# Belmont Park

## Race 5 — 11/21/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight (NY-bred)

Distance: 6 Furlongs

Surface: Inner Turf

Purse: $100,000

Starters: 12 (plus 2 also-eligibles)

Post Time: 1:40 ET

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $100,000 INNER TURF FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD FOALED IN NEW YORK STATE AND APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE-BRED REGISTRY. Weight, 123 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of $55,000 Or Less In The Last 3 Starts Preferred). (Rail at 36 feet).

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# COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

**Belmont Park R5**
**Saturday, November 21, 2026 | 6 Furlongs Inner Turf | 2YO, NY-bred | Maiden Special Weight**

**Field note: Boer War** (13) and **Tartah** (14) are **also-eligibles** and run only if there are scratches; Tartah is also **entered in Race 3 on 11/22**. Boer War did **not** win on 10/16 (2nd, beaten 2 1/2). Three first-time starters: Denver Dave, It's Za Time and Celtic Beau. **Frostburg** is a filly facing males. **Arinato** has **blinkers on**. First turf starts for Mr Rigatoni, Honest Won and both also-eligibles; Island Pal has one turf start. Mend the Way, Lee's Onthe Loose, Arinato and A Lot of Gold all ran in the same 10/31 maiden race here.

## Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

### True Front Runners

**Tinian** (Post 11) — 2nd early and led into the stretch on 10/9. **Island Pal** (Post 8) — Led to the stretch on the dirt on 10/23. **Frostburg** (Post 5) — 2nd early in her debut. **Mr Rigatoni** (Post 3) — Led early at Finger Lakes before fading.

### Stalkers / Pressers

**Mend the Way** (Post 2) — 3rd early, 2nd at the stretch on 10/31 (a presser, not a closer). **A Lot of Gold** (Post 7) and **Honest Won** (Post 10) — Mid-pack early.

### Closers

**Lee's Onthe Loose** (Post 9) — 6th early, rallied 7 wide for 3rd on 10/31. **Arinato** (Post 12) — 9th to 10th early, rallied for 4th. **Denver Dave**, **It's Za Time** and **Celtic Beau** are first-time starters (no running style).

### Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :22 2/5 opening quarter, :45 1/5 half-mile, inside the HOT band for 6 furlongs on turf (the report labeled it MODERATE). Tinian, Island Pal, Frostburg and Mend the Way all show early speed.

## Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

| Post | Horse | ML Odds | Model Win % | Implied ML % | Edge |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Denver Dave | 20-1 | 2% | 4.8% | -2.8% |
| 2 | Mend the Way | 6-1 | 14% | 14.3% | -0.3% |
| 3 | Mr Rigatoni | 30-1 | 1% | 3.2% | -2.2% |
| 4 | It's Za Time | 8-1 | 11% | 11.1% | -0.1% |
| 5 | Frostburg | 4-1 | 17% | 20.0% | -3.0% |







| Post | Horse | ML Odds | Model Win % | Implied ML % | Edge |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | Celtic Beau | 6-1 | 9% | 14.3% | -5.3% |
| 7 | A Lot of Gold | 30-1 | 2% | 3.2% | -1.2% |
| 8 | Island Pal | 12-1 | 18% | 7.7% | **+10.3%** |
| 9 | Lee's Onthe Loose | 8-1 | 12% | 11.1% | **+0.9%** |
| 10 | Honest Won | 10-1 | 2% | 9.1% | -7.1% |
| 11 | Tinian | 6-1 | 8% | 14.3% | -6.3% |
| 12 | Arinato | 5-1 | 3% | 16.7% | -13.7% |
| 13 | Boer War (AE) | 7-2 | 1% | 22.2% | -21.2% |
| 14 | Tartah (AE) | 15-1 | 0% | 6.3% | -6.3% |
| | **TOTAL** | | **100%** | **158.3%** | |

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled). **No fade:** the favorite in the main field, Frostburg (4-1), is –3.0%. **Boer War** (7-2) is an also-eligible; if he draws in he becomes the favorite and the fade at –**21.2%**. **Arinato** (5-1) is overbet at –**13.7%**. Overlays: **Island Pal +10.3%** and **Lee's Onthe Loose +0.9%**. Mend the Way is –0.3% (not +5.0%) and It's Za Time –0.1% (not +4.0%).

## Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

**Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★)**

**Island Pal** (Post 8) — Model Win %: 18%

PTW Profile: **The model's top horse.** A 2-year-old colt, 0 for 2. 7th, beaten 6 1/2, at 12-1 on the turf at a mile here on 9/19 (his only turf start, not two); 3rd, beaten 7, as the 3-2 favorite in a 4-horse maiden race on the **dirt** at a mile on 10/23, when he led to the stretch and yielded (he did not close from 2nd). Big cutback from a mile to 6 furlongs. Mark Casse is 7 for 50 at the meet; Manny Franco rides.

Concerns: Faded as a favorite last out. At 12-1 (7.7% implied), +10.3%, the biggest edge in the race.

**Frostburg** (Post 5) — Model Win %: 17%

PTW Profile: **The 4-1 favorite** (in the main field). A 2-year-old **filly facing males**. One start: 3rd, beaten less than a length, at 34-1 in a New York-bred fillies' turf maiden race at 6 1/2 furlongs here on 10/18 after pressing in 2nd. James Begg is 1 for 14 at the meet and 0 for 14 with second-time maidens. Javier Castellano rode her debut; C. Elliott (7 for 136) rides today.

Concerns: First try against males; rider change. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –3.0%.

**Mend the Way** (Post 2) — Model Win %: 14%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old, 0 for 1. 2nd by a neck at 15-1 here on 10/31 after pressing in 3rd and taking 2nd into the stretch (a pressing trip, not a closing one). Charlton Baker is 0 for 29 at the meet and wins with 11% of second-time maidens. K. Davis (5 for 80) rides.





Concerns: Barn is cold. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –0.3%.

**Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)**

**Lee's Onthe Loose** (8-1) — 0 for 2 on turf: 2nd, beaten 4 3/4 (not 4 1/4), at Gulfstream on 8/23; 3rd, beaten 2 1/4, after rallying 7 wide on 10/31. Adrianne DeVaux is 0 for 27 in 2026. +0.9%. **It's Za Time** (8-1) — **First-time starter.** Michelle Nevin is 4 for 21 at the meet and wins with 9% of debut runners (not 19%). Javier Castellano rides. –0.1%. **Celtic Beau** (6-1) — **First-time starter.** His recent works were on the Turfway synthetic. Mike Maker is 2 for 46 at the meet. John Velazquez rides. –5.3%. **Tinian** (6-1) — 0 for 3 with two 3rds on turf: beaten 2 1/2 at Saratoga and beaten less than a length here on 10/9 after taking the lead in the stretch. –6.3%. **Arinato** (5-1) — One start: 4th, beaten 4 1/2, after trailing early on 10/31. **Blinkers on**; Linda Rice wins with 27% of second-time maidens. –13.7%. **Honest Won** (10-1) — One start: 4th, beaten 4 3/4 (not 4 1/4), as the 3-10 favorite in a race taken off the turf at Saratoga on 7/30 after steadying twice. Off 114 days; Danny Gargan is 0 for 25 at the meet. –7.1%. **A Lot of Gold** (30-1) — 0 for 3; beaten 5 1/4 or more each time. –1.2%. **Mr Rigatoni** (30-1) — 0 for 3 on dirt, two at Finger Lakes; first turf start. –2.2%. **Denver Dave** (20-1) — **First-time starter.** David Donk wins with 4% of first-time turf runners. –2.8%.

**Also-eligibles: Boer War** (7-2) — 0 for 2 with two 2nds: beaten 3 3/4 after leading in a $35,000 maiden claimer at Saratoga, and beaten 2 1/2 in a $75,000 maiden optional claimer on the Tapeta here on 10/16 (not a win). First turf start. –21.2%. **Tartah** (15-1) — 3rd, beaten 3 1/4, in a $50,000 maiden claimer on the Tapeta on 11/6; also entered 11/22. –6.3%.

Pedigree, workout and trainer-ROI claims removed throughout.

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

**PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings**

| Horse | Opening Speed | Sustained Speed | Deceleration Profile |
|---|---|---|---|
| Island Pal | ELITE | VULNERABLE | High — led, yielded 10/23 |
| Frostburg | STRONG | STRONG | Moderate — pressed, 3rd 10/18 |
| Mend the Way | STRONG | STRONG | Moderate — 2nd by a neck 10/31 |
| Lee's Onthe Loose | VULNERABLE | STRONG | Moderate — rallied 7w for 3rd |
| Tinian | ELITE | STRONG | Moderate — led, 3rd by under 1 on 10/9 |
| Arinato | VULNERABLE | STRONG | Moderate — 10th to 4th 10/31 |
| Honest Won | STRONG | VULNERABLE | High — 4th by 4 3/4 on 7/30 |
| A Lot of Gold | STRONG | VULNERABLE | High — weakened late 10/31 |
| Mr Rigatoni | ELITE | VULNERABLE | High — led, faded 10/20 |
| It's Za Time | UNRATED | UNRATED | First-time starter |







| Horse | Opening Speed | Sustained Speed | Deceleration Profile |
|---|---|---|---|
| Celtic Beau | UNRATED | UNRATED | First-time starter |
| Denver Dave | UNRATED | UNRATED | First-time starter |
| Boer War (AE) | STRONG | STRONG | Moderate — 2nd by 2 1/2 on 10/16 |
| Tartah (AE) | STRONG | STRONG | Moderate — 3rd by 3 1/4 on 11/6 |

**Critical MPH Insight**

**Island Pal** led and yielded last out (opening ELITE, sustained changed to VULNERABLE). **Frostburg** is changed from ELITE to STRONG sustained off one race. **Tinian** took the lead in the stretch and lost by less than a length (sustained changed to STRONG). **Arinato** and **Lee's Onthe Loose** are late runners (opening VULNERABLE, sustained STRONG). **Boer War** held for 2nd twice (sustained changed to STRONG).

## Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

**Likely to Improve**

**Mend the Way** — Second start after a neck loss.

**Arinato** — Blinkers on; Rice wins with 27% of second-time maidens and 24% of first-time blinker runners.

**Lee's Onthe Loose** — Closed well in both turf starts.

**Bounce / Regression Risks**

**Island Pal** — Faded as a favorite on dirt; big distance cutback.

**Frostburg** — Filly facing males; rider change.

**Honest Won** — Off 114 days; first turf start.

## Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

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

Model projects 18% win probability, the highest in the field, at 12-1 (7.7% implied): +10.3%.

**VALUE PLAY: LEE'S ONTHE LOOSE** — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 8-1 or better

Model projects 12% at 8-1 (11.1% implied): +0.9%, the only other overlay under 10-1.

**SECOND PLAY: FROSTBURG** — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 17% at 4-1 (20.0% implied): –3.0%.

**LONGSHOT PLAY: None.** No horse at 10-1 or more besides the win horse is an overlay (the report's longshot, It's Za Time, is 8-1 and –0.1%).





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

**A: Island Pal** — 18%
**B: Frostburg** — 17%
**C: Mend the Way** — 14%

**Combined Projected Probability: 49%**

## Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★ (1 of 5 stars)

A 12-horse New York-bred turf sprint with three debut runners and no winners. **Island Pal** is the model's top horse and a big overlay at 12-1, though he faded on dirt last out. Watch the also-eligibles: **Boer War** would be an overbet favorite if he draws in.

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