Belmont Park

Race 2 — 11/12/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight $100k (NY-bred)

Distance: 7f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $100,000

Starters: 8

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $100,000 FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD FOALED IN NEW YORK STATE AND APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE-BRED REGISTRY. Three Year Olds, 124 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of $55,000 Or Less In The Last 3 Starts Preferred).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R2
Thursday, November 12, 2026 | 7 Furlongs Dirt | NY-Bred 3YO & Up | Maiden Special Weight

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Term Premium (Post 2) — Pressed in 2nd early at Saratoga on 8/22 before finishing 2nd. **Valentine Crusader** (Post 5) — Led in his 2025 debut and pressed in 2nd early at Belmont on 10/11 before weakening to 4th.

Stalkers / Pressers

Tap Rules (Post 8) — A stalker, not a gate-to-wire type: 3rd early and 2nd at the finish at Belmont on 10/11; 8th early and rallied to 4th at Saratoga on 8/30. **Galicat** (Post 3) — Sat 4th and finished 3rd on 10/11; came from 7th to 5th on 8/30.

Closers

Lombardo (Post 1) — Rallied mildly from 6th on turf in his only start. **Kaz Toro** (Post 6), **McRye** (Post 7) and **Mr Dan** (Post 4) are first-time starters.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :22 4/5 opening quarter, :45 2/5 half-mile. Term Premium and Valentine Crusader figure to be prominent; Tap Rules and Galicat stalk.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Lombardo	12-1	4%	7.7%	-3.7%
2	Term Premium	2-1	18%	33.3%	-15.3%
3	Galicat	6-1	17%	14.3%	**+2.7%**
4	Mr Dan	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
5	Valentine Crusader	4-1	13%	20.0%	-7.0%
6	Kaz Toro	12-1	4%	7.7%	-3.7%
7	McRye	15-1	3%	6.3%	-3.3%
8	Tap Rules	9-5	40%	35.7%	**+4.3%**
	TOTAL		**100%**	**128.2%**	





Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (field total 128.2%). The original table used scaled percentages (e.g., Term Premium's 2-1 as 26.0%; 2-1 is 33.3%). At raw odds the overlays are **Tap Rules +4.3%** and **Galicat +2.7%**. Favorite **Tap Rules** is an overlay; **Term Premium** –**15.3%** is the biggest underlay.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Tap Rules (Post 8) — Model Win %: 40%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. Tacitus gelding; a $220,000 yearling, 0-for-2. 4th, beaten 2 1/4 lengths, in a 6 furlong New York-bred maiden special weight at Saratoga on 8/30 after rallying from 8th; 2nd, beaten 1 3/4 lengths, on a sloppy track at Belmont on 10/11 (not 5th; Galicat 3rd, Valentine Crusader 4th). Third career start (not second). Trainer Miguel Clement is 14-for-80 at the meet and 21% in maiden special weights; jockey Manny Franco is 50-for-230 (22%). As the 9-5 morning-line favorite (35.7% implied), +4.3%.

Strengths: ELITE early and sustained speed ratings; improving; top connections.

Concerns: Outside post; still a maiden.

Trip Projection: Stalks from post 8.

Term Premium (Post 2) — Model Win %: 18%

PTW Profile: Practical Joke gelding; a $160,000 yearling, **0-for-3** (not four starts) with two seconds, all at a mile. 2nd by a half length at the Big A on 6/11; 4th as the 1.17-1 favorite at Saratoga on 7/16; 2nd, beaten 8 1/2 lengths, at Saratoga on 8/22. He has not run at Belmont this fall. Off since 8/22 and cuts back to 7 furlongs; trainer Chad Brown is 24% off 61–180 day breaks and 24% in maiden special weights; jockey Flavien Prat is 34-for-148. At 2-1 (33.3% implied), –15.3%—a big underlay for a non-favorite.

Strengths: ELITE early speed; top connections; most experience at a distance of ground.

Concerns: 0-for-3; cutting back; overbet.

Trip Projection: Presses from post 2.

Galicat (Post 3) — Model Win %: 17%

PTW Profile: Galilean colt; a $160,000 yearling, 0-for-2. 5th, beaten 4 3/4 lengths, at Saratoga on 8/30 after rallying from 7th; 3rd, beaten 5 1/2 lengths, on a sloppy track at Belmont on 10/11 behind Tap Rules. Trainer Jeremiah Englehart is 4-for-27 at the meet and 18% in maiden special weights; jockey Kendrick Carmouche is 18-for-170. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), +2.7%.

Strengths: Third start; stalking style suits a hot pace; overlay.

Concerns: Beaten by Tap Rules last time.

Trip Projection: Stalks from post 3.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Valentine Crusader (Post 5) — Model Win %: 13%





PTW Profile: Honest Mischief gelding, 0-for-3 with two seconds by a nose at Saratoga in July and August 2025. Off 14 months before a 4th as the 1.46-1 favorite on 10/11 after pressing early (no gate buckle is noted in the PPs). Second start back; trainer Amelia Green is 19% in the second start off a layoff of more than 180 days. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –7.0%.

Concerns: VULNERABLE late; weakened last out.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Lombardo (Post 1, 4%): City of Light colt, **not a first-time starter**: 7th in a 6 furlong turf maiden at Belmont on 9/25. Dirt debut; trainer Mark Casse is 15% with second-time starters; jockey Dylan Davis is 12-for-181. –3.7%.

Kaz Toro (Post 6, 4%): First-time starter by Name Changer (not Uncle Mo). Trainer Dimitrios Synnefias is 9% with first-time starters. –3.7%.

McRye (Post 7, 3%): First-time starter by McKinzie; trainer Mark Hennig is 0-for-34 with first-time starters. –3.3%.

Mr Dan (Post 4, 1%): First-time starter by King for a Day; trained at Finger Lakes by Jermaine Gibbs. –2.2%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Tap Rules	ELITE	ELITE	Low — maintains speed
Term Premium	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — declining
Galicat	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced
Lombardo	STRONG	UNRATED	One turf start
Valentine Crusader	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse
Kaz Toro	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
McRye	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Mr Dan	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter

Critical MPH Insight

Tap Rules is the only horse rated ELITE both early and late. **Term Premium** is ELITE early but STRONG late; **Valentine Crusader** is VULNERABLE late.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates





Likely to Improve

Tap Rules and **Galicat** — Third starts after progressive efforts.

Valentine Crusader — Second start off a 14-month layoff.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Term Premium — Cuts back off an 82-day break and is overbet.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: TAP RULES — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 3-2 or better

Model projects 40% win probability, the highest in the field. At 9-5 (35.7% implied), +4.3%. Fair price is 3-2.

Value Assessment: **OVERLAY** (+4.3%).

VALUE PLAY: GALICAT — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 17% at 6-1 (14.3% implied): +2.7%. Fair price is just under 5-1.

Value Assessment: **OVERLAY** (+2.7%).

LONGSHOT PLAY: None

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

A: Tap Rules — 40%
B: Term Premium — 18%
C: Galicat — 17%

Combined Projected Probability: 75%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★ (4 of 5 stars)

Tap Rules is a strong top choice and an overlay even as the favorite, so there is no favorite to fade. **Term Premium** (2-1, –15.3%) is the biggest underlay.

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