Belmont Park

Race 8 — 11/08/2026

Class: Maiden Claiming $20,000

Distance: 8f (1 mile)

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $38,000

Claiming Price: $20,000

Starters: 10

MAIDEN CLAIMING. Purse $38,000 FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 123 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price $20,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). New York Bred Claiming Price $25,000.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R8
Sunday, November 8, 2026 | 1 Mile Dirt | 3YO & Up | Maiden Claiming $20,000

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Mr R T (Post 7) — Led from the quarter pole to the 1/16 pole before being caught on 6/12; usually on or near the lead. **Big Time Story** (Post 2) — Had a brief lead at the 3/8 pole at Churchill on 6/6. **Authentic Legend** (Post 6) and **True Adirondacker** (Post 1) — Sit close to the pace.

Stalkers / Pressers

Where's Your Boom (Post 4) — Sat close early, went four wide in the upper stretch and was caught late on 10/15. **Sfumato** (Post 3) — Mid-pack and gains ground late. **Go Dharma** (Post 10) — Sat 2nd early on 10/15 before weakening.

Closers

Chess Match (Post 5), **Violin** (Post 8) and **Thespian** (Post 9) — Drop back early and need pace.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :22 4/5 opening quarter, :46 4/5 half-mile. Mr R T, Big Time Story and Authentic Legend are likely to contest the lead, which sets up for stalkers such as Where's Your Boom and Sfumato.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	True Adirondacker	6-1	11%	14.3%	-3.3%
2	Big Time Story	12-1	8%	7.7%	**+0.3%**
3	Sfumato	3-1	18%	25.0%	-7.0%
4	Where's Your Boom	9-5	23%	35.7%	-12.7%
5	Chess Match	12-1	9%	7.7%	**+1.3%**
6	Authentic Legend	6-1	10%	14.3%	-4.3%
7	Mr R T	10-1	12%	9.1%	**+2.9%**
8	Violin	15-1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%
9	Thespian	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
10	Go Dharma	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**128.1%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (field total 128.1% in this 10-horse field). The original table used rescaled figures. At raw odds **Mr R T +2.9%** and Chess Match +1.3% are the overlays. Favorite **Where's Your Boom** –**12.7%**; Sfumato –7.0%.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Where's Your Boom (Post 4) — Model Win %: 23%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. New York-bred three-year-old gelding, 0-for-7 with four 2nds. 2nd three times in late 2025 (twice in maiden optional claimers, once in a state-bred maiden special weight); 4th in three starts in 2026 before finishing 2nd at 1 1/4 miles in a $25,000 maiden claimer at Belmont on 10/15 (four wide in the upper stretch, caught, ran on), beaten by Private Flight. Second start for trainer Amelia Green; jockey Prat 24% at the meet. As the 9-5 morning-line favorite (35.7% implied), –12.7%.

Strengths: ELITE early and sustained speed by the model; close last out; drops slightly in class; top jockey.

Concerns: Seven starts without a win; trainer 7% at the meet; overbet.

Trip Projection: Sits just off the leaders, moves on the far turn and has to finish the job in the stretch.

Sfumato (Post 3) — Model Win %: 18%

PTW Profile: New York-bred three-year-old colt, 0-for-6 with two 2nds. 2nd at a mile in a maiden claimer at Saratoga on 7/19 (off slow, gained late) and 2nd in a 6f state-bred maiden claimer at Saratoga on 9/7 (improved to 2nd); then 5th as the 3-2 favorite at 7.5f at Belmont on 10/10 (slow away, flattened). Trainer Bill Mott 29% in maiden claimers but 7% at the meet; jockey Lezcano. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –7.0%.

Strengths: Has run well at a mile; strong trainer stats with maiden claimers.

Concerns: Flattened as the favorite last out; slow starts; overbet.

Trip Projection: Stalks three or four lengths off the pace and rallies into the stretch.

Mr R T (Post 7) — Model Win %: 12%

PTW Profile: Four-year-old gelding, 0-for-15 with three 2nds. 2nd at Aqueduct on 3/13 (dueled, fought on), 2nd at a mile at Belmont at Aqueduct on 6/12 (led from the quarter pole to the 1/16 pole) and 2nd in a 7f $20,000 maiden claimer at Saratoga on 7/3. Claimed for $20,000 on 7/19 (3rd that day); since then 3rd, 7th as the favorite, 5th and tired on 10/15. Trainer Samsundar 25% at the meet; jockey Carmouche. At 10-1 (9.1% implied), +2.9%—the best overlay in the race.

Strengths: ELITE early speed; has been close at this level several times.

Concerns: Fifteen starts without a win; has tired in recent starts.





Trip Projection: Goes for the lead or presses from post 7 and tries to hold on.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

True Adirondacker (Post 1) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: New York-bred three-year-old gelding, 0-for-7. Well beaten in his first five starts, then 3rd at 7.5f on 10/10 and 2nd at a mile on 10/29, both in state-bred $35,000 maiden claimers at Belmont (four-wide pursuit, 2nd best). Drops to $20,000 against open company. Trainer Potts; jockey Zayas. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –3.3%.

Strengths: Improving; drops in class; already competitive at a mile.

Concerns: VULNERABLE late; facing open company.

Trip Projection: Breaks from the rail, sits close and tries to hold on in the stretch.

Authentic Legend (Post 6) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: Four-year-old gelding, 0-for-9 with two 2nds and a 3rd. Raced four times at Gulfstream for Todd Pletcher, including 2nd in a turf maiden optional claimer on 2/13; 3rd and 2nd in turf maiden claimers in New York (10/24/25 and 4/24); 7th on turf on 6/11 (checked); 4th in a 1-mile dirt maiden claimer at Saratoga on 7/31; 5th at a mile in a $30,000 maiden claimer moved from the turf to the Tapeta at Belmont on 10/11 (chased two-path, one-paced). Trainer Hennig 4% at the meet; jockey Fresu. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –4.3%.

Strengths: Drops in class; tactical speed.

Concerns: VULNERABLE late; best form has come on turf.

Trip Projection: Sits just behind the leaders and needs them to tire.

Chess Match (Post 5) — Model Win %: 9%

PTW Profile: Three-year-old colt, 0-for-9 with one 3rd. Best effort was 3rd at a mile at Belmont at Aqueduct on 6/12 (behind Mr R T). Claimed twice, most recently for $20,000 on 9/30 (6th that day); 7th on turf at Belmont on 10/14. Trainer Rodriguez 5% at the meet; jockey Silvera. At 12-1 (7.7% implied), +1.3%.

Strengths: STRONG early and late; overlay price.

Concerns: Nine starts without a win; weak trainer and jockey stats.

Trip Projection: Stalks a few lengths off the pace and needs it to collapse.

Big Time Story (Post 2) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: Three-year-old gelding, 0-for-5 with a 3rd at Oaklawn on 4/9. Claimed by Linda Rice for $50,000 at Churchill on 6/6 (brief lead at the 3/8 pole, weakened to 6th at a mile); returned from four months off to finish 5th at 7f at Belmont on 10/21 (pinched, no rally). Trainer Rice 23% with maiden claimers; jockey Pena. At 12-1 (7.7% implied), +0.3%.

Strengths: Big class drop; strong trainer stats with maiden claimers.





Concerns: VULNERABLE late; one try at a mile.

Trip Projection: Shows early speed, then has to prove he can carry it a mile.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Violin (Post 8, 5%): New York-bred three-year-old gelding, 0-for-5. Best was 3rd in a $16,000 maiden claimer at Monmouth on 8/28 (rallied two wide, outkicked); 7th at Belmont on 10/10. –1.3%.

Thespian (Post 9, 2%): New York-bred three-year-old gelding, 0-for-6. Stumbled at the start at Saratoga on 8/30; 8th on turf at Belmont on 10/21. First try on dirt at a mile. –1.2%.

Go Dharma (Post 10, 2%): Three-year-old gelding, 0-for-8 with one 3rd. 4th at 1 1/4 miles on 10/15 after sitting 2nd early; 8th on turf on 10/28. –2.8%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Where's Your Boom	ELITE	ELITE	Minimal — maintains speed
Mr R T	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — not elite late
Chess Match	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent
Sfumato	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — decent close
True Adirondacker	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — fades late
Authentic Legend	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Big Time Story	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace vulnerability
Violin	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	Very high — weak close
Go Dharma	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — inconsistent
Thespian	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	Very high — form declining

Critical MPH Insight

Where's Your Boom is the only horse rated ELITE early and late. **Mr R T** has ELITE early speed but only STRONG sustained speed. **True Adirondacker**, **Authentic Legend** and **Big Time Story** are VULNERABLE late.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Where's Your Boom — Close 2nd last out; second start for the new barn.





True Adirondacker — Improving in his last two starts.

Big Time Story — Second start off a layoff and a big class drop.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Mr R T — Has tired in recent starts.

Sfumato — Flattened as the favorite last out.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: WHERE'S YOUR BOOM — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 7-2 or better

Model projects 23% win probability, the highest in the field, but at 9-5 (35.7% implied) he is –12.7%. ELITE early and sustained speed and a close 2nd last out. Fair price is about 10-3.

Value Assessment: **NO VALUE** (–12.7%).

VALUE PLAY: CHESS MATCH — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 11-1 or better

Model projects 9% at 12-1 (7.7% implied): +1.3%. STRONG early and late; has hit the board at a mile. Fair price is about 10-1.

Value Assessment: **SLIGHT OVERLAY** (+1.3%).

LONGSHOT PLAY: MR R T — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 15-2 or better

Model projects 12% at 10-1 (9.1% implied): +2.9%—the best overlay in the race. ELITE early speed and several close 2nds at this level. Fair price is about 7-1.

Value Assessment: **SLIGHT VALUE** (+2.9%).

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

A: Where's Your Boom — 23%
B: Sfumato — 18%
C: Mr R T — 12%

Combined Projected Probability: 53%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★ (4 of 5 stars)

A HOT pace in a weak maiden claimer where nobody has won. **Where's Your Boom** is the model's top horse but overbet at 9-5 (–12.7%). The value is in **Mr R T** (+2.9% at 10-1) and **Chess Match** (+1.3% at 12-1).





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