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Belmont Park 1 1/2 Miles (2:24) Belmont-G1 141st Running of THE BELMONT. Grade I. Purse \$1,000,000 For Three Year Olds. By subscription of \$600 each, to accompany the nomination, if made on or before January 24, 2009, or \$6,000, if made on or before March 28, 2009. At any time prior to the closing time of entries, horses may be nominated to The Belmont Stakes upon payment of a supplementary fee of \$100,000 to the New York Racing Association, Inc. \$10,000 to pass the entry box and \$10,000 additional to start. All entrants, supplemental or otherwise, will be required to pay entry and starting fees. They purse to be divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth and 3% to fifth. Colts and Geldings, 126 lbs.; Fillies, 121 lbs.



A CLOSER LOOK 11th Belmont

Post time: 6:27 ET Wagers: Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3, Double Leg B - Brooklyn/belmont Double Beyer par: 108

Chocolate Candy
Own: The Craig Family Trust
16-1 White, Two Horses, Blue Bowtie, Blue
GOMEZ G K (27 5 6 4 .19) 2009: (.467 108 .23)

B. c. 3 (Feb)
Sire: Candy Ride 'Arg (Ride the Rails) \$12,500
Dam: Crownette (Seattle Slew)
Br: Sid Craig & Jenny Craig (Ky)
Tr: Hollendorfer Jerry (1 0 0 1 .00) 2009 : (.520 113 .22)

Table with columns: Life, D.Fst, Wet, Synth, Turf, Dst. Rows for various horses and their performance statistics.

Chocolate Candy
Avg. winning Beyer since 1991 is 106.5, though Da' Tara earned the only non-triple digit fig in that time frame while winning last year's race (99); colt has yet to crack the century mark Beyerwise and a high fig of 95 still leaves him with a bit of work to do; however, for all the hubbub over the synthetic horses and how they'd handle CD's dirt in the Derby he kept on decently to be 5th (while other synthetic trackers Mine That Bird, Pioneer of the Nile and Papa Clem ran 1st, 2nd and 4th); must make up quite a bit of ground on Mine That Bird but this guy didn't have a tough Preakness run in the interim either and from all reports has worked smartly here.

Dunkirk
Own: Magnier Mrs J&Tabor M&Smith D
4-1 Dark Blue, Dark Blue Cap
VELAZQUEZ JR (71 15 8 8 21) 2009: (.447 87 .19)

Gr./ro. c. 3 (Jan) KEESOP7 \$3,700,000
Sire: Unbridled's Song (Unbridled) \$125,000
Dam: Secret Status (A.P. Indy)
Br: W S Farish James Elkins & W T Webber Jr (Ky)
Tr: Pletcher Todd A (24 4 3 1 .17) 2009 : (.427 91 .21)

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Dunkirk
\$3.7 million buy went into the Derby as sort of a love-him-or-hate-him horse; those who loved him loved the talent; those who hated him hated no races as a 2yo; well, the latter group won out as he was never a factor; trainer Pletcher said upon watching the replay that he didn't seem to handle it, which seems a bit odd since he was a dirt horse, not a horse moving from synthetic, and that most Unbridled's Songs love the wet going; no doubt talented but he's been asked to come a long way in a hurry; at least his 108 Beyer in the G1 Florida Derby shows he's fast enough.

Mr. Hot Stuff
Own: WinStar Farm
15-1 White, Green And Black Emblem, White Cap
PRADO E S (74 11 8 11 .15) 2009: (.418 57 .14)

Dk. b or br c. 3 (Feb) KEESOP7 \$200,000
Sire: Tiznow (Cee's Tizzy) \$75,000
Dam: Sweet Damsel (Turkoman)
Br: WinStar Farm LLC (Ky)
Tr: Harly Eoin (-) 2009 : (.75 12 .16)

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Mr. Hot Stuff
Full-brother to G1 dirt SW Colonel John (won last year's Travers) was never a factor in the Derby; had a tough trip to be sure, but even taking that into account he's yet to beat this caliber, boasting just the maiden win; love the works since at KEE, but that's also synthetic, not the surface on which we're playing today; at least should have no trouble getting the 12fs...it's more a matter of whether he can get them fast enough.

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4 Summer Bird

Ow: Kalarikkal K&Vilasin D Jayaraman
12-1 Royal Blue, Red Ball, White T, Red Cap
DESORMEAUX K J (40 9 8 7.22) 2009: (417 80 .19)



Ch. c. 3 (Apr)
Sire: Birdstone (Grindstone) \$10,000
Dam: Hong Kong Squall (Summer Squall)
Br: Dr K K Jayaraman & Dr V Devi Jayaraman (Ky)
Tr: Ice Tim A (-) 2009 : (74 14 .19)

Table with columns for race dates, times, and horse names like 2May09-11CD sly5 1/4, 11Apr09-11OP fst 1 1/4, 19Mar09-8OP fst 1 1/4, 13Mar09-10OP fst 1.

WORKS: May 30 Bel 5f st: 1:01.4 B 5/9 May 23 Bel 7f st: 1:26.2 B 7/7 May 15 LaD 5f st: 1:02 B 9/20 Apr 24 CD 6f st: 1:54 B 3/3 Apr 4 OP 5f st: 1:00.1 B 7/15 Mar 14 OP 5f gd: 1:02.2 B 5/35
TRAINER: 1stBel (4.00 \$0.00) BlinkOn (5.00 \$0.00) 31-60Days (18.11 \$3.12) Dirt (111.14 \$2.53) Routes (47.15 \$3.37) GrdSlk (6.00 \$0.00)

5 Luv Gov

Ow: Marylou Whitney Stables
20-1 Eton Blue, Brown Hoop, Blue Sleeves
MENAM (-) 2009: (502 73 .15)



B. c. 3 (Feb)
Sire: Ten Most Wanted (Deputy Commander) \$5,000
Dam: City of Silver (Nepal)
Br: Marylou Whitney Stables (Ky)
Tr: Lukas D Wayne (5 0 1 2 .40) 2009 : (178 23 .13)

Table with columns for race dates, times, and horse names like 16May09-12Pim fst 1 1/4, 24Apr09-3CD sly5 1 1/4, 4Apr09-5Kee fst 1 1/4, 19Mar09-8OP fst 1 1/4, 5Mar09-10P fst 1.

WORKS: May 27 CD 6f st: 1:12.2 B 2/5 May 10 CD 4f st: 1:48.1 B 8/3 Apr 27 CD 4f st: 1:48 B 5/27 Apr 21 CD 5f st: 1:02 B 11/19 Apr 15 CD 5f st: 1:01.3 B 5/18 Mar 28 CD 5f ny: 1:03 B 1/2
TRAINER: Dirt (492.12 \$1.23) Routes (315.11 \$1.01) GrdSlk (54.00 \$0.00)

6 Charitable Man

Ow: Mr & Mrs W K Warren Jr
3-1 Fuschia, Green Sash, Green Chevrns On
GARCIA ALAN (81 11 6 11.14) 2009: (414 59 .14)



Dk. br br c. 3 (Mar)
Sire: Lemon Drop Kid (Kingmambo) \$50,000
Dam: Charitabedonation (Saint Ballado)
Br: Edward P Evans (Va)
Tr: McLaughlin Kieran P (34 7 5 8 21) 2009 : (254 54 .21)

Table with columns for race dates, times, and horse names like 9May09-9Bel fst 1 1/4, 11Apr09-9Kee fst 1 1/4, 13Sep08-7Bel gd 7f, 10Aug08-2Ssr fst 6f.

WORKS: May 31 Bel 4f st: 1:49 B 39/92 May 23 Bel 4f st: 1:47 B 2/39 May 3 Bel tr: 4f st: 1:49 B 26/59 Apr 26 Bel 4f st: 1:48 B 7/45 Apr 5 Kee 5f st: 5:59 H 5/35 Mar 28 Pm 5f st: 5:59 H 1/42
TRAINER: WonLastStart (187.26 \$1.89) Dirt (535.24 \$1.53) Routes (387.23 \$1.76) GrdSlk (119.22 \$2.10)

7 Mine That Bird

Ow: Double Eagle Ranch & Buena Suerte Eq
2-1 Black, Silver Double Eagle Emblem
BOREL C H (-) 2009: (402 68 .17)



B. g. 3 (May)
Sire: Birdstone (Grindstone) \$10,000
Dam: Mining My Own (Smart Strike)
Br: Lamantia Blackburn & Needham/Betz Thoroughbreds (Ky)
Tr: Woolley Bennie L Jr (-) 2009 : (40 2 .05)

Table with columns for race dates, times, and horse names like 16May09-12Pim fst 1 1/4, 2May09-11CD sly5 1 1/4, 29Mar09-12Sun fst 1 1/4, 28Feb09-11Sun fst 1 1/4.

WORKS: Jun 1 CD 4f st: 1:50 B 32/57 May 25 CD 4f sly: 1:51 B 16/38 May 11 CD 4f st: 1:49 B 17/49 Apr 27 CD 5f st: 1:02 B 19/26 Apr 19 Sun 5f st: 1:01 B 1/2 Mar 24 Sun 5f st: 1:03 B 2/45
TRAINER: Dirt (114.11 \$1.83) Routes (23.10 \$4.01) GrdSlk (2.50 \$51.60)

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Summer Bird

Derby 6th wasn't bad at all; of course, he was no threat at all to Mine That Bird, who he faces today, and finished behind 'Candy as well; daddy won this race in 2004 to help Smarty Jones' Triple Crown bid so the pedigree is there to get the trip; still, he's a confirmed closer and, for the most part it's been those with tactical speed and the stamina to keep going who have gotten the job done in this.

Luv Gov

Finished midpack in the G1 Preakness - not bad all things considered, and not bad when you note it was his first start vs. winners; daddy nearly won this race in 2003 (ran 2nd to Empire Maker, beat Derby hero Funny Cide) and this guy is reunited with Mena who was up for that huge maiden win in the CD slop on the Derby undercard; still, he's got some work to do and it's asking a lot to go from maiden to Belmont winner in 5 weeks, though Trainer D. Wayne knows a thing or 2 about winning this race (won 4 Belmonts).

Charitable Man

Looks plenty scary; appeared on his way to a big 2yo season in 2008 but after his G2 Futurity win (here no less) he had to undergo surgery (saucer fracture left fore); only loss came in his first race back, when likely asked to bite off too much to try and make the Derby as he ran 7th in the G1 Blue Grass, it may have been a blessing he didn't succeed - after that McLaughlin regrouped, moved back to dirt and he provided a big G2 Peter Pan win; 3 for 3 on dirt, 2 for 2 here and daddy won this race back in 1999; add to that a potential tactical edge over Mine That Bird and the others and you have a lot to like.

Mine That Bird

Hard to believe just 5 weeks ago he was a virtual unknown, sent off at 50-1 in the Ky. Derby...and then came that monstrous performance; those who viewed it fluky were wrong, too, as he came right back to validate that win with a big 2nd in the G1 Preakness; OK, so he couldn't get to the tippy - hey, she's pretty darn special and had a tactical edge to boot; from all reports he seems to be thriving despite the grueling Triple Crown, enough so that rider Borel has done a Namath, Messier, etc. and guaranteed victory; OK, that may be a bit much, because he's at a tactical disadvantage compared to 'Man, but he had some speed as a 2yo, daddy won this race and dam sire produced Curlin who was a strong 2nd in the race.

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8 Flying Private
Own: Baker Robert C&Mack William L
12-1 White, Royal Blue Chevrons And Collar
LEPAROUX JR (2000.00) 2009: (596 123 21)

B. c. 3 (Mar) KEESEP7 \$700,000
Sire: Fusaichi Pegasus (Mr. Prospector) \$30,000
Dam: Beautiful Treasure (Unbridled)
Br: John Mulholland & Martha Jane Mulholland (Ky)
Tr: Lukas D Wayne (5 0 1 2 00) 2009 : (178 23 13)

Table with columns: Life, D.Fst, Wet, Synth, Turf, Dst, and race results for Flying Private.

Flying Private
D. Wayne has won 4 of these so he knows what it takes; of course, horse is still eligible for an NIX, like his other runner Luv Gov so he's got some work to do; was beaten a country mile in the Derby, but his Preakness wasn't bad at all; could be the light has gone on for this guy; even so, he needs to make up ground on Bird even off that Preakness run, and while that run was much better note Garcia, who was up last time, understandably sticks with Charitable Man.

9 Miner's Escape
Own: LaPenta Robert V
15-1 Maroon, Gold Epaulets, Maroon Cap
LEZCANO J (97 22 14 14.23) 2009: (573 104 18)

B. c. 3 (Feb)
Sire: Mineshaft (A.P. Indy) \$30,000
Dam: Spy Novel (Broad Brush)
Br: Paul Carroll (Ky)
Tr: Zito Nicholas P (20 4 2 6 20) 2009 : (192 34 18)

Table with columns: Life, D.Fst, Wet, Synth, Turf, Dst, and race results for Miner's Escape.

Miner's Escape
May well have turned the corner; blasted maidens at GP; was freshened and blasted foies in a stakes at PIM last month; dives into much deeper water today - heck, he hasn't even cracked the 90 mark Beyerwise; still, daddy was Horse of the Year and could run all day, and Trainer Nick knows a thing or 2 about upsetting the apple cart here having produced Da' Tara for his big upset win last year; but on paper this guy still needs a hefty step forward, doesn't he?

10 Brave Victory
Own: LaPenta Robert V
15-1 Maroon, Gold Epaulets, Maroon Cap
MARAGH R (157 28 18 24.18) 2009: (565 103 18)

B. c. 3 (Feb) FTSAUG07 \$200,000
Sire: Lion Heart (Tale of the Cat) \$20,000
Dam: I'm in Celebration (Copelan)
Br: Miller Thoroughbred Farm (Ky)
Tr: Zito Nicholas P (20 4 2 6 20) 2009 : (192 34 18)

Table with columns: Life, D.Fst, Wet, Synth, Turf, Dst, and race results for Brave Victory.

Brave Victory
No factor at all in the G2 Lexington on synthetic, but he moved back to dirt and ran on decently to be 3rd in the G2 Peter Pan here May 9; still, he was beaten 5+ lengths by Charitable Man and never a factor; and the horse who beat him for 2nd (Imperial Council) came back to run midpack in the G1 Met Mile; maiden win came here at least, but that and all his best work has come sprinting (both wins, both 2nds); today's game couldn't be any different.



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-Michael Hammersly