# Belmont Park

## Race 8 — 11/14/2026

Class: The Awad Stakes ($175,000)

Distance: 6f

Surface: Turf

Purse: $175,000

Starters: 9

THE AWAD. Purse $175,000 FOR TWO YEAR OLDS. Lasix not allowed within 48 hours of post time pursuant to HISA Rule 4212. By subscription of $175 each which should accompany the nomination; $875 to pass the entry box and an additional $875 to start. 122 lbs. Maidens allowed 2 lbs. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. Closed Thursday, October 29, 2026 with 19 Nominations. (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at Six Furlongs on the Tapeta Track.) (Rail at 36 feet).

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# COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

**Belmont Park R8**
**Saturday, November 14, 2026 | 6f Turf | 2YO | The Awad Stakes**

## Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

### True Front Runners

**Titan Ready** (Post 5) — Led throughout to win his maiden here on 9/19 and led or dueled in two Woodbine starts; he is speed, not a stalker. **Arctic Wolf** (Post 9) — Dueled and cleared to win the Speakeasy at Santa Anita on 10/3 and led early in the Juvenile Turf Sprint at Kentucky Downs. **McMoon** (Post 7) went wire-to-wire in a dirt maiden claimer on 10/23.

### Stalkers / Pressers

**More Champagne** (Post 2) — Tracked inside to be 3rd in the Matron (G3) on 10/3. **Metallican** (Post 3) — Sits mid-pack and rallies.

### Closers

**Riyadh Way** (Post 4) — Rallied from 8th to win the Hollywood Beach at Gulfstream on 9/26; not a pace-setter. **Just Joe** (Post 1) and **Reza** (Post 6) also come from off the pace; **Moneta Agenda** (Post 8) from far back.

### Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :22 2/5 opening quarter, :44 4/5 half-mile (the report's half-mile was unreadable; 4/5 used). Titan Ready and Arctic Wolf are the likeliest leaders.

## Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

| Post | Horse | ML Odds | Model Win % | Implied ML % | Edge |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Just Joe | 6-1 | 12% | 14.3% | -2.3% |
| 2 | More Champagne | 3-1 | 16% | 25.0% | -9.0% |
| 3 | Metallican | 12-1 | 22% | 7.7% | **+14.3%** |
| 4 | Riyadh Way | 8-1 | 11% | 11.1% | -0.1% |
| 5 | Titan Ready | 2-1 | 25% | 33.3% | -8.3% |
| 6 | Reza | 5-1 | 8% | 16.7% | -8.7% |
| 7 | McMoon | 30-1 | 3% | 3.2% | -0.2% |
| 8 | Moneta Agenda | 30-1 | 2% | 3.2% | -1.2% |
| 9 | Arctic Wolf | 6-1 | 1% | 14.3% | -13.3% |





| Post | Horse | ML Odds | Model Win % | Implied ML % | Edge |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **TOTAL** | | **100%** | **128.8%** | |

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion. Corrected: Titan Ready 33.3% (not 25.9%), More Champagne 25.0% (not 19.4%), the 6-1s 14.3% (not 11.1%), Reza 16.7%, Riyadh Way 11.1%, Metallican 7.7% (so +14.3%, not +16.0%). Titan Ready, the 2-1 favorite, is –8.3%—short of a fade. Arctic Wolf is –13.3%; the model's 1% is very low for a horse who just won a stakes.

## Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

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

**Titan Ready** (Post 5) — Model Win %: 25%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse and the 2-1 morning-line favorite. 2-year-old colt by Title Ready, 1-for-4 and a sprinter, not a route horse. Won a turf maiden here on 9/19 by 4 on the lead; before that, 2nd in the Skidmore at Saratoga and 2nd in the Victoria Stakes at Woodbine—he is already stakes-placed, not stepping up from a maiden win. Off 56 days. Brad Cox is 10-for-33 at the meet. Manny Franco rides. At 2-1 (33.3% implied), –8.3%.

Strengths: Speed; consistent; top barn.

Concerns: Underlay; Arctic Wolf for early company.

Trip Projection: Breaks sharply and sets or presses the pace.

**Metallican** (Post 3) — Model Win %: 22%

PTW Profile: 2-year-old colt, **3-for-3**, but only two of the wins came on turf: two N1X optional claimers at Laurel (by 3/4 on 10/9 and by a nose on 9/20) after a 4f dirt maiden claimer at Timonium. First stakes start. Jamie Ness is 0-for-10 at the meet. Samuel Marin rides. At 12-1 (7.7% implied), **+14.3%**—the biggest overlay on the card.

**More Champagne** (Post 2) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: 2-year-old **filly** facing males, 1-for-4. 3rd by 2 3/4 in the Matron (G3) here on 10/3; won a Keeneland maiden in April by 5 1/2. Tracks, does not lead. Thomas Morley is 9-for-46 at the meet. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –9.0%.

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

**Just Joe** (Post 1) — Model Win %: 12%

PTW Profile: 2-year-old colt, 1-for-3. 4th by 5 3/4 in the Futurity (G3) here on 10/3; won a Kentucky Downs maiden on 9/7, surging late. George Weaver is 11-for-63 at the meet. Flavien Prat rides. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –2.3%.

**Riyadh Way** (Post 4) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: 2-year-old gelding, 2-for-3: won a Gulfstream maiden on the lead on 8/23, then the Hollywood Beach Stakes there on 9/26 rallying from 8th. One maiden win and one stakes win—not two







maiden-allowance wins. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –0.1%.

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

**Reza** (Post 6, 8%): 1-for-2. His maiden win at Gulfstream on 9/19 came in a race **taken off the turf**; 5th at 9-5 in a Churchill turf allowance on 10/29. –8.7%.

**Arctic Wolf** (Post 9, 1%): 2-for-4. **Won the Speakeasy Stakes** at Santa Anita on 10/3; 4th in the $748,000 Juvenile Turf Sprint at Kentucky Downs; won his maiden at Belmont at the Big A (not Santa Anita) on 6/18. Jack Sisterson is 0-for-2 at the meet. –13.3%.

**McMoon** (Post 7, 3%): New York-bred; won a $50,000 dirt maiden claimer on 10/23 and was claimed; 10th in his only turf start. –0.2%.

**Moneta Agenda** (Post 8, 2%): Gelding, 1-for-6; won a state-bred stakes at Colonial in August, 6th since. –1.2%.

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

### PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

| Horse | Opening Speed | Sustained Speed | Deceleration Profile |
|---|---|---|---|
| Titan Ready | ELITE | STRONG | Moderate — speed |
| Metallican | STRONG | ELITE | Low — 3-for-3 |
| More Champagne | STRONG | STRONG | Moderate |
| Arctic Wolf | ELITE | STRONG | Moderate — stakes winner |
| Riyadh Way | STRONG | STRONG | Moderate — late runner |
| Just Joe | STRONG | STRONG | Moderate |
| Reza | STRONG | VULNERABLE | High |
| McMoon | ELITE | VULNERABLE | High — dirt speed |
| Moneta Agenda | VULNERABLE | VULNERABLE | High |

### Critical MPH Insight

**Titan Ready** is the speed (ELITE opening), not a closer. **Metallican** keeps the best sustained profile. Just Joe is upgraded from VULNERABLE: he closed in both recent starts.

## Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

### Likely to Improve

**Metallican** — Unbeaten and improving; first try in stakes company.





**Just Joe** — Second start against stakes horses.

**Bounce / Regression Risks**

**Reza** — Only win came off the turf; flat in his turf start.

**McMoon** — Big jump from a dirt maiden claimer to a turf stakes.

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## Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

**WIN BET: TITAN READY** — Confidence 5/10 — Target odds: 3-1 or better

Model projects 25% win probability, the highest in the field. At 2-1 (33.3% implied), –8.3%. Fair price is 3-1.

Value Assessment: **UNDERLAY** at 2-1; play only at 3-1 or better.

**VALUE PLAY: METALLICAN** — Confidence 5/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 22% at 12-1 (7.7% implied): +14.3%. The best value on the board.

**LONGSHOT PLAY: None** beyond Metallican.

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

**A: Titan Ready** — 25%
**B: Metallican** — 22%
**C: More Champagne** — 16%

**Combined Projected Probability: 63%**

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## Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★ (3 of 5 stars)

**Titan Ready** is the top pick but an underlay; **Metallican** at 12-1 is the play. No favorite to fade. Arctic Wolf (6-1) is the board's biggest underlay at –13.3%, though his form argues for more than 1%.

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