Belmont Park

Race 3 — 11/12/2026

Class: Starter Allowance $50,000 (NY-bred)

Distance: 8f (1 mile)

Surface: Turf

Purse: $65,000

Starters: 8

STARTER ALLOWANCE. Purse $65,000 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD FOALED IN NEW YORK STATE AND APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE-BRED REGISTRY WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF $50,000 OR LESS AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN OR CLAIMING. Three Year Olds, 123 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race In 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at One Mile on the Tapeta Track.) (Rail at 36 feet).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R3
Thursday, November 12, 2026 | 1 Mile Turf | NY-Bred 3YO & Up | Starter Allowance $50,000

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Solo Empire (Post 8) — Led into the stretch and held 2nd at 55-1 at Saratoga on 8/27 (beating Coach Case); led until the stretch before fading to 8th at Belmont on 10/14. **Salt Spartan** (Post 2) — Took the lead before being caught for 2nd on the dirt at Belmont on 10/7 and pressed in 3rd on 10/14.

Stalkers / Pressers

Coach Case (Post 6) — Stalks in 2nd–4th in his turf routes. **Manor Park** (Post 4) — Pressed in 2nd at Saratoga on 8/27.

Closers

Diliello (Post 3) — Rallied from 9th to win a 7 furlong turf claimer at Belmont on 10/2. **Blame It On K J** (Post 7) — Comes from far back; he did not finish 2nd on 10/14 (he was 5th, beaten 10 3/4 lengths). **Smilensaycheese** (Post 5) — Rallies from the back on dirt; one prior turf start.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :23 1/5 opening quarter, :46 2/5 half-mile. Solo Empire and Salt Spartan figure to contest the lead, with Coach Case just behind.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Maximum Heat	15-1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%
2	Salt Spartan	6-5	16%	45.5%	-29.5%
3	Diliello	4-1	15%	20.0%	-5.0%
4	Manor Park	12-1	7%	7.7%	-0.7%
5	Smilensaycheese	10-1	9%	9.1%	-0.1%
6	Coach Case	9-2	22%	18.2%	**+3.8%**
7	Blame It On K J	6-1	12%	14.3%	-2.3%
8	Solo Empire	12-1	15%	7.7%	**+7.3%**
	TOTAL		**100%**	**128.8%**	





Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (field total 128.8%). The original table used scaled percentages (e.g., Salt Spartan's 6-5 as 35.3%; 6-5 is 45.5%). At raw odds the overlays are **Solo Empire +7.3%** and **Coach Case +3.8%**. Favorite **Salt Spartan** –**29.5%**.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Coach Case (Post 6) — Model Win %: 22%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. Four-year-old gelding, 1-for-10 with three seconds and two thirds, all on turf. 2nd by a half length in a $40,000 claimer at Saratoga on 7/16; 2nd by a half length as the 1.87-1 favorite in this starter allowance condition at Saratoga on 8/2 (Salt Spartan 5th); 3rd as the 1.33-1 favorite on 8/27 (Solo Empire 2nd); then 9th as the 1.47-1 favorite in a 7 furlong turf starter allowance at Belmont on 9/24 (Salt Spartan 2nd). He has been beaten as the favorite in his last three. Off 49 days (not 58+); trainer Miguel Clement is 20% off 31–60 day breaks and 19% on turf; jockey Marin is 22-for-178 at the meet. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), +3.8%.

Strengths: ELITE early and sustained speed ratings; consistently close at this level; back to a route.

Concerns: Has lost as the favorite three times in a row; ran poorly last out.

Trip Projection: Stalks the speed from post 6.

Solo Empire (Post 8) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: Five-year-old gelding, 3-for-35. Won a $16,000 turf claimer at Monmouth on 6/7; 2nd by a length after leading at 55-1 in this condition at Saratoga on 8/27; 5th at Monmouth on 10/3; then led to the stretch before fading to 8th on good turf at Belmont on 10/14. Trainer Rudy Rodriguez is 2-for-48 at the meet and 7% on turf; jockey C. Elliott is 7-for-123. At 12-1 (7.7% implied), +7.3%—the best overlay in the race.

Strengths: ELITE early speed; nearly won this condition two starts back; big overlay.

Concerns: VULNERABLE late; weak trainer and jockey numbers.

Trip Projection: Goes for the lead from post 8.

Diliello (Post 3) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: Three-year-old **ridgling** (not a filly), 2-for-10. Won a 6 furlong turf maiden at Aqueduct in November 2025 and a 7 furlong $40,000 turf claimer at Belmont on 10/2 by 1 3/4 lengths at 12-1, rallying from 9th. All ten starts have been sprints, so this is his first route (not a proven turf router). Trainer Thomas Morley is 9-for-46 at the meet but 6% stretching sprinters out; jockey Zayas is 23-for-150. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –5.0%.

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed; won last out; a closer in a race with speed.

Concerns: First try around two turns; underlay.

Trip Projection: Settles and rallies.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)





Salt Spartan (Post 2) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: Four-year-old gelding, **1-for-15** (not two turf wins in six starts). Claimed by Richard Dutrow Jr. for $55,000 on 8/27. Since then: 2nd by a length in a 7 furlong turf starter allowance on 9/24, 2nd by 1 3/4 lengths in a 1 mile starter allowance on the dirt on 10/7, and 3rd, beaten 3 3/4 lengths, in a 1 1/16 mile turf starter allowance on 10/14, all at Belmont. Three straight placings, not three dull efforts. Dutrow is 11% on turf; jockey Flavien Prat is 34-for-148. As the 6-5 morning-line favorite (45.5% implied), –29.5%—the biggest underlay in the race.

Strengths: ELITE early speed; consistent at the level.

Concerns: 1-for-15; badly overbet.

Trip Projection: Presses or leads from post 2.

Blame It On K J (Post 7) — Model Win %: 12%

PTW Profile: Kitten's Joy gelding, 1-for-10; won a $50,000 turf maiden claimer at Saratoga on 6/3 by a nose. 4th, 4th, then 5th, beaten 10 3/4 lengths, on 10/14. Trainer David Duggan is 10% on turf. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –2.3%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Smilensaycheese (Post 5, 9%): Four-year-old colt, 3-for-27, mostly on dirt; claimed by James Ferraro for $16,000 on 9/24, then 3rd in a dirt starter allowance at Belmont on 10/7. One prior turf start. Ferraro is 1-for-34 at the meet and 3% on turf. –0.1%.

Manor Park (Post 4, 7%): Three-year-old gelding, 1-for-6; won a New York-bred turf maiden at Saratoga on 7/11 by a half length. 6th in a stakes on 7/24, 7th in this condition on 8/27, 6th off the turf on 9/30. Trainer James Begg is 17% on turf. –0.7%.

Maximum Heat (Post 1, 4%): Three-year-old gelding, 1-for-5. His win was a $50,000 maiden claimer (not a maiden special weight) off the turf at Saratoga on 8/15 by 7 1/4 lengths, when Oscar Barrera III claimed him. 9th in a turf claimer at Belmont on 10/22. Barrera is 0-for-27 on turf. –2.3%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Coach Case	ELITE	ELITE	Minimal — strongest finisher
Diliello	STRONG	ELITE	Low — strong finish
Salt Spartan	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains speed
Blame It On K J	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — competitive
Manor Park	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — mid-pack





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Smilensaycheese	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace vulnerability
Solo Empire	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — speed then fade
Maximum Heat	UNRATED	UNRATED	Not rated by the model

Critical MPH Insight

Coach Case is the only horse rated ELITE both early and late; **Diliello** is ELITE late. **Solo Empire** is ELITE early but VULNERABLE late.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Coach Case — Back to a route after a poor turf sprint.

Solo Empire — Nearly won this condition two starts back.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Salt Spartan — 1-for-15 and heavily overbet.

Diliello — Stretches out for the first time after a career-best win.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: COACH CASE — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 22% win probability, the highest in the field. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), +3.8%. Fair price is about 7-2.

Value Assessment: **OVERLAY** (+3.8%).

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

Model projects 15% at 12-1 (7.7% implied): +7.3%, the best overlay in the race. Fair price is about 11-2.

Value Assessment: **STRONG OVERLAY** (+7.3%).

LONGSHOT PLAY: None

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

A: Coach Case — 22%
B: Salt Spartan — 16%
C: Solo Empire — 15%





Combined Projected Probability: 53% (Solo Empire and Diliello are tied at 15%; Solo Empire, the overlay, gets the spot)

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★ (3 of 5 stars)

Coach Case is the model's top horse and an overlay, though he keeps losing as the favorite. Favorite **Salt Spartan** (6-5, –29.5%) is badly overbet.

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