

Belmont Stakes Day - Saturday, June 20th

Spring Meet: Week 3 – Day 12

First Post: 11:45am

Weather:

Picture Perfect for Belmont Stakes Day (of course it isn't 90 degrees and humid today...which it has been so many times I have sweated my ass off on Belmont Stakes Day)

Turf:

Obviously, this turf course hasn't been run on a lot, since this is only day #12...and the course is in V nice condition. BUT they do drop the rails today and the inside paths have NOT been run on YET this meet, as the rails have NOT been at 0ft this meet UNTIL today.

It has NOT rained in a while in NY too, and the harder the ground is the more that benefits front end horses! Yesterday in the last race, horses were coming from off the pace AND there was only one w2w winner yesterday BUT front-end horses did do pretty well yesterday. Per normal, ill be keeping my eye on this and updating you throughout the day!

Widener: Firm - Rail Off – R1,4,6,12

Inner: Firm – Rail Off – R7,9,11

Pace Key: Pace is an important angle to always consider in every race and to simplify Pace, in each race for all readers, we've given terms to each type of PACE PLAYER:

- SPEED** - Speed of the race and likely Pacesetter
 - PRESSER** - Front Foot w ability to Press the lead
 - TACTICAL** - Versatile >>> can go to lead or rate off
 - Stalker** - Runner who could be a Pace Player in range
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R1: 8F Turf - 3YO+ MDN CLM 75k

SCR: #1 – other half of Chad Entry 1A IN

PACE:

- #4 - **PRESSER**, S/O should be forward w Bug and rail
- #5 - Stalker, C/B from 10>8F, should be w Front Flight
- #1 - FTS, Chad/Manny, Quick 4F drill Oklahoma
- #7 - Stalker, In Range/Midpack
- #8 - **PRESSER**, FT Castellano today, should be close
- #9 - **PRESSER**, Dam had good front foot, FT Turf
- #10 - Stalker, FT Joel and 1st time Gelding, Relaxed?

On Top:

#7 Holy Emperor: This is a FULL sib to Holy Helena, who was a stakes type horse for Jerkens. Saez could have likely taken the Maker runner (#11) but opts for this horse instead. Two back she got pressured on the front end and lost to a NICE Shug horse and 2nd place a NCIE Pletcher colt. Cutting back to a mile makes sense today.

Under:

#1A Traffic Pattern: is a half to Perfect Miss who was a stakes winning DIRT horse.

#10 – FT GELDING, Rosario takes the call here. Two back lost to a “they knew” winner. LTO used a lot of energy to get to the lead and was GAME late not letting the Maker/paco horse go by too ez dts. He has run a bit “keyed” up so gelding should help this horse today!!

#11 Turn of Events: LTO veered in BAD at the start and was in tight a bit early and dts was NEVER urged along as jock stopped riding. Saez rode this horse at GP two back but opts for #7 instead. Carmouche up likely might be more forwardly placed.

#9 Striking Speed: lightly raced pedigree, dam half to talented Mask. This horse was dead on the board LTO and ran strong, dueling on the front end and was game late to only let two V nice horses pass late. Linda Rice is V strong 2x out!

#8 Scanno: LTO had to steady a bit T1, was in a BIG vice having to wait T2, then drifted out badly dts but once he straightened out he ran NICE and JUST missed. Three back he got shuffled back at the TOS and cur through horses nice dts but the front end stayed up a day SPEED was V good on GP Turf!

Tie-Up's:

#5 – faced a V tough field LTO (last week) and Cancel didn't do a V good job harnessing horses speed so went too quick early then tired. Might get out to the lead again and there isn't a ton of speed in here.

#2 Sea City: This trainer usually runs his horses at Tampa and then ships to MTH and does a good job. He has run 2nd TWICE at BIG odds this meet. This FTS has decent T ped.

#2B AE- dam was ALL turf, low level and hurdles

#3 – some T influence, but more Dirt. LTO got checked hard at the start, and did v little running. Maybe was just a race to get one in him while restricted?

#6 – dam won on turf and poly. Gets Lasix for the first time.

R2: 7F Dirt - 3YO G1 Woody Stephens

PACE:

- #1 - **SPEED**, rail draw w Saez clear cut SEND
- #2 - **TACTICAL**, FT Irad Up today
- #3 - **PRESSER**, Carmouche rides back, PACE threat
- #4 - **TACTICAL SPEED**, Santana here over #5, Draws excellent w options

On Top:

#2 Meru: Duarte STRONG 2nd off the L/O batting 30% with his last 23 samples. LTO broke out pretty bad and used energy to get back into positioning...then sat off the early 3H speed but was wide the whole time on turn... then DTS was put in tight having to pause but rallied back to run nice DTS. I don't know if Carmouche was given the mount on #3 BUT Irad was on #3 two back and takes this call...has to be noted. This horse is tactical AND going the 7f today he might LIKE.

Under:

#3 Mischievous Alex: This 3yo has run HUGE his last three starts. He can RATE!!! Which is going to be BIG in this spot today. He comes in a bit fresher than some of these who have run big recently at CD or OP....which is another advantage.

#1 No Parole: Saez takes the call and is going to get sent from the inside draw! That is going to make this pace QUICK. Toss hat run two back, as two turns was wrong. He ran a ONE on the sheets FTO, and hasn't gotten back to that in his sprint races yet, and I don't love that

#4 Echo Town: This horse ran BIG LTO. He was down on the inside getting pressured the entire way, DIDN'T switch leads till V late and held off Digital who is a strong horse that had dead aim on him. Today he will get to be outside the other speed. Can he get this extra furlong as a dead set sprinter?

#5 Shoplifted: Cuts back to one turn today. Might be a cut below these V talented one turn horses BUT could sit off a big duel in here and sit a nice trip on the cutback.

R3: 6.5F Dirt - 3YO+ Filly/Mare ALW

SCR: #1 and #2

**Chad Brown SCR's this other horse on inside that was SPEED, and I don't know anything for sure but he might be SCR to not face this V talented Chad, #6..who also has speed and now gets to sit off the only other presser horse or get loose on the lead.

PACE:

#1 – SCR>>>>>**SPEED**, Manny has to GO w draw!

#2 – SCR>>>>>Stalker, Seems they been trying to rate off recent

#3 - **PRESSER**, Longshot could press here w Bug

#5 - Stalker, BIG RIDER UPGRADE Jose, Stalk/Kick!

#6 - **PRESSER**/Stalker today? Other Brown speed inside, Perhaps Brown/Javy rate off today w this draw?

#7- watched this replay LTO and he showed some front foot, BUT got bumped around big at the start.

On Top - Press

#6 Indian Pride: Perhaps Brown/Javy rate off today w this draw? There's also a chance they SEND since she's the most talented Filly in the field, and she seemingly is off her first 2 figs. Hard to have any logical stand against her exiting that tough G2 at KEE and she's been working like clockwork since the end of March for today's return. Chad shows up with her HERE on Belmont Day with some BIG works on display for her 4YO debut.

Under:

#7 Mrs Danvers: LTO this filly beat Finite...who is a VERY good Asmussen filly. I have always thought that this filly would want LONGER this year, so she benefits big IF the speed gets hot today...which it could with #1 and #3. There is big talent here and has been training forwardly for Shug coming in. She is the main threat to #6.

#5 Forever Changed: I really liked her run three back at Saratoga....she was down on the DEAD RAIL early, pulled off the inside at the end of the turn then went back to the DEAD rail at the top of the stretch making a NICE MOVE...then was off the rail late in stretch but cleared VERY NICELY. NY bred vs some stakes caliber horses in here...so might be in tough today BUT there is talent here.

Tie-Up's:

#4. -FTO was put right into a stakes race...that shows confidence and I always like that. Cutsback today and would need the pace to get hot in here to win but she has some talent and a use if spreading

#3- Gets in LIGHT with 7lb bug. She is the speed horse who WONT be on the rail. There are some positives here at a HUGE price. Would need #6 and #7 not to show up OR have #1 break slow and end up loose on the lead BUT I have seen that before...

R4: 8F Turf - 3YO+ G2 Pennine Ridge Stakes

SCR: #6

PACE:

#3 - **SPEED**, inside speed w FT Jose SENDS

#4 - **PRESSER**, Quick on Pace Figs, SPEED PLAYER!

#5 - **TACTICAL**, FT Turf, Kendrick rides back, Forward

On Top - press

#1 Decorated Invader: This horse was likely best two back in the BC but got an AWFUL trip. LTO he hit the gate at the start and closed into some quick fractions but just ATE UP the field with a HUGE run DTS. Connections were worried about the sharp turns at GP LTO, but it didn't matter. This horse is BUILT TO LOVE the Belmont wider turns. The pace in here should be V legitimate, so that makes this horse much the one to beat. Only way I can see him losing is if someone gets loose on the lead.

Under:

#3 Proven Strategies: LTO he sat a V nice trip, but got passed by a BIG performance by talented stakes type winner for Clement Gufo. The way the #1 loses is if someone gets loose on the lead and this is the speed of the speed. This horse has run some strong races this winter at GP, AND WITH THE RAILS DOWN...maybe he sits a V nice trip today. Casse HORSES WON TWO yesterday and he wins in BUNCHES.

#2 Venezuelan Hug: This horse broke my heart LTO, as I loved a 20-1 shot and he just got up to beat him...but I digress. This horse has BIG talent. LTO that price horse that I liked wasn't tiring late and this horse was GREEN and closed BIG into him to get the win. There is lots of talent here but I don't see him outclosing #1.

#5 Vanzzy: Is going to be forwardly placed with Carmouche up. His runs on poly have been STRONG and this horse is going to offer a ton of value in vertical wagers. I don't know if he is good enough to beat some of these V strong runners in here but with the right trip he might be able to pull off an upset.

#3 Proven Strategies: This is the speed of the speed in this race...and that's ALWAYS dangerous.

#4 Mr Kringle: With Lezcano up today this horse is going to be forwardly placed. Likely sets a quick ace with #3 down to his inside and #5 outside him in a tough spot.

Tie-Up's:

#7 Famished: Physically this horse looks more like a dirt horse/ He didn't run well LTO, and many might think that was a prep, which it could be?...but I don't trust this horse off hat effort, vs this V strong field.

R5: 7F Dirt - 3YO+ MSW

*Starts the PK6

PACE:

- #1 - Stalker, Tough Draw, Jose back & may GO inside
- #2 - **SPEED**, JV back to ride off the L/O!
- #4 - Stalker, BLINKS ON, C/B could be more forward
- #5 - Stalker, Saez up could show speed 2ndTO ?
- #7 - **PRESSER**/Stalker, Joel rides back, 4F Bullet! Dam had big Front Foot
- #8 - FTS, Irad/Pletcher, Dam had *TACTICAL* Foot

On Top:

#7 Rare Stripe: Moves into the Sisterson barn, who is a V good trainer. LTO...winner runs in Belmont Stakes for Pletcher, second place was another strong Pletcher colt, and the 5th and 6th place finishers that race have come back to WIN!! STRONG 4f work seven days ago at Keeneland! **FTO he got bumped around BIG a few times....was DOWN ON THE DEAD RAIL THE FIRST HALF OF THE RACE....made a nice little move while WIDE at the end of the TURN....NEVER SWITCHED LEADS DTS....and did all of that for Shug who RARELY WINS FTO!! That was a V nice effort FTO!!!

Under:

#8 Happy Saver: Pletcher FTS for Pletcher. Pletcher trained his dam...who was a solid alw type going one turn on the dirt. Has the right Pletcher spaced works leading into his start today while attracting Irad. **This horse was WORKING BIG in Florida with Fearless, a VERY strong 4yo dirt router for Pletcher.

#2- Timmy O'Tolle homebred put up a BIG figure FTO at Saratoga, losing to Tap It to Win who runs in the Belmont Stakes. Came back after that race and trained and then went missing from the work tab for 245 days...don't love that. Has 4 sharp works leading into today...and maybe was on a farm working where works won't get called in.

#1 Mutakaamil: Chad Brown 4yo colt was off the bad inside his last two and didn't run well at all. He could easily drop this horse in for a tag but keeps restricted, which you have to take note of. LTO got caught wide chasing the speed, and tired badly. c/b to a mile today. Has been training strong leading into this race!

#5 The Angry Man: gelding has TURF pedigree, and even worked on turf on May 30th showing they were thinking about running on turf.... but put up a strong figure FTO so they come back on dirt today off a 196 day layoff. LTO was Cigar Mile Day...he got out quick, dropped back for no real reason losing focus b/s .. was then off the front end by 10L no chance on BIG speed favoring track, but came on doing some nice running DTSmight want longer OR TURF, but there is some talent here.

Tie-Up's:

#6- dam was lightly raced on dirt, but sibs have been much stronger on the turf, is a half to Shared Account who WON the BC F/M Turf in 2010 for Motion. Jose takes the Chad Brown runners call #1 over this horse. LTO got out slow and did some ok running while taking money but needs to improve

off that figure a lot with only four weeks to develop more. For colts I do like horses 2x out more, so that's an advantage. Duarte barn has won this meet while getting BET. Likely won't take huge money into the teeth of Chad an Pletcher runners in here but if he does you HAVE to take note.

#3- five sibs V low level. Back to back avg gate works leading in to today

#4- will need to improve a ton to win today

GiddyUp Grid – Belmont Early PK5

FOUR reasonably priced PK5's to start the day.

#1 - single R3 and R4 and using just AS.

#2- Single R3 and R4 and spread deeper other legs

#3- Single R3, spread other four legs

#4- Single R4, spread other four legs

Belmont Early PK5 Grid						
		single	AS	unders weighted higher	Under	Tie-Up's
L1	R1		7.1.10	8.9.11	5.2	3.4.6
L2	R2		2	3.1.4		5
L3	R3	6		7	5.1	4.2.3
L4	R4	1		3	2.5.6	
L5	R5		7.8	2.1	5.6	3.4

R6: 8F Turf - 3YO Fillies G3 Wonder Again Stakes

***Mid-Day Mandatory PK5 Payout Starts here

PACE:

- #2 - **SPEED**, Jose returns inside drawn, **PROMINENT!**
- #3 - Stalker, Quick Drills off L/O but Saez/Paco>Manny
- #4 - Stalker, Dirt>Turf, JV rides back, In Range
- #5 - Stalker, Javy could *PRESS*, but likely rates off

On Top: **I want to see this horse in the paddock and on the tote of course and if she looks right AND bet right she is a likely **SINGLE** in this PK5

#2 Sweet Melania: An old "sheet angle" is... if a horse's fastest figure as a 2yo can win a race now as a FT 3yo, it's a strong play for sheet players. This angle over the years has gotten so popular that it's always an underlay. This horse has V strong front foot and should be on the lead today. Similar to #5, she was outside the "gold inside" BC weekend, as she drew a V wide post. She ran a winning race in the BC but lost to **MONSTER** Sharing (who runs at Ascot Saturday) With this horse's front foot she is going to get out to the lead today and play catch me if you can....AND I DON'T SEE ANYONE ELSE **PRESSING HERE EARLY**

Under:

#5 **Selflessly:** She ran **STRONG** in the BC, as she **DREW V** wide and was wide against the **GOLD INSIDE** (the entire Santa Anita Breeders Cup weekend, the inside paths on the turf were gold, as they dropped the rails down and inside paths had a clear advantage... especially BC Friday and early Saturday before the course got run on a bunch) This horse for **CHAD BROWN** is likely to make a new top here and a new top wins this race with the right pace scenario.

#1 **Speaktomeofsummer:** LTO the inner track at AQU was favoring closers, so she was with the track and saved all the ground, winning in trip out fashion. She adds Lasix AND Blinkers today, while getting tier-one Clement jock Rosario up. Is she going to show more speed today adding Blinkers and Lasix ON?!?!? That is going to be the key of this entire race...

#4 **Antoinette:** Godolphin bred has Euro ped, which always is more turf ped...they went the "Kentucky Oaks" prep route last two and she ran well, pairing 7.5's on the sheets. (which is fastest in the race, albeit on dirt) Gets back to Turf today which I think is her preferred surface and holds a **RECENCY** edge over many in here.

#3 **Highland Glory:** LTO he got out slow...was very keen while saving ground T1 THEN had be pulled back **BIG T1** wanting to go with horses in front of, saved all ground T2 but **PAUSE DTS** and shift inward, as his spot was taken! **BIG** run and was easily best in race.

R7: 6f – inner turf – 3yo+ F/M NY Breds

**PK4 starts here

PACE:

#1 - Stalker, w rail draw Bug likely Sends along
#3 - Stalker, FT Santana and FT Atras, forward?
#4 - **TACTICAL SPEED**, FT Saez!
#5 - **SPEED, BLINKS ON**, Wheels back quick, Javy rides back
#7 – SCR>>>Stalker, BLINKS ON, Bug Up not far off today

On Top:

#8 My Sassy Sarah: FTO this filly TOOK MONEY for a barn that was COLD during Saratoga...that has to be RESPECTED. She came back and won BIG 2x out, and then they thought enough of her to run in Ms Grillo G2. LTO is a toss as she is ALL TURF and they took a shot in a NY bred stakes to get black type but draw a line through that race.

Under:

#12 Speighttown Gal: IRAD rode and won on #4 opening day BUT takes this call TODAY...has to be noted. I always LOVE when connections show CONFIDENCE... and that is exactly what they did here after winning FTO..shipped south to GP and put right into a stakes race, losing to a w2w winner. After that race she took 174 days off from working out? But as a NY bred I can see why they might wait for NY turf season BUT she was in FL...why not race her...did something go wrong?? Ill trust Weaver, who is V underrated as a trainer in NY and his horses have been FIRING off the break.

#5 Winifred J: LTO got bet opening Friday, ran WELLL but ended up being on the front end a day the turf took RAIN and the T course ended up favoring CLOSERS! I don't really think this filly needs blinkers but adds them... and when they do that when I don't think they need them I don't love it. SHE draws a GREAT POST TODAY...outside the other speed, #4. Belmont turf course has not taken rain for over a week now, making the turf much more firm for speed to hold on to today.

#14 Ancient Brown: AE Draws in....LTO sat mid pack and when he went to make a move TOS got BUMPED TWICE by 2nd place horse, and came on nicely after between horses and galloped out STRONG passed the wire. Comes back quick but has to be respected in this race now.

#11 Canarsie Angel: This is a small turfy looking sprinter, LTO she went QUICK on the front end and extended NICELY dts. Davis gets off the #3, likely #1 for this filly today off the winter break for Mike Miceli.

#10 Light in the Sky: Moves to the DePaz barn, adds blinkers AND Jose Ortiz gets BACK aboard for NEW barn. Adds blinkers. Needs to improve a lot off her 2yo figures but off a long layoff but going FT 3yo its within reach.

Tie-Up's:

#4 Strongerthanuknow: GOT BET with "they knew" money, opening day and CLEARED vs a soft field while getting an ez lead.... IRAD RODE LTO BUT is on #12 today?! She is tactical and should sit a nice trip forwardly placed while saving ground.

#1 Mz Seb Pat: Donk horses have run well so far this meet, would have liked to see a tier on rider up here. 4yo is facing younger and Donk likely puts BUG jock to get in lighter as a 4yo who has to carry more weight than 3yo's in this type of race. She has run WELL at Belmont before and should save ground and be in a good spot with some front foot. At a big price ill use this horse

#13 Ava K's Girl: AE Draws in.....She tripped out BIG FTO. LTO was against way too tough. She fits here off her 2yo figure if she can fire off the bench.

#3 Single Verse: DEF T ped here and they have tried to get on T 3x but only ran on ONCE running nice 2x out. Davis takes call on #11 over. Atras horses are much better on the dirt, his FT turfer ran ok Friday in R5. No Atras tier-one jock up

#2 – just ran last Saturday on the dirt. Not much T ped, has had a chance on T, I'll let beat me

R8: 8f – dirt – 3yo fillies – The G1 Acorn

STARTS THE LATE PK5!!

	Single	AS	unders weighted higher	Under	Tie-Ups
R6		2	5	1.4	3
R7		8.12.5	14.11.10,1	13.4	3.2
R8		2.1	4.7	3	5.6
R9		3.4.2	5.1.7	7	8
R10	8		9.2.1	4.3.10	5
R11		2.9	4,6,7	1,3	
R12		2.4	6.13	7.8.10	11.5

PACE:

- #1 - **SPEED**, few quick ones here but Baffert/JV SEND!
- #2 - **TACTICAL**, Leparoux likely secures spot just off
- #3 - Stalker, Few Fast Back Pace Figs, Midpack
- #4 - **PRESSER**, should be right in the mix w Santana
- #5 - **TACTICAL**, Joel has options from here, Stalk/Kick!
- #7 - Stalker, **DRAWS WELL** to Stalk/Kick under Irad

On Top:

#2 Lucrezia: LTO sat off the w2w winner Swiss Skydiver who has come back and run HUGE her last two races in big wins. She ran a 3.5 on the sheets LTO and a paired top with time to developed coming in is NOT out of the question and that means she is going to be BIG value in here today. Leparoux has ONE MOUNT TODAY! She has perfect spacing on the sheets to improve again and a small improvement wins this race at a NICE PRICE

Under:

#1 Gamine: I tried to beat this filly LTO, as I don't think going two turns is the best for her...but she got an easy lead and held off talented Speech AND that final time came up FASTER than older colts later in that card. She did test positive for some type of "too good" drug after the race...I wonder if Baffert doesn't do his same "too good" routine here..... ***she has been working strong at SA leading into today.

#4 Casual: My trip note for this filly FTO "like she shot out of a cannon DTS, HUGE move" This filly has BIG TIME TALENT. She ended up sitting a nice trip vs winners for the first time LTO but took care of business. She does well back a bit quick, 29 days but as a young fresh filly I can overlook that a bit.

#7 Perfect Alibi: I liked this horse leading into the BC Juvy Fillies, and was a nice price so bet more...but didn't run well at all. Irad Ortiz was CONFIDENT in saying that she hated that track. She gets back to

Belmont today, a track she has run STRONG on 2x out. She has been training forwardly for Mark Casse for awhile now, and though he prob would have liked a prep to lead into the race, I don't mind her being FRESH heading into this spot today. She DRAWS WELL and can sit outside and stalk and clear if the pace gets hot...which it might. Comes in off a layoff and has won the ultimate "off the layoff" winning FTO.

#3 Water White: Two back she was no match to Harvey's Lil Goil who ran HUGE for Mott. She is a stalker that wants to make one run and needs some pace to run into today...and the way the #1 and #4 likely lose is by battling early. She is consistent on the sheets and a 1-2 point jump off the freshening makes her a solid price and a use if spreading deep here

Tie-Up's:

#5 Glass Ceiling: her last two races she has sat V nice trips. Needs to improve on the sheets a lot to win here, unless some of the main contenders don't fire.

#6 Pleasant Orb: LTO this filly was a big price vs V talented Tonalist Shape and I gave her a chance because she was going TWO turns, and she has BIG route pedigree. Cuts back to a one turn mile today, I don't love.

R9: 6f – inner Turf – G1 Jaipur Stakes

PACE:

- #3 - Stalker, In Range, Loses Top Jock Prat
- #4 - **SPEED**, Irad Up Today and will be SENT
- #5 - **PRESSER**, Saez could get AGGRESSIVE here!
- #6 - **PRESSER**, 4F Bullet Drill! Wheelsback QUICK

On Top:

#3 Texas Wedge: TWO back got a PERFECT ride from Prat and the big fav, Sheeky Shabaz got a horrific trip or likely wins. LTO drew wide and got hung 4W the entire time. The best T sprinter trainer in the US is “too good” Peter Miller, so have to respect this horse in this spot today. And another paired top means he wins today.

Under:

#4 Pure Sensation: I have been saying this in emails for two years now but will say it again for the new GiddyUpers...this horse prefers GIVE/CUT in the ground, as his feet are kinda “glued together.” He can run well on FIRM BUT PREFERS softer ground. LTO in the BC the ground was V hard and he got checked at the start and checked again trying to make the lead early. This is the speed of speed in this race and that always dangerous.

#2 Oleksandra (Aus): 5yo MARE vs boys today GETS A 7LB weight break!!. She is TWO for TWO at BELMONT. LTO she got out SLOW but saved all the ground, tipped out TOS and ran down some tired horses but that run came back quick on figures. (though I don’t trust the 5.5f T sprint figures at SA, as they have been mistimed for over a year now) She can win here but needs to improve off that run LTO that was ok at best

#5 Stubbins: LTO...there is NO comment in the PPs but this horse BROKE SLOW and got shuffled back at the start..then DTS he was coming on down on the inside and was IN TIGHT AGAIN! Two back in the BC he sat a pretty good trip and was never winning BUT closed nicely splitting horses down on the inside (which was the place to be that day)

#6 Hidden Scroll: The word is that this horse has been training GREAT on the turf, so Mott is taking a shot in here in a G1. This horse has always been a bit of a headcase, and LTO was no different... as he started slow and flipped the rider. This is a V strong field and I just cant take too short a price on this horse today.

#1 Kanthaka: FT Motion off a 392 day layoff for a gelding...horse has run well off a layoff’s before, and T sprinters off layoffs never bother me. Jose takes LIVE calls for Motion...who has been firing big the past month. Tough post and needs to run big here to win, but offers some value. *Motion horses have been firing the lat month. Tier-One jock for him is Jose Ortiz and though this isnt a normal Belmont Day and this is NOT the Manhattan Staks (that normally is the race before the Belmont Stakes) Motion has WON with BIG prices in Manhattan/Race right before Belmont...TWO of last THREE YEARS...if you were following along with me 3 years ago you know we CRUSHED with ASCEND!!!

#7 White Flag: LTO at Kentucky Downs, horses on the front end did well all day so you needed to be close to the pace and this horse was NOT. Two back Off a layoff he paired his 1.75 top so off the layoff again today she could be V live.

#8 Lonhtwist: This horse is V unlikely to win here BUT as I said two weeks ago when he ran vs a stakes field at 80-1 his figures aren't that much slower than everyone in this field. Sometimes when horses who are gunning to win, aren't in a position to win a horse like this is trying hard late and the jockey is v satisfied to get 3rd, making this horse big value under in verticals.

R10: The Belmont Stakes – 9 FURLONGS ONE TURN THIS YEAR!!!!!!

PACE:

- #1 - **TACTICAL**, JV w Inside Draw has to GO!
- #4 - Stalker, should sit Good Trip, Big worktab!
- #6 - **SPEED**, O'Neill grabs Jose, KEEN off Dubai L/O?
- #8 - Stalker, Should sit perfect outside stalk/kick trip
- #9 - Stalker, Midpack in this spot in range
- #10 - **PRESSER**, Expect Santana AGGRESSIVE 3rd off L/O!

On Top - SINGLE

#8 Tiz the Law: This horse has been the top horse in this class for some time now (minus Baffert's Charlton and Nadal, he has kind of been head and shoulders better than every 3yo in this Triple Crown Class) Barclay Tagg was patient and didn't run in the Breeders Cup, and waited for Triple Crown season. LTO he wasn't working great leading into the FL Derby, sat a nice trip and cleared that so-so field, but did so impressively. There is going to be enough pace for him today, and should sit in perfect range to sit off and clear this field. He has been working MUCH BETTER than he was before the FL Derby and that could mean he is a bigger and more developed 3yo....and if he is more developed and improves off his paired -0 top he is clearly the horse to beat by multiple lengths on the sheets. He also has run BIG on the Belmont strip.

Under:

#4 Modernist: This horse caught my eye at AQU this winter on December 7th / 2X out when he closed NICE into a STRONG field a day SPEED WAS V STORNG on the AQU Dirt. Two back in the Risen Star he was V hard held around T1, rated NICE down the b/s and extended nicely late BUT speed did do V well that day at FG. LTO he drew VERY WIDE and went into T1 WIDE in a "boat race" as the top two were ONE/TWO the entire way around. He ran a big new TOP LTO and it's questionable if he can repeat that but he has the PROPER spacing to recover. This horse is going to bet LOST ON THE TOTE BOARD. He is a big time use for me under in VERTICALS and I'll likely play a ticket where he is on a pk4 or 5

#9 Dr Post: I really liked this horse run LTO....he was in tight the entire T2, Attachment Rate wasn't letting him through BUT he rebroke and cleared V nicely. He just paired his top and could move forward again today. He is VERY live coming into the Belmont Stakes!

#2 Sole Volante: This horse ran V strong at Tampa this winter. Three back Biancone said this horse is great on the turf but took a shot in SamF Davis...and he didn't disappoint, tough he ran but tiring Independence Hall. Two back he was too far back, and was never getting to w2w winner King Guillermo, who put up a V big figure. LTO was 10 days ago at GP where "the other" Bianconne horse, Ete Indian kinda was a rabbit setting a quick pace and let this horse close into. This horse flashed V nice talent at Tampa and came back and paired his top LTO. He comes in fast on figures and is one of the main contenders today.

#1 Tap it to Win: This horse has serious talent. He rode the rail and day the rail wasn't great on Travers Day to break his maiden. Two back he sat a nice-trip vs FL bred but ran down a nice FL bred, who came back to win. LTO he got loose on the lead and cleared BUT looked GREAT doing it. The #6 Fore Left became a LATE entry into this race (as O'Neill and Reddam will take SHOTS in big races) and that HURTS him BIG....as if it wasn't for that horse he might have gotten LOOSE on the LEAD again like LTO. Third start in six weeks while having to take pressure on the front end today while drawn inside

makes it very tough for him to win today. He just paired tops 2x in a row and comes back kinda quick. I liked he much more before the other speed drew in. Now he might be a big underlay today.

#3 Max Player: This is the big wildcard in this race. Linda Rice has said that with nowhere to run this horse recently they are "taking a shot in here" as this horse has been training strong leading into today. He has room to move forward on the sheets and a move forward on figures can win this race. My hesitation is that he doesn't have a ton of seasoning, after not running in any preps since the Withers, vs a field that has a lot more seasoning. LTO he closed nice but did sit a V nice trip. He comes in with one of the HEALTHIEST patters on the sheets, gets a big rider change today to Rosario, and has been working BIG....though Linda Rice has said many times that she wished that he had more seasoning before facing this strong field, as with the virus-break he hasn't had a chance to run in any Triple Crown preps since the Gotham. Linda Rice horses have been a bit chilly off the break and many of them have looked like they have needed a start and that might also be the case with this one today...who will need to run an A+ performance to win here.

Tie-Up's:

#10 Pneumatic: If you were following along with me two back, you know this horse was a stone-cold lock single on Oaklawn Park Mile Day and he ran BIG. LTO he got shuffled back a bit into T1, got comfortable down the b/s, saved all ground T2 and ran hard late but was never getting by V talented Maxfield. I really like the post that he drew, as he can rate off the field and let the race come to him.....along this V long backstretch wile going one turn for this years Belmont Stakes. He is within rage

#5 Farmington Road: BLINKERS HELPED this 3yo A LOT two back. THREE back he did V nice running dts (was never catching the w2w winner who had big talent before retiring) BUT gets 3rd if he has blinkers as he lugged out late. TWO back he closed into a FAST pace and still lugged out a bit but ran MUCH better with blinkers, just missing.

#6 Fore Left: This is a HUGE late addition to this race! With this horse entering, there is MUCH more EARLY speed int his race. Reddam Racing LLC and Doug Oneill take "SHOTS" in big races all the time. I don't know if he is good enough here but he is a PACE PLAYER, and will be forwardly placed early.

#7 Jungle Runner: This horse has to improve a lot for Asmussen to win here

R11: 9F Inner Turf - 4YO+ ALW OC 80k

PACE:

#2 - Stalker/Press, Rail, Quick Works off L/O,SEND
#3 – SCR>>>>> **SPEED**, Saez/Todd, Trying to steal it on the lead
#4 - **PRESSER**, FT Junior today rates right off the top
#5 - Stalker, Loses Junior > Gets Jose, In range
#1 - FT NA, Gets Santana on debut! Surprise Pace?
#11 – SCR>>>>Stalker, In Range but FT Turf, Hung Wide Draw?

On Top:

#9 Digital Age (Ire): Two back this horse sat a BRUTAL trip, was hard geld and taken back THREE TIMES into T! then TOS has NOWHERE to go. LTO again got shuffled back early, behind a WALL of horses TOS having to swing out 8W and came home nice. He needs pace to run into...so if the #4 presses the #3 he has a big shot in here. ***With the SCR of Largent, this horse is now head and shoulders better than the rest of the field. He will be a short price vs a solid field but nobody scares me that much to NOT put this horse on top at shorter odds.

Under:

#2 Breaking the Rules: At first, I overlooked this horse a bit since Shug off of a layoff isnt great BUT this horse WON FTO, which is the ultimate off the layoff win. This horse has some front foot and draws the rail so should sit a V nice trip into the V quick first turn while going this 9f Inner T distance at Belmont.....with the SCR of Largent the front end pace could be VERY modest and this horse will be forwardly placed and in a perfect spot.

#7 Monarchs Glen: Lezcano/Garganhe had TONS of TROUBLE LTO. His figures fit here at a NICE PRICE and is a MUST USE for me

#4 Red Right Hand: He got loose two back and put up a V nice figure. There is talent here and he should be forwardly placed, but don't see him dueling with #3 Largent. Lots of times in these longer turf races at Belmont the front end stays up, which makes him a use for me in verticals. ****With the SCr of Largent this horse could get COMFORTABLE upfront. He has some talent but has beat some soft fields while going w2w...this is a MUCH better field that will likely run him down, BUT he becomes a use for me with the chances on him getting loose on the lead.

Tie-Up's:

#1A Surprise Twist: This horse has been training strong. He is tactical and his figures fit in here if he can run well off the layoff.

#10 Have At It: has been training strong leading into this race. He doesn't love give in the ground so LTO, two back you can take with a grain of salt. Lots need to break right for him in here but he is going to be a NICE price and a use if spreading. ****He has some front foot and from this wide draw I bet Manny sends so should be forwardly placed and that is the right spot to be in vs this field

#6 Pillar Mountain (Ire): Two back he sat behind a V slow pace at Kentucky Downs. LTO he was again too far back but did nice running late. If the speed does get hot in here his chances improve.

#5- Bond 5yo has some front foot, and again if someone beats the Chad Brown it will likely be to trip out up top, so a use if spreading deep.

R12: 6F Turf - 3YO+ ALW N1X NY BRED

PACE:

- #1 - Stalker/Press, Tough Draw, Irad should hustle here
- #2 - **SPEED**, Inside Draw>> Front Foot! PROMINENT!
- #5 - *TACTICAL*, JV/Casse FT Turf, Quick Works!
- #6 - Stalker, In Range 2x off L/O from Open Company!
- #9 - Stalker/Press?, likely further back today on C/B
- #10 - Stalker, Back on Turf today within range
- #12 - Stalker, 7LB Bug Up, Back in Turf, Bug Sends?
- #13 AE- presser, Ward

On Top:

#2 Crack Shot: This is the speed of the speed, gets Saez up today (but why isn't Jose up for JE who is a clear cut tier-one rider, Jose is on #4!) Sinside speed is always dangerous in these T sprints and this horses figures are strong, so if he can get loose he wins making him a must use

Under:

#4 Simply: Asmussen never starts his "tier-one" string of horses at Sam Houston, but did with this 3yo....I can overlook it though as with all the things that have been going on there weren't a ton of places to run in early March. I also don't love them gelding the horse after a nice win like that. Jose Ortiz gets off of #2 for his horse today, and that has to be respected.

#6 Kierkegaard: Runs vs fellow NY Breds for FT in career & w some decent Front Foot to be in range has to be considered on the class drop alone. I like Vargas and have had my eye on him despite his 1 for 37 mark thus far, he does have 9 slices for Vertical consideration, LTO looked like a prep off the layoff. ***Race last was a def prep and if he won that he would be eligible for THIS CONDITON TODAY

#13 AE- Wesley Ward – avg pedigree. Castellano takes the call and he takes LIVE calls for Ward. If this horse

