Belmont Park

Race 6 — 11/22/2026

Class: The Manila (Grade III)

Distance: 1 Mile

Surface: Turf

Purse: $200,000

Starters: 6

Post Time: 3:12 ET

THE MANILA. Grade III. Purse $200,000 For Three Year Olds. Lasix not allowed within 48 hours of post time pursuant to HISA Rule 4212. 124 lbs. Non-winners of a Graded Sweepstakes allowed 2 lbs.; of a Sweepstakes allowed 4 lbs. The New York Racing Association reserves the right to transfer this race to the Tapeta Track. (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 R6
Sunday, November 22, 2026 | 1 Mile Turf | 3YO | The Manila (G3), $200,000

Field note: The race is on Sunday (the report said Saturday). **McCready** has **blinkers off** (not on). **Let's Be Frank** makes his **first start for Edward Allard** after winning his maiden race at Laurel on 11/1 (previously trained by Michael McCarthy). **Chaos Agent** has made only one turf start (a win). **Head-to-head:** Print beat Iron Palace at Saratoga on 8/29; Touch of Fire and McCready ran 6th and 5th in the Grade 2 Bryan Station on 10/24. **Off-turf caveat:** the race would go 1 mile on the Tapeta. No Lasix in this race.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Iron Palace (Post 6) — Led early in three of his four starts, including on 10/31 (he did not track and win that day). **Touch of Fire** (Post 5) — Led early in the Belmont Derby on 7/4; off the pace early in his last three.

Stalkers / Pressers

Let's Be Frank (Post 1) — 3rd to 4th early in his last two.

Closers

Print (Post 4) — 7th or worse early in his last four (a closer). **Chaos Agent** (Post 2) — 6th to 7th early when winning on 8/29. **McCready** (Post 3) — 5th to 9th early in his last three.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :23 2/5 opening quarter, :47 4/5 half-mile (the report's half-mile fraction was garbled), inside the MODERATE band for 1 mile on turf. Iron Palace, not Touch of Fire, is the likely leader.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Let's Be Frank	10-1	7%	9.1%	-2.1%
2	Chaos Agent	6-1	19%	14.3%	**+4.7%**
3	McCready	9-2	15%	18.2%	-3.2%
4	Print	2-1	28%	33.3%	-5.3%
5	Touch of Fire	8-5	24%	38.5%	-14.5%
6	Iron Palace	6-1	7%	14.3%	-7.3%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**127.7%**	



Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled). **FADE: Touch of Fire, the 8-5 favorite**—38.5% implied vs 24% model, –**14.5%** (not –6.1%). Print is –5.3% (not +1.9%); McCready –3.2% (not +0.7%). Only overlay: **Chaos Agent +4.7%** (not +7.8%).

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Print (Post 4) — Model Win %: 28%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old colt, 2 for **11** (not lightly raced), almost all on turf (not a dirt horse). He **has won on turf**: a 1 1/16-mile optional claimer at Saratoga on 8/29 by 1 from 7th early, beating Iron Palace. Last out, 4th, beaten 2 1/2, in the Grade 3 Hill Prince here on 10/10; 4th in the Grade 2 Hall of Fame on 8/7. Robert Ribaudo trains; Javier Castellano rides.

Concerns: A closer in a small field. At 2-1 (33.3% implied), –5.3%.

Touch of Fire (Post 5) — Model Win %: 24% — **FADE**

PTW Profile: **The 8-5 favorite.** A 3-year-old colt, 3 for 8. Won the Audubon Stakes at Churchill Downs on 5/30 by 3; since then 0 for 4: 4th by 1 1/4 in the Grade 1 Belmont Derby after leading, 3rd by 1 3/4 at 6-5 in the Grade 2 Hall of Fame, 4th in the Gun Runner at Kentucky Downs, and 6th, beaten 10 (not 8), in the Grade 2 Bryan Station on 10/24. Brad Cox trains; Flavien Prat rides.

Concerns: Winless since May. At 8-5 (38.5% implied), –14.5%.

Chaos Agent (Post 2) — Model Win %: 19%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old colt, 3 for 5. His only turf start was a win by a neck (not decisive) from 7th early in the Toronto Cup at Woodbine on **8/29** (not three weeks ago). Last out, 7th, beaten 16 3/4, in the Grade 3 Ontario Derby on Woodbine's **synthetic** track (not dirt) on 10/17. Off 36 days. Josie Carroll trains; John Velazquez rides.

Concerns: One turf start; badly beaten last out. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), +4.7%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

McCready (Post 3) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old colt, 3 for 7. Won a turf allowance at Keeneland in April and the Kent Stakes at Delaware Park in June (on a sloppy, off-the-turf track). Since then, 8th in the Grade 1 Saratoga Derby and 5th, beaten 10, in the Grade 2 Bryan Station on 10/24. **Blinkers off.** McLean Robertson trains; Jose Hernandez rides.

Concerns: Well beaten in both graded starts. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –3.2%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★)

Let's Be Frank (10-1) — A 3-year-old gelding, 1 for 10. Won a turf maiden race at Laurel on 11/1 by a nose (not a length) at 9-10. He **has** faced graded company: 3rd in the Grade 2 Pilgrim and 11th in the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf in 2025, 6th in the Grade 1 American Turf in May. First start for Edward Allard. –2.1%. **Iron Palace** (6-1) — 1 for 4; won his maiden race at Saratoga on 7/9 after leading throughout. 5th





behind Print on 8/29 (not a win against claimers); 2nd, beaten 1, in a 7-furlong turf stakes here on 10/10; 6th, beaten 10, as the 9-5 favorite in a 7 1/2-furlong allowance here on 10/31 after leading (not a win). –7.3%.

Workout, pedigree, trainer-ROI and jockey-percentage claims removed throughout.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Print	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — from 7th, 4th by 2 1/2 10/10
Touch of Fire	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 3rd by 1 3/4 on 8/7
Chaos Agent	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — from 7th, won 8/29
McCready	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 5th by 10 on 10/24
Let's Be Frank	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won by nose 11/1
Iron Palace	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — led, 6th by 10 on 10/31

Critical MPH Insight

Iron Palace is the field's front-runner (opening changed to ELITE) but faded badly last out. **Print** and **Chaos Agent** come from far back. **McCready** was well beaten in his last two (sustained changed to VULNERABLE).

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

McCready — Blinkers off.

Chaos Agent — Back to turf, where he is 1 for 1.

Print — Close 4th in a Grade 3 last out.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Touch of Fire — 0 for 4 since May.

Iron Palace — Faded as the favorite last out.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: PRINT — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 11-4 or better





Model projects 28% at 2-1 (33.3% implied): –5.3%, the highest model win % in the field. Bet him only at 11-4 or more.

VALUE PLAY: CHAOS AGENT — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 9-2 or better

Model projects 19% at 6-1 (14.3% implied): +4.7%, the only overlay.

SECOND PLAY: McCREADY — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 6-1 or better

Model projects 15% at 9-2 (18.2% implied): –3.2%. Next model horse after the fade.

LONGSHOT PLAY: None.

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

A: Print — 28%
B: Chaos Agent — 19%
C: McCready — 15% (replaces the fade, Touch of Fire)

Combined Projected Probability: 62%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

A small Grade 3 with no standout. **Print** tops the model; **Touch of Fire** is overbet at 8-5 after four straight losses. **Chaos Agent** is the only overlay, though he has just one turf start.

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