layoff; first time on turf; heavily overbet.

Trip Projection: Breaks sharply and goes for the lead, then has to hold off the closers after a contested pace.

**Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)**

**Munny Problem** (Post 1) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: Three-year-old gelding, 0-for-7 with four 2nds. 2nd in turf maiden special weights at Laurel on 4/12 and Colonial on 7/10 and 8/21 (edged clear, then caught as the favorite); 2nd on the synthetic at Presque Isle on 9/30 (bid, cleared, outkicked as the 3-10 favorite). First start in a maiden claimer; trainer Trombetta 20% at the meet and 21% dropping from maiden special weights to maiden claimers; jockey Castellano 18% at the meet. At 5-2 (28.6% implied), –12.6%.

Strengths: Drops in class; consistently close; tactical speed.

Concerns: Has been caught late in his last two starts; overbet.

Trip Projection: Breaks well from the rail, sits just off the leaders and makes a run at the top of the stretch.

**Battle** (Post 8) — Model Win %: 9%

PTW Profile: Three-year-old colt, 0-for-3. 6th and 5th in 1 1/8-mile dirt maiden special weights at Saratoga on 6/5 and 7/30 (bumped and buckled at the start); 6th in a 6.5f turf maiden special weight at Belmont on 9/24 (brushed the gate, weakened late). First start in a maiden claimer; trainer Gargan 0-for-20 at the meet and 12% dropping from maiden special weights to maiden claimers. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –2.1%.

Strengths: Drops in class; has run at the distance on turf.

Concerns: VULNERABLE late; weak trainer form; troubled starts.

Trip Projection: Drops back early and needs a fast pace to rally.

**Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)**

**Instantly** (Post 4, 5%): 0-for-5. 4th as the favorite in a $20,000 maiden claimer at Saratoga on 8/16 (claimed by trainer Ilkay Kantarmaci); 4th at a mile on a sloppy track at Saratoga on 8/23 and 7th at a mile on dirt at Belmont on 10/8. First try in a turf sprint. –1.3%.

**Oligarch** (Post 2, 2%): Five-year-old gelding, 0-for-10 with two 2nds and a 3rd, all in $55,000 maiden claimers on turf at Belmont at Aqueduct and Saratoga. 5th in a 6f turf maiden claimer at Belmont on 10/18 (Frenchquarter Note 2nd). Trainer Pregman 0-for-15 at the meet and 0-for-14 in turf sprints. VULNERABLE late. –1.2%.

**Crowned Moment** (Post 3, 3%): British-bred three-year-old, one career start: 5th in a 8.5f turf maiden claimer at Saratoga on 7/5 (six wide in the upper stretch, bid, weakened). First start for trainer Ilkay Kantarmaci and first since being gelded, after four months off; cuts back to 6.5f. VULNERABLE late. –1.8%.







**Klimt Master** (Post 9, 3%): Four-year-old gelding, 0-for-27, mostly in maiden claimers on dirt. Trainer Jones and jockey Villa Pino both winless at the meet. +1.0%.

## Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

### PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

| Horse | Opening Speed | Sustained Speed | Deceleration Profile |
|---|---|---|---|
| Eske Castle | ELITE | ELITE | Low — maintains speed |
| Frenchquarter Note | ELITE | STRONG | Low-moderate — consistent |
| Turbo Launch | STRONG | ELITE | Very low — strong finisher |
| Munny Problem | ELITE | STRONG | Low-moderate — holds pace |
| Instantly | STRONG | STRONG | Moderate — mid-pack |
| Battle | STRONG | VULNERABLE | High — pace collapse risk |
| Oligarch | STRONG | VULNERABLE | High — severe deceleration |
| Crowned Moment | STRONG | VULNERABLE | High — pace collapse risk |
| Klimt Master | UNRATED | UNRATED | Insufficient data |

### Critical MPH Insight

**Eske Castle** is rated ELITE early and late, but on one synthetic start. **Turbo Launch** has the best finishing profile (ELITE sustained speed). **Battle**, **Oligarch** and **Crowned Moment** are VULNERABLE late.

## Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

### Likely to Improve

**Frenchquarter Note** — Close 2nd at this level last out; second start in a maiden claimer.

**Turbo Launch** — Back on turf with a strong late kick.

**Munny Problem** — First drop into a maiden claimer for a trainer who does well with the move.

### Bounce / Regression Risks

**Eske Castle** — Eleven months off and first time on turf; heavily overbet at 2-1.

**Battle** — Troubled starts and a winless barn.

**Oligarch** — Has flattened out in his last two starts.

## Report Section 6: Suggested Bets





**WIN BET: FRENCHQUARTER NOTE** — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 7-2 or better

Model projects 23% win probability, the highest in the field, at 3-1 (25.0% implied): –2.0%. Close 2nd at this level last out, with tactical speed and a trainer who wins 24% with maiden claimers. Fair price is about 10-3.

Value Assessment: **SLIGHT UNDERLAY** (–2.0%).

**VALUE PLAY: TURBO LAUNCH** — Confidence 8.5/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 20% at 6-1 (14.3% implied): +5.7%—the best overlay in the race. ELITE sustained speed, back on turf and riding a steady late kick. Fair price is 4-1.

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

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

**A: Frenchquarter Note** — 23%
**B: Turbo Launch** — 20%
**C: Eske Castle** — 19%

**Combined Projected Probability: 62%**

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## Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★ (4 of 5 stars)

A MODERATE pace in a turf-sprint maiden claimer. **Frenchquarter Note** is the model's top horse, and **Turbo Launch** (+5.7% at 6-1) is the best value. The two shortest prices are both overbet: favorite **Eske Castle** (2-1, –14.3%) and **Munny Problem** (5-2, –12.6%).

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