Belmont Park

Race 4 — 11/21/2026

Class: Maiden Claiming $50,000 (NY-bred)

Distance: 7 1/2 Furlongs

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $56,000

Claiming Price: $50,000

Starters: 10

Post Time: 1:10 ET

MAIDEN CLAIMING. Purse $56,000 FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD FOALED IN NEW YORK STATE AND APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE-BRED REGISTRY. Weight, 123 lbs. Claiming Price $50,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R4
Saturday, November 21, 2026 | 7 1/2 Furlongs Dirt | 2YO, NY-bred | Maiden Claiming $50,000

Field note: Blinkers on for Be in Monty's Mind (first time; he did not wear them on 10/14), Vals Bro and Oldfields Star. **Saratoga Tea** (gelded 11/4) and **Pyralis** (gelded 11/18) make their first starts as geldings; Saratoga Tea is the 7-2 favorite and drops into a maiden claimer for the first time. **Ed Charles** was **pulled up and vanned off** on 9/25 and has not raced since. **Purple Potato** is a first-time starter. Vals Bro, Be in Monty's Mind and After the Beep ran 3rd, 2nd and 4th in the same 1-mile maiden claimer here on 10/14. No one has raced as far as 7 1/2 furlongs except those three.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Vals Bro (Post 1) — Led every call until the final strides on 10/14 (he was caught; he did not win). **Be in Monty's Mind** (Post 7) — Pressed in 2nd throughout on 10/14.

Stalkers / Pressers

Saratoga Tea (Post 3) — 3rd early and led in the stretch on 7/12; 4th to 5th early since. **Pyralis** (Post 2), **Mindful Leo** (Post 10) and **Negril Badness** (Post 6) — Mid-pack early.

Closers

After the Beep (Post 4) — 6th early after a slow start on 10/14. **Ed Charles** (Post 8) and **Oldfields Star** (Post 5) — Far back early. **Purple Potato** (Post 9) is a first-time starter (no running style).

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :23 3/5 opening quarter, :46 2/5 half-mile. There is no 7 1/2-furlong band; :46 2/5 sits between the 7-furlong and 1-mile bands and reads as MODERATE. Vals Bro is the likely leader with Be in Monty's Mind tracking.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Vals Bro	5-1	13%	16.7%	-3.7%
2	Pyralis	10-1	5%	9.1%	-4.1%
3	Saratoga Tea	7-2	18%	22.2%	-4.2%
4	After the Beep	9-2	12%	18.2%	-6.2%
5	Oldfields Star	8-1	4%	11.1%	-7.1%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
6	Negril Badness	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
7	Be in Monty's Mind	4-1	28%	20.0%	**+8.0%**
8	Ed Charles	12-1	8%	7.7%	**+0.3%**
9	Purple Potato	6-1	7%	14.3%	-7.3%
10	Mindful Leo	20-1	3%	4.8%	-1.8%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**128.9%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled). **No fade:** the 7-2 favorite, Saratoga Tea, is –4.2% (not +0.8%). Overlays: **Be in Monty's Mind +8.0%** (not +12.4%) and **Ed Charles +0.3%**. Mindful Leo is –1.8% (not +0.3%).

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Be in Monty's Mind (Post 7) — Model Win %: 28%

PTW Profile: **The model's top horse.** A 2-year-old colt, 0 for 2. 2nd, beaten a half length, after pressing the pace in a 1-mile $50,000 maiden claimer here on 10/14; 8th, beaten 10 3/4, on the Saratoga turf on 9/3 after being checked (not back-to-back 2nds). **Blinkers on for the first time** (he did not wear them on 10/14). Not off a claim. Ken McPeek is 4 for 32 at the meet and wins with 14% of first-time blinker runners; Manny Franco rides.

Concerns: Cuts back from a mile to 7 1/2 furlongs. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), +8.0%, the biggest edge in the race.

Saratoga Tea (Post 3) — Model Win %: 18%

PTW Profile: **The 7-2 favorite.** A 2-year-old gelding (gelded 11/4), 0 for 4. 4th, beaten 2 1/2, after leading in the stretch at Saratoga on 7/12; 5th, beaten 7 3/4, on 8/15; 4th, beaten 6 3/4, on the Tapeta here on 9/20; 7th, beaten 10, in a turf stakes on 10/2. **First start as a gelding and first in a maiden claimer.** Never raced beyond 6 1/2 furlongs. Rodolphe Brisset is 3 for 14 at the meet and wins with 21% of maiden claimers. Eric Zayas rides.

Concerns: Well beaten in his last three. At 7-2 (22.2% implied), –4.2%.

Vals Bro (Post 1) — Model Win %: 13%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old, 0 for 3. 3rd, beaten less than a length, after leading every call until the final strides in the 10/14 maiden claimer (not a win). Before that: 9th, beaten 13, on the Saratoga turf after being rank, and 7th, beaten 13 1/4, in a sprint. **Blinkers on.** Raymond Handal is 6 for 29 at the meet; D. Davis rides.

Concerns: Caught late last out. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), –3.7%.





Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

After the Beep (9-2) — 0 for 4 with three 3rds. 4th, beaten 2, after a slow start and steadying on 10/14; 3rd, beaten 12 1/4, at 59-1 in a Parx maiden race on the **dirt** on 9/19 (not a narrow loss on grass). He has worn blinkers in his last two (no change). Bobbi Hawthorne is 5 for 108 in 2026. –6.2%. **Ed Charles** (12-1) — 0 for 3. **Pulled up and vanned off** on 9/25; first start since. Before that 10th, beaten 14 3/4, and 4th, beaten 4 1/4. Chris Englehart is 6 for 30 at the meet; Javier Castellano rides. +0.3%. **Purple Potato** (6-1) — **First-time starter** (no running style). Amelia Green is 1 for 56 with first-time starters and 0 for 9 with debut maiden claimers. Flavien Prat rides. –7.3%. **Pyralis** (10-1) — 0 for 2 on turf (10th, beaten 8 3/4; 8th, beaten 5 1/2). First dirt start; first start as a gelding. –4.1%. **Oldfields Star** (8-1) — One start: 11th, beaten 14 3/4, on the turf. Blinkers on; first dirt start. –7.1%. **Mindful Leo** (20-1) — One start: 5th, beaten 10 1/4, for $50,000 on 10/23. –1.8%. **Negril Badness** (20-1) — 6th, beaten 13 1/4, in the same 10/23 race. Michael Simmonds is 0 for 11 in 2026. –2.8%.

Pedigree, workout and trainer-ROI claims removed throughout, along with unsupported soundness claims about Negril Badness.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Be in Monty's Mind	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by 1/2 on 10/14
Saratoga Tea	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 7th by 10 on 10/2
Vals Bro	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — led, caught late 10/14
After the Beep	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — 4th by 2 on 10/14
Ed Charles	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — pulled up 9/25
Pyralis	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 10th by 8 3/4 on 10/9
Oldfields Star	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — beaten 14 3/4 on 10/9
Mindful Leo	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — beaten 10 1/4 on 10/23
Negril Badness	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — beaten 13 1/4 on 10/23
Purple Potato	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter

Critical MPH Insight

Saratoga Tea is changed from ELITE sustained to VULNERABLE: beaten 6 3/4 or more in his last three. **Be in Monty's Mind** is changed from ELITE to STRONG sustained (one 2nd-place finish). **Ed Charles** was pulled up last out (changed to VULNERABLE/VULNERABLE). **After the Beep** is a late runner (opening changed to VULNERABLE). **Oldfields Star** trailed in his only start (opening changed to VULNERABLE).





Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Be in Monty's Mind — First-time blinkers after a 2nd by a half length.

Vals Bro — Blinkers on after leading most of the way last out.

Saratoga Tea — Gelded and dropping into a maiden claimer.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Ed Charles — Pulled up and vanned off last out.

Purple Potato — Debut in a claimer for a barn that is 1 for 56 with first-time starters.

Pyralis and **Oldfields Star** — Turf-to-dirt switches after poor turf debuts.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: BE IN MONTY'S MIND — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 11-4 or better

Model projects 28% win probability, the highest in the field, at 4-1 (20.0% implied): +8.0%.

VALUE PLAY: None. The only overlay under 10-1 is the win horse (the report's value play, Saratoga Tea, is –4.2%).

SECOND PLAY: SARATOGA TEA — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 18% at 7-2 (22.2% implied): –4.2%.

LONGSHOT PLAY: ED CHARLES — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 12-1 or better

Model projects 8% at 12-1 (7.7% implied): +0.3%, the only overlay at 10-1 or more. First start since being pulled up.

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

A: Be in Monty's Mind — 28%
B: Saratoga Tea — 18%
C: Vals Bro — 13% (not After the Beep, 12%; ordered by model %)

Combined Projected Probability: 59%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

Be in Monty's Mind is the model's top horse and an overlay at 4-1, adding blinkers after a close 2nd at a mile. The 7-2 favorite, **Saratoga Tea**, has been well beaten in his last three, though he is gelded and drops in class.





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