# Belmont Park

## Race 7 — 11/27/2026

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

Distance: 5 1/2 Furlongs

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $65,000

Starters: 11

Post Time: 2:38 ET

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, 124 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race In 2026 Allowed 2 lbs.

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# COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

**Belmont Park R7**
**Friday, November 27, 2026 | 5 1/2 Furlongs Dirt | NY-Bred 3YO & Up | Starter Allowance | Purse: $65,000**

**Field note:** The report's header left off the day; this is Friday's card, on dirt. **Shared barn (not coupled):** Chris Englehart trains Eye On the Ball (Post 2) and Tampa Storm (Post 6). **Same races:** Belmont turf maiden claimer on 9/24—Eye On the Ball 1st, Richies Love 2nd; Belmont turf starter allowance on 10/21—Joker On Fire 2nd, Dancing Bear 6th. **Surface switches to dirt:** Joker On Fire (0 for 7 on dirt), Richies Love, Eye On the Ball, Dancing Bear, Border Fox. **Shipper:** Border Fox, from Woodbine. **Layoffs:** Pandemic Hero (72 days), Tampa Storm (58 days). No also-eligibles.

## Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

### True Front Runners

**Three Thirteen** (Post 8) — Won wire to wire at Belmont on 10/11. **Gonzalo** (Post 5) — Led throughout to win at Delaware on 10/7. **Eye On the Ball** (Post 2) — Won wire to wire on the Belmont turf on 9/24. **Pandemic Hero** (Post 9) — Led or pressed early in most starts (the report called him a closer).

### Stalkers / Pressers

**Epitaph** (Post 3) — Pressed in 2nd and won by 4 on the Belmont **dirt** on 10/18. **Joker On Fire** (Post 7) — 2nd to 4th early in his turf starts. **Richies Love** (Post 1) — Pressed in 2nd to win on 10/21.

### Closers

**Tampa Storm** (Post 6) — Rallied from 9th to lose by a nose on 9/30 (he did not win wire to wire on 10/31; he has not run since 9/30). **Gamebred** (Post 10) — Mid-pack.

### Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :22 4/5 opening quarter, :45 2/5 half-mile (the report's opening fifth was garbled; defaulted to 4/5). At 5 1/2 furlongs, four confirmed speed horses make this HOT. **Three Thirteen**, **Gonzalo**, **Eye On the Ball** and **Pandemic Hero** want the lead.

## Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

| Post | Horse | ML Odds | Model Win % | Implied ML % | Edge |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Richies Love | 12-1 | 7% | 7.7% | -0.7% |
| 2 | Eye On the Ball | 12-1 | 8% | 7.7% | **+0.3%** |
| 3 | Epitaph | 7-2 | 18% | 22.2% | -4.2% |
| 4 | Dancing Bear | 15-1 | 5% | 6.3% | -1.3% |
| 5 | Gonzalo | 15-1 | 7% | 6.3% | **+0.7%** |







| Post | Horse | ML Odds | Model Win % | Implied ML % | Edge |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | Tampa Storm | 10-1 | 13% | 9.1% | **+3.9%** |
| 7 | Joker On Fire | 7-5 | 24% | 41.7% | -17.7% |
| 8 | Three Thirteen | 8-1 | 11% | 11.1% | -0.1% |
| 9 | Pandemic Hero | 20-1 | 4% | 4.8% | -0.8% |
| 10 | Gamebred | 10-1 | 2% | 9.1% | -7.1% |
| 11 | Border Fox | 30-1 | 1% | 3.2% | -2.2% |
| | **TOTAL** | | **100%** | **129.2%** | |

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's table column was scaled). **Fade: Joker On Fire**, the 7-5 morning-line favorite, is –17.7% (not –8.3%). He is also the model's top horse, so he stays the Win Bet with a fair-odds floor. Overlays: **Tampa Storm** +3.9% (not +5.9%), Gonzalo +0.7% and Eye On the Ball +0.3%. Epitaph (–4.2%) and Three Thirteen (–0.1%) are not overlays.

## Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

**Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★)**

**Joker On Fire** (Post 7) — Model Win %: 24% — **FADE (price)**

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old gelding, 1 for 15 with six 2nds. 2nd by 3/4 as the 1.35-1 favorite in this condition on the Belmont turf on 10/21; 2nd by 1 on the Saratoga turf on 7/9. His only win was a turf maiden claimer at Aqueduct on 11/13/25. He has no graded-stakes starts. Bruce Levine trains.

Concerns: **0 for 7 on dirt**. At 7-5 (41.7% implied), –17.7%.

**Epitaph** (Post 3) — Model Win %: 18%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old gelding, 3 for 23. Won a $40,000 claimer on the Belmont **dirt** on 10/18 by 4 after pressing; 4th at 7 furlongs on 9/20; 2nd at Saratoga on 8/15 and 7/23. He moves up from a $40,000 claim (not $6,000). Wayne Potts trains.

Concerns: At 7-2 (22.2% implied), –4.2%.

**Tampa Storm** (Post 6) — Model Win %: 13%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old colt, 1 for 8. His last start was 9/30, 2nd by a nose in a 7-furlong $20,000 maiden claimer at Belmont after rallying from 9th. The report's “10/31 wire-to-wire win” did not happen. Chris Englehart trains (also has Eye On the Ball).

Concerns: Off 58 days; a closer cutting back to 5 1/2 furlongs. At 10-1 (9.1% implied), +3.9%.

**Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)**

**Three Thirteen** (Post 8) — Model Win %: 11%





PTW Profile: A 3-year-old gelding, 2 for 10. Won a $40,000 N2L claimer at Belmont on 10/11 by a neck, wire to wire; 6th in the Ontario County stakes at Finger Lakes on 9/21. Melanie Giddings trains.

Concerns: Lots of speed to his inside. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –0.1%.

**Eye On the Ball** (Post 2) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old gelding, 1 for 8. 8th in a turf claimer at Belmont on 11/1; won a $50,000 state-bred turf maiden claimer there on 9/24 by 1, wire to wire, beating Richies Love.

Concerns: Mostly a turf horse. At 12-1 (7.7% implied), +0.3%.

**Gonzalo** (Post 5) — Model Win %: 7%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old gelding, 4 for 17. **2nd** by 6 1/4 in a state-bred N1X allowance at Belmont on 10/25 (not a win); won $8,000 claimers at Delaware on 10/7 (by 5 3/4, then claimed by Michael Simone) and 9/19.

Concerns: Big class rise from $8,000. At 15-1 (6.3% implied), +0.7%.

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

**Richies Love** (12-1) — 1 for 8; won a state-bred turf maiden claimer at Belmont on 10/21 by a nose. –0.7%. **Dancing Bear** (15-1) — 3 for 18; 6th by 10 1/2 in this condition on the Belmont turf on 10/21; won two $16,000 turf claimers at Colonial this summer. –1.3%. **Pandemic Hero** (20-1) — 1 for 18; 10th at Finger Lakes on 9/16. Off 72 days. –0.8%. **Gamebred** (10-1) — 2 for 13; 4th by 4 1/4 in a $40,000 claimer at Belmont on 11/14. –7.1%. **Border Fox** (30-1) — 1 for 11; won a turf maiden claimer at Woodbine on 9/24. –2.2%.

Workout, trainer-percentage, 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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Joker On Fire | STRONG | STRONG | Moderate — 2nd by 3/4 on 10/21 |
| Epitaph | STRONG | ELITE | Low — pressed, won by 4 on 10/18 |
| Tampa Storm | VULNERABLE | STRONG | Moderate — rallied, 2nd by a nose |
| Three Thirteen | ELITE | STRONG | Moderate — won wire to wire 10/11 |
| Eye On the Ball | ELITE | VULNERABLE | High — 8th on 11/1 |
| Gonzalo | ELITE | STRONG | Moderate — 2nd by 6 1/4 on 10/25 |
| Richies Love | STRONG | STRONG | Moderate — won by a nose on 10/21 |
| Dancing Bear | STRONG | VULNERABLE | High — 6th by 10 1/2 on 10/21 |







| Horse | Opening Speed | Sustained Speed | Deceleration Profile |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pandemic Hero | ELITE | VULNERABLE | High — 10th on 9/16 |
| Gamebred | STRONG | STRONG | Moderate — 4th by 4 1/4 on 11/14 |
| Border Fox | STRONG | VULNERABLE | High — 6th on 10/30 |

**Critical MPH Insight**

**Epitaph** is the field's best dirt finisher off his 10/18 win. **Joker On Fire**'s ELITE ratings came from turf; he is winless on dirt (changed to STRONG/STRONG). **Tampa Storm** is a closer, not a speed horse (opening changed to VULNERABLE). Dancing Bear and Border Fox have starts, so UNRATED was invalid.

## Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

**Likely to Improve**

**Tampa Storm** — A hot pace sets up his rally.

**Epitaph** — Won impressively on dirt last out.

**Bounce / Regression Risks**

**Joker On Fire** — Short price; 0 for 7 on dirt.

**Gonzalo** — Big class rise in a speed duel.

## Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

**WIN BET: JOKER ON FIRE** — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 7-2 or better

Model projects 24% at 7-5 (41.7% implied): –17.7%. Top model horse, but only a bet at fair odds (about 3.2-1); at 7-5 he is the fade.

**VALUE PLAY: NONE** — No overlay under 10-1.

**LONGSHOT PLAY: TAMPA STORM** — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 7-1 or better

Model projects 13% at 10-1 (9.1% implied): +3.9%, the biggest overlay in the race.

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

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

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

**A: Joker On Fire** — 24%
**B: Epitaph** — 18%
**C: Tampa Storm** — 13%





**Combined Projected Probability: 55%**

## Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★ (1 of 5 stars)

An 11-horse New York-bred dirt sprint with a hot pace. **Joker On Fire** is the model's top horse but a heavy underlay at 7-5 and winless on dirt—the fade on price. **Tampa Storm** is the best overlay; **Epitaph** is the main dirt threat.

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