

TRACK PHANTOM 2019 BELMONT DAY GUIDE



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RACE 2	.50 P4	\$150
2 nd	1,2,4,9	
3 rd	1,3,4,5,6	
4 th	1,3,4,5,6	
5 th	1,2,4	

RACE 8	.50 P4	\$300
8 th	1,4,5,7,8,9	
9 th	1,2,3,4,7	
10 th	1,4,8,10	
11 th	3,6,8,9,10	

RACE 10	.50 P4	\$270
10 th	1,4,8,10	
11 th	6,9,10	
12 th	ALL	
13 th	1,2,3,6,7	

BEST BET
#9 WAR OF WILL (11 th)
LIVE LONGSHOT
#8 HOG CREEK HUSTLE (8 th)
MOST LIKELY
#8 BRICKS & MORTAR (10 th)

1ST BELMONT PARK 86
 ALLOWANCE \$92,000
 1M 1/16 DIRT (11:35 ET)

6 POTOMAC 7-5
 2 SHADOW RIDER 8-1
 1 MO GOTCHA 5-1
 3 SEA FOAM 7-2

1st: 6 POTOMAC
 Razor sharp form. Was taken in last for 50k where he crushed his competition. Notice 2nd was 11 clear of third. 2nd two back won an allow by 7 (100 Beyer) next.
 VALUE: 2 SHADOW RIDER
 Appears the pace will be quick with few in here stretching out. This is probably going to be the deepest closer. Winner of last won op clim 62k by 5 next (97 fig).
 A) 6 B) 1,2 C) 3

3RD BELMONT PARK 59
 EASY GOER \$150,000
 1M 1/16 DIRT (12:47 ET)

4 OUTSHINE 9-5
 6 ALWAYSMINING 6-5
 3 GRUMPS LITTLE TOTS 12-1
 5 MAJID 6-1

1st: 4 OUTSHINE
 Can obviously look past the Wood in last start as something went wrong and has not been seen since. Ran just a length from Tacitus in the Tampa Bay Derby 2 back and that one will go off favored in the Belmont today. Another that will get a nice trip waiting for the speed to slow. Pletcher sharp training up to a big race.
 2nd: 6 ALWAYSMINING
 Was a steam horse in the Preakness at 6-1 odds after rattling off 6-in-a-row. He was never in the race at Pimlico and he beat just two home. Doesn't look like he will get any breathers on the front here. Did show some rating ability 2 back in a win at 1-9 odds. Big rider move to one of the best in the country. Likely underlay.

4TH BELMONT PARK 85
 JUST A GAME-G1 \$700,000
 1M TURF (1:22 ET)

4 RUSHING FALL 4-5
 1 DADDY IS A LEGEND 6-1
 5 CARLA TEMPTRESS 20-1
 6 ENVIRONS 8-1

1st: 4 RUSHING FALL
 Trainer Chad Brown won this race in '18 and '17. This filly is 7 for 8 in her career and he only loss came at 1M 1/16 when 2nd a neck to a classy Toinette. Doesn't appear to be anyone that can naturally run with her early. Class and controlling speed, a dangerous mix. 2nd in last ran 2nd to Vasilika in the G1 Gamely on 5/27.
 2nd: 1 DADDY IS A LEGEND
 She has run her race in all of her starts. Will have a tough task to catch the fav in here yet again unless someone goes up to keep her honest. Almost beat her the one time Rushing Fall had pressure up front (7 back in the Edgewood). Turf last out at CD was soft and that isn't ground she wants. Gets to save ground in here.

5TH BELMONT PARK 69
 OGDEN PHIPPS-G1 \$700,000
 1M 1/16 DIRT (2:01 ET)

1 COME DANCING 6-5
 4 ESCAPE CLAUSE 9-2
 2 MIDNIGHT BISOU 1-1
 3 PACIFIC WIND 12-1

1st: 1 COME DANCING
 Has turned into quite a win machine of late. Last two wins were off the charts. Took everything Marley's Freedom had to beat her in the Go For Wand and that mare is a G1 winning millionaire. 6th out of the race 2 back returned to win in a 200k Ny-bred stakes with a 95 Beyer. 2nd from there was 2nd by neck in a G3 next.
 2nd: 4 ESCAPE CLAUSE
 She was closer to the pace than normal in the G1 Apple Blossom last out. Had a slight lead until very late only to lose in a tough photo noseout. 20x winner was beating inferior competition but lately has proved she belongs at this level. It is likely Baze will have her close without a lot of speed in here. Could get the trip.

2ND BELMONT PARK 70
 MSW \$90,000
 1M 1/4 TURF (12:11 ET)

2 BETTER TAPIT 6-1
 4 NO MANS LAND 2-1
 1 OVERBOLD 5-2
 9 UNCLE ARTIE 9-2

1st: 2 BETTER TAPIT
 Not easy to win going long on the turf in the debut. Asmussen 18% on this move. Dam is half to 4 Group 1 types including Yesterday, 3rd in the O3 Filly & Mare Turf.
 VALUE: 1 OVERBOLD
 Turf wasn't favorable to speed last time out on that yielding turf but he hung in there for 3rd. Steadied two back coming into the turn. Was 500k purchase in '17.
 A) 1,2,4 B) 9 C) 3,5,6

3rd: 3 GRUMPS LITTLE TOTS
 It's virtually impossible to toss anything trained by Jason Servis. This one didn't fire in the Wood Memorial last out as a long price but looked good in the starts prior. Got away slowly in the Wood last out and was not able to get involved. He has Ortiz up and Irad is nearly 40% with Servis. Will have to improve to compete.
 VALUE: 3 GRUMPS LITTLE TOTS
 A) 4 B) 3,6 C) 1,5

3rd: 5 CARLA TEMPTRESS
 Could be a bit of a stretch here but Mott filly has some excuses. Went to the lead in last, not a place she has ever been in her prior starts. Might have bled 3 back as Lasix returned afterwards. Ran 2nd to Rushing Fall in the Lake Placid 5 back at Saratoga. Grade 1 winner at WO in 2017. Mott/Rosario are top level connections.
 VALUE: 1 DADDY IS A LEGEND
 A) 1,4 B) 3,5,6 C) 2

3rd: 2 MIDNIGHT BISOU
 Asmussen filly is undefeated in '19 and proved a game winner in all 3 wins this year. Might not get the pace scenario in this spot that flatters her running style. It's likely the top two go fairly slow early and force this filly to close into it. She's 7 for 7 at the distance and gets Smith in the irons again. Obviously, one to beat.
 VALUE: 4 ESCAPE CLAUSE
 A) 1,2,4 B) C) 3,5



6TH BELMONT PARK JAIPUR-G1 \$400,000 6F TURF (2:41 ET)	78
8 WORLD OF TROUBLE	1-1
7 BELVOIR BAY	5-1
2 OM	8-1
6 DISCO PARTNER	3-1
1st: 8 WORLD OF TROUBLE Very typical of a Jason Servis runner. He has improved greatly under his care, is now a front end speedball freak and he just keeps winning. He has shown he is able to rate a bit with the G1 Carter win two back. Has fired off six straight 100+ Beyers. Not sure who in this race is able to keep him honest early. Will be tough.	
2nd: 7 BELVOIR BAY Mare taking on the boys here, but she's already beaten males a few times. Was 2 nd in Dubai two back in front of Stormy Liberal among others. She might be the only one with the kind of speed to stick with the top choice early but her style is to rate just off of it a bit. Prat has been up 4 races and has a win and 3 seconds.	
3rd: 2 OM Is one of the five millionaires that are in this field. But the 7YO may have done his best racing already. His last win was 16 months ago in the G3 Thunder Road at Santa Anita and before his prior win was in December 2015. Moved to Miller before last and now cuts back. Could be in a perfect stalking spot to get a piece.	
VALUE: 7 BELVOIR BAY A) 7,8 B) 2,3,6 C) 4,5	

7TH BELMONT PARK ACORN-G1 \$700,000 1M DIRT (3:22 ET)	55
9 CE CE	9-2
7 GUARANA	2-1
8 QUEEN OF BEAS	12-1
1 SERENGETI EMPRESS	5-2
1st: 9 CE CE She was bet down to 1-2 odds in the opt clm 40k at Santa Anita last out but was run down by razor sharp filly for trainer Richard Baltas. This is a half sib to the 2009 Arkansas Derby winner, Papa Clem (also 4 th in the Ky Derby) for this owner. McCarthy took sprinter City of Light out to a route to win the G2 Oaklawn in '18.	
2nd: 7 GUARANA Who knows how good this filly is. Took a lot of money in the debut and ran to the action but beat nothing in the race. An interesting fact about Chad Brown. He's had 10 2nd time starters in Grade 1 race and hit the board with 9 of them. This is the female line that produced 2005 BC Distaff winner Pleasant Home. Respect.	
3rd: 8 QUEEN OF BEAS Ran pretty well in the G2 last out but not sure she liked the sloppy track at CD on that day. Won her previous two starts at GP like a filly with talent and now gets a real test here. Ortiz off to the Brown filly to her inside (not unexpected). Franco has a 20% win rate for Abreu. Was sold for over 4x sire fee. Toss her in exotics.	
VALUE: 8 QUEEN OF BEAS A) 7,9 B) 1,6,8 C) 2,3,4,5	

8TH BELMONT PARK WOODY STEPHENS-G1 \$400,000 7F DIRT (4:04 ET)	59
8 HOG CREEK HUSTLE	20-1
1 HONEST MISCHIEF	6-1
9 MIND CONTROL	5-2
7 STRIKE SILVER	20-1
1st: 8 HOG CREEK HUSTLE Never been favored and only off at less than 5-1 once. But he has outperformed the expectations in most starts. He had wide posts in the last two starts. 2nd in the Pat Day at 17-1. The La Dby is turning out strong. Country House was 4 th (won Ky Derby). Mr Money 5 th (won Pat Day). He'll catch weakening foes in the lane.	
2nd: 1 HONEST MISCHIEF 2 nd dam is the great Toussaud who bred Chester House (1.9M), Dearchy (703k), Empire Maker (1.9M) and the dam of this one Honest Lady who was a G1 winning sprinter. Her last race was 2 nd to Kona Gold in the 2000 BC Sprint. 97 Beyer for the maiden win fits nicely in this group. Bred to be a serious sprinter for Brown.	
3rd: 9 MIND CONTROL Only once out of the exacta and it came in the BC Juvenile when he split the field of 13. Beat only 19 runners in his 4 wins as he's been facing small fields. He has good speed but showed in the Gotham 2 back that he can come from behind the pace if he needs to. Comes in with very sharp works from Monmouth. Big shot.	
VALUE: 1 HONEST MISCHIEF A) 1,8,9 B) 4,5,6,7 C) 2,3,10,11	

9TH BELMONT PARK MET MILE-G1 \$1,200,000 1M DIRT (4:46 ET)	67
4 THUNDER SNOW	5-1
3 MITOLE	3-1
2 MCKINZIE	5-2
7 FIRENZE FIRE	4-1
1st: 4 THUNDER SNOW For those who were on Thunder Snow in the '17 Derby, only to see him buck and refuse to run, seeing him with 16M won and a 5X G1 winner is tough to swallow. In last 15 months, he's won Dubai World Cup twice and run a gallant third in the BC Classic. Pace of this race will set him up nicely. Regular rider ships in to ride.	
2nd: 3 MITOLE Asmussen runner has won 6-in-a-row in tough spots. Thought the pace would be too much for him to handle at CD in the G1 last out. He pressed the pace, taking control in the lane to win impressively. He'll have to deal with pace pressure in here and adds another furlong. He's too sharp to bet against. Sharp drill on 5/28.	
3rd: 2 MCKINZIE Baffert colt has been in the exacta in 9 of 10 career starts with the only off the board run in the BC Classic last Nov as a 4-1 second choice. Strong win at CD last out but not sure he was facing what he will see today. Virtually nothing behind him in the 2 races prior. Could benefit from all the speed here. Will be overbet.	
VALUE: 7 FIRENZE FIRE A) 2,3,4,7 B) 1 C) 6,8,9	



10TH BELMONT PARK 86
 MANHATTAN-G1 \$1,000,000
 1M 1/4 TURF (5:36 ET)

- 8 BRICKS AND MORTAR 7-5
- 4 QURBAAN 8-1
- 1 RAGING BULL 10-1
- 10 CHANNEL MAKER 9-2

1st: 8 BRICKS AND MORTAR
 Two losses in ten career starts and both were in blanket photos. Ortiz has been a great fit here and he is undefeated on him. Awesome in the Pegasus as he was much the best as the 5-2 second choice. Brown admitted he wasn't 100% keyed up for the Muniz two back as it acted as a prep for the Turf Classic last time out.

3rd: 4 QURBAAN
 Gave the top choice a race in the lane in the Turf Classic but couldn't quite stay with him late. That was the first time he had the blinkers on. Smith rode him to two in the money efforts at long odds in Grade 1 company and is back here. Gets a bit more distance today and he liked a longer distance while in France in '17.

3rd: 1 RAGING BULL
 Another Chad Brown on the grass who is a serious player here at what will be big odds relative to his chances. Consider he has only been on firm turf footing 3 times (2 wins and a runner-up in a 100k stakes). Picks up Castellano for this as Rosario stays with the Bill Mott trained Channel Maker. Excellent work on 5/26.

VALUE: 1 RAGING BULL
 A) 8 B) 1,4,10 C) 3,5,7

11TH BELMONT PARK 91
 BELMONT STAKES-G1 \$1,500,000
 1M 1/2 DIRT (6:37 ET)

- 9 WAR OF WILL 2-1
- 6 SPINOFF 15-1
- 10 TACITUS 9-5
- 3 MASTER FENCER 8-1

1st: 9 WAR OF WILL
 One of the best of this 3YO crop over the winter. Won back to back graded stakes in La despite very wide trips, and he did it so easily. Had a back issue in the La Derby. Checked and clipped heels in the Derby. Looks much like the '88 winner Risen Star. '82 Kentucky Oaks winner, Blush With Pride is in the female family.

2nd: 6 SPINOFF
 Trainer Todd Pletcher has won this race 3 times. Twice he did so with a Ky Derby off-the-board finisher that trained up to the Belmont. Idled when he got the lead in the La Derby and really hated the wet surface at CD. Galloped out in 1:37 for a mile in the 5/25 work (similar Pletcher drills for his past Belmont live runners).

3rd: 10 TACITUS
 Can understand why he's the favorite in this race. He did nothing wrong prior to the Derby as he easily took the G2 Wood and G2 Tampa Bay Derby. Moved up to a show finish in the Kentucky Derby after the DQ. Dam was a superstar who could run all day (won 5 Grade 1's for Mott). He has reportedly worked strongly for this.

VALUE: 6 SPINOFF
 A) 9 B) 3,6,8,10 C) 2,4,5,7

12TH BELMONT PARK 47
 OPT CLM \$95,000
 1M 1/8 TURF (7:28 ET)

- 1 PRIORITIZE 7-2
- 3 ABIDING STAR 9-2
- 5 NEAR GOLD 8-1
- 8 HARLAN'S HARMONY 5-1

1st: 1 PRIORITIZE
 Was sent off as the 5-2 second choice in his last start which came at AQU back in April. He finished last of five although he was less than two back. Was a 20-1 third in G2 in start prior and a repeat of that could win this. 5th in there (Raging Bull) won the G1 Hollywood Derby next. Just his second start since Oct. Saez up.

2nd: 3 ABIDING STAR
 Looks like he'll be the controlling speed in this race. Ortiz was up for the 1st time in last start and he went wire to wire on this turf. The last two times he was able to go 48 and change for the half, he won both times. Might get that again in here. Clearly likes this turf course as he has 4 wins in 9 starts over it. Dangerous pace.

3rd: 5 NEAR GOLD
 First start in the US for this shipper out of France. He has been facing allw foes there on synthetic and beat 32 runners in the last three starts. Only time not in the exacta was in the Group 3 at 1M 1/2 4 back on soft turf. Both Euro shippers for this trainer ran 4th in G3 at big odds (both from France, one for this owner).

VALUE: 5 NEAR GOLD
 A) 1,3,5 B) 4,8,10 C) 2,7,9

13TH BELMONT PARK 61
 BROOKLYN-G2 \$400,000
 1M 1/2 DIRT (8:00 ET)

- 3 SONNETEER 10-1
- 2 CAMPAIGN 7-2
- 1 MARCONI 9-2
- 6 ROCKETRY 7-2

1st: 3 SONNETEER
 Confidence building win last time out at CD in the 115k stakes. This Desormeaux runner has fired at odds in the past. He won a stakes at OP at 30-1 last year and was a close 4th in a key Razorback three back at 13-1. Winner won Godolphin Mile next. 3rd won the Essex. 4 others behind him won their next starts (3 in stakes).

2nd: 2 CAMPAIGN
 Handled by some of the top trainers in the country (Brown, Asmussen and now Sadler). Along the way, he's won 4 of his past 6 starts and that includes a romp last out in the G3 Tokyo City. Runner-up two back might go off favored in the G1 Met Mile today. Would be dangerous if a heated pace develops. Will be flying on.

3rd: 1 MARCONI
 Pletcher runner was on the Triple Crown trail last year before a weak run in the Blue Grass. Pletcher figured him out in that he wants as much distance he can get. Steps up in class after back to back ungraded stakes wins. Beat a couple of the foes in here in last two stakes wins. Gets a nice trip saving ground from rail.

VALUE: 1 MARCONI
 A) 2,3 B) 1,6,7 C) 4,5,8