Belmont Park

Race 8 — 11/27/2026

Class: Aqueduct Turf Sprint Championship (Listed)

Distance: 6 Furlongs

Surface: Inner Turf

Purse: $175,000

Starters: 11

Post Time: 3:09 ET

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R8
Friday, November 27, 2026 | 6 Furlongs Inner Turf | 3-Year-Olds & Up | Turf Sprint Championship | Purse: $175,000

Field note: The report's header left off the day; this is Friday's card. **Same races:** the Belmont Turf Sprint (G3) on 10/1—Chasing Liberty 3rd, Alogon 4th, Twenty Six Black 5th, Jean Valjean 7th; the New York Turf Sprint Championship on 10/24—Twenty Six Black 2nd, Bold Journey 3rd; the Laurel Dash on 9/12—Alogon 1st, Witty 4th. **Past winners of this race:** Works for Me and Alogon dead-heated for the win in 2024. **Shared barn (not coupled):** Elizabeth Merryman trains Jean Valjean (Post 7) and Witty (Post 9). **Cutting back:** Mi Bago, a miler, has never sprinted in his PPs. **Layoffs:** Creditworthy (117 days), Determined Kingdom (104 days), Mi Bago (91 days). No Lasix for any runner. No also-eligibles.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Determined Kingdom (Post 6) — Led early at Colonial on 8/15 and 7/11; won the Punch Line at **Colonial** (not Laurel) on 7/11 wire to wire. **Jean Valjean** (Post 7) — Led early in the Belmont Turf Sprint on 10/1; won at Penn National on 8/14 wire to wire. **Mi Bago** (Post 3) — Front-runner in his route starts.

Stalkers / Pressers

Chasing Liberty (Post 11) and **Alogon** (Post 10) — 3rd early on 10/1. **Twenty Six Black** (Post 5) — 3rd to 4th early lately.

Closers

Bold Journey (Post 1), **Creditworthy** (Post 8), **Works for Me** (Post 2) and **Witty** (Post 9) — Rally from the back half of the field.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :23 1/5 opening quarter, :46 2/5 half-mile. **Determined Kingdom**, **Jean Valjean** and **Mi Bago** carry the speed.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Bold Journey	8-1	12%	11.1%	**+0.9%**
2	Works for Me	6-1	7%	14.3%	-7.3%
3	Mi Bago	9-2	16%	18.2%	-2.2%
4	Final Verdict	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
5	Twenty Six Black	4-1	14%	20.0%	-6.0%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
6	Determined Kingdom	6-1	22%	14.3%	**+7.7%**
7	Jean Valjean	15-1	6%	6.3%	-0.3%
8	Creditworthy	6-1	11%	14.3%	-3.3%
9	Witty	15-1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%
10	Alogon	10-1	4%	9.1%	-5.1%
11	Chasing Liberty	8-1	3%	11.1%	-8.1%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**128.2%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's table column was scaled). **No fade:** the 4-1 morning-line favorite **Twenty Six Black** is –6.0%; no horse is past –10. Overlays: **Determined Kingdom** +7.7% (not +10.9%) and **Bold Journey** +0.9% (not +3.3%). Mi Bago (–2.2%) and Jean Valjean (–0.3%) are not overlays.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Determined Kingdom (Post 6) — Model Win %: 22%

PTW Profile: A 7-year-old gelding, **12 for 37** (not 19 wins). 2nd by 3/4 in a state-bred handicap at **Colonial** on 8/15 (not a win at Saratoga); won the Punch Line at Colonial on 7/11 by 2 1/4 and an optional claimer at Saratoga on 6/5 by a neck, both from the front. Michael Trombetta trains.

Concerns: Off 104 days. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), +7.7%.

Mi Bago (Post 3) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old gelding, 8 for 21 with $963,275 earned. 5th by 5 1/2 in the West Point at 1 1/16 miles at Saratoga on 8/28 after leading; won the Kelso (G3) at a mile on 7/5 by 2 and the Kingston at 1 1/16 miles on 6/3 by 4 1/2. All of his PPs are at a mile or longer—he has no record at 6 furlongs. Mark Casse trains.

Concerns: Off 91 days and cutting back to a sprint. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –2.2%.

Twenty Six Black (Post 5) — Model Win %: 14%

PTW Profile: A 6-year-old gelding, 8 for 23. 2nd by 1 1/4 in the New York Turf Sprint Championship at Belmont on 10/24; 5th by 1 3/4 as the favorite in the Belmont Turf Sprint (G3) on 10/1; won the Harvey Pack at Saratoga on 7/5 by 2 3/4. Horacio De Paz trains.

Concerns: At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –6.0%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Bold Journey (Post 1) — Model Win %: 12%





PTW Profile: A 7-year-old gelding, 8 for 40 with $1,058,235 earned. 3rd by 1 3/4 in the New York Turf Sprint Championship on 10/24; won the Tom Fool (G3) on the **Aqueduct dirt** on 2/28 by a nose (the report placed it at Belmont). Bill Mott trains.

Concerns: At 8-1 (11.1% implied), +0.9%.

Creditworthy (Post 8) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: A 5-year-old gelding, 4 for 8. **Won** an optional claimer on the Saratoga turf on 8/2 by 1/2, rallying from 7th (the report said he finished 2nd). Chad Brown trains.

Concerns: Off 117 days; first stakes start. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –3.3%.

Works for Me (Post 2) — Model Win %: 7%

PTW Profile: A 5-year-old horse, 6 for 21. 3rd by 3 1/4 in the Nearctic (G2) at Woodbine on 10/3; 7th in the Troy (G2) and 9th in the Jaipur (G1) at Saratoga. Won an allowance at Keeneland on 4/18 by a nose; dead-heated to win this race in 2024. Joseph Lee trains.

Concerns: At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –7.3%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots (★)

Jean Valjean (15-1) — 10 for 25; 7th by 4 1/2 in the Belmont Turf Sprint after leading; won a state-bred stakes at Penn National on 8/14 by 5. His recent starts were not at Saratoga on 9/6 or at “Santa Fe Springs.” –0.3%. **Alogon** (10-1) — 8 for 29; 4th by 1 1/2 in the Belmont Turf Sprint; won the Laurel Dash on 9/12 by 3/4 and the Belmont Turf Sprint (G3) in 2025. –5.1%. **Chasing Liberty** (8-1) — 5 for 16; 3rd by a head in the Belmont Turf Sprint. –8.1%. **Witty** (15-1) — 13 for 39; 6th in a state-bred stakes at Laurel on 10/24. –2.3%. **Final Verdict** (30-1) — 5 for 29; 5th by 2 in an optional claimer at Belmont on 11/14. –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
Determined Kingdom	ELITE	ELITE	Low — led, won Punch Line 7/11
Mi Bago	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — led, 5th by 5 1/2 on 8/28
Twenty Six Black	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by 1 1/4 on 10/24
Bold Journey	VULNERABLE	ELITE	Low — rallied, 3rd on 10/24
Creditworthy	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, won by 1/2 8/2
Works for Me	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 3rd by 3 1/4 on 10/3
Jean Valjean	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — led, 7th on 10/1





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Alogon	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 4th by 1 1/2 on 10/1
Witty	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 6th by 3 on 10/24
Chasing Liberty	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 3rd by a head on 10/1
Final Verdict	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 5th by 2 on 11/14

Critical MPH Insight

Determined Kingdom is the best gate-to-wire turf sprinter here (opening changed to ELITE). **Jean Valjean** led and faded last out (sustained changed to VULNERABLE). **Chasing Liberty** lost the G3 by a head (sustained changed from VULNERABLE to STRONG).

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Determined Kingdom — Fresh; controls a moderate pace.

Bold Journey — Two straight close finishes in New York stakes.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Mi Bago — Miler cutting back off a layoff.

Creditworthy — Off 117 days in his first stakes.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: DETERMINED KINGDOM — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 22% at 6-1 (14.3% implied): +7.7%. Top model horse and the biggest overlay; fair odds are about 3.5-1.

VALUE PLAY: BOLD JOURNEY — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 8-1 or better

Model projects 12% at 8-1 (11.1% implied): +0.9%.

LONGSHOT PLAY: NONE — No overlay at 10-1 or higher.

SECOND PLAY: MI BAGO — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 11-2 or better

Model projects 16% at 9-2 (18.2% implied): –2.2%. Next unused model horse.

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

A: Determined Kingdom — 22%
B: Mi Bago — 16%





C: Twenty Six Black — 14%

Combined Projected Probability: 52%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

A deep turf sprint stakes. **Determined Kingdom** is the model's top horse and best overlay at 6-1. No fade—the 4-1 favorite **Twenty Six Black** is –6.0%. **Mi Bago** is a miler cutting back off a layoff.

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