

BELMONT STAKES PAST PERFORMANCES

A CLOSER LOOK

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Belmont Park

1 1/2 MILES. (2:24) 129th Running of THE BELMONT. Purse \$500,000 added (plus up to \$36,000 NYSBFOA). Grade I. 3-year-olds. By subscription of \$600 each, which should accompany the nomination if made on or before January 18 or \$6,000 if made on or before March 29; \$5,000 to pass the entry box; \$5,000 to start with \$500,000 added. 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 \$50,000 to The New York Racing Association Inc. All supplementary fees will be included in the purse distribution. Horses nominated by payment of a supplementary fee (supplemental nominees) will not be allowed to enter if the maximum number of starters has otherwise been reached prior to the time of closing. If the number of supplemental nominees exceeds the number of available starting positions at closing, the conditions of each respective race shall be applied to determine which supplemental nominees will be allowed to start in such a race. All nominees, supplemental or otherwise, will be required to pay entry and starting fees. The added money and all fees to be divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth and 3% to fifth. Weights: Colts and geldings, 126 lbs. Fillies, 121 lbs. Starters to be named at the closing time of entries. The Belmont field will be limited to sixteen (16) starters. In the event that more than 16 entries pass through the entry box at the closing, the starters will be determined at the closing with 50% of the field (8 starters) given preference by accumulating the highest earnings in Graded Stakes (lifetime), including all money paid for performance in such Graded Stakes. The next five (5) starters (approximately 30%) will be determined by accumulating the highest earnings (lifetime) in all races except restricted stakes (i.e. any stake containing eligibility conditions other than sex and age). The remaining 3 starters (approximately 20%) shall be determined by accumulating the highest earnings (lifetime) in all races. Should this preference produce any ties, the additional starter(s) shall be determined by lot. If the rules described result in the exclusion of any horse, the \$5,000 entry fee will be refunded to the owner of said horse. The above conditions notwithstanding, any horse which earns purse money in either The Kentucky Derby or the Preakness Stakes shall be included in the initial eight starters in the Belmont Stakes. The winning owner will be presented with the August Belmont Memorial Cup, to be retained for one year, as well as a trophy for permanent possession and trophies will be presented to the winning trainer and jockey. Closed Saturday, March 29 with 375 nominations and 13 late nominations. Supplemental nominee: Mr. Energizer.



Coupled - Touch Gold and Wild Rush

1 Touch Gold

Own: Stonerside Stable Ltd & Stronach F
MCCARRON C J (-) 1997:(281 55 20)



B. c. 3 (May)
Sire: Deputy Minister (Vice Regent)
Dam: Passing Mood (Buckpasser)
Br: Hill 'N Dale Farm & Holsinger Inc (Ky)
Tr: Hofmans David(1 0 0 1 .00) 97:(115 28 24)

Lifetime Record : 7 3 2 1 \$243,027

Table with columns for years (1997, 1996), Turf, Wet, Dist, and record values.

Main performance table for Touch Gold with columns for date, race, time, and opponent.

WORKOUTS: May 30 Bel 7f fst 1:23 1/2 H 1/2 May 13 Pim 4f fst :48 H 2/8 May 7 Hol 7f fst 1:25 H 1/8 May 2 Hol 6f fst 1:15 1/4 H 16/17 Apr 15 Hol 5f fst 1:01 1/4 H 9/20 Apr 10 Hol 7f fst 1:27 3/4 H 1/3

2 Silver Charm

Own: Lewis Beverly J & Robert B
STEVENS G L (5 1 1 2 .20) 1997:(473 103 22)



Gr/ro c. 3 (Feb)
Sire: Silver Buck (Buckpasser)
Dam: Bonnie's Poker (Poker)
Br: Wootton Mary L (Fla)
Tr: Baffert Bob(1 0 0 0 .00) 97:(180 46 26)

Lifetime Record : 8 5 3 0 \$1,632,300

Table with columns for years (1997, 1996), Turf, Wet, Dist, and record values.

Main performance table for Silver Charm with columns for date, race, time, and opponent.

WORKOUTS: Jun 3 CD 5f fst 1:01 H 3/19 May 28 CD 6f fst 1:14 1/4 H 3/6 May 12 Pim 5f fst 1:01 3/4 B 1/4 Apr 29 CD 5f fst 1:00 3/4 B 1/35 Apr 24 CD 6f fst 1:13 H 1/8 Apr 19 CD 5f my 1:00 2/4 H 1/27

3 Crypto Star

Own: Yates Darrell & Evelyn
DAYP (4 1 0 1 .25) 1997:(577 127 22)



Dk. b or br c. 3 (Mar)
Sire: Cryptoclearance (Fappiano)
Dam: One I Love (Sir Ivor)
Br: Sexton Hargus S & Sandra & Teinowitz Philip (Ky)
Tr: Catalano Wayne M (-) 97:(87 9 .10)

Lifetime Record : 7 4 1 1 \$592,030

Table with columns for years (1997, 1996), Turf, Wet, Dist, and record values.

Main performance table for Crypto Star with columns for date, race, time, and opponent.

WORKOUTS: Jun 1 Bel 7f fst 1:27 H 1/1 May 24 AP 5f fst :59 2/4 H 1/37 May 18 AP 6f fst 1:14 B 2/7 Apr 28 CD 7f my 1:31 B 1/1 Apr 20 CD 4f gd :50 B 13/25 Apr 7 OP 7f fst 1:27 2/4 H 1/2

9th Belmont

Touch Gold (9-5)

Will attract plenty of support off his rough and tumble trip in the Preakness, in which he went to his nose at the break, then was steadied at the half-mile pole and again turning for home and still managing to finish a close 4th; well-chronicled quarter crack posed problem last week, but he came back to blaze 7/8 over the track in 1:23 4/5 last Friday morning, signalling he's feeling just fine; likes to come from off the pace and entymate Wild Rush's mission may be to keep the pressure on up front to help set the table; should make for plenty of excitement in the stretch run, but still have to place behind the Silver Charm and Free House.

Silver Charm (1-1)

Is he ready to take his place in history as the 12th winner of the Triple Crown, or will he join the ranks of Spectacular Bid, Pleasant Colony, Alysheba and Sunday Silence of finding the 3rd leg of the Triple Crown too demanding? Had a rock-solid workout at Churchill Tuesday morning despite a near-collision with another horse when he first came out on the track in front of 2,500 fans on hand and safe journey to NY and looks ready to go; Baffert seems to have handled the pressure well and has done all the right things along the way; freed of having to face gritty Captain Bodgit due to his untimely retirement but will have to contend with Free House for 6th successive time - Charm holds 3-2 (2 classics) advantage; close-to-the-pace running style suits race pattern to a T and his recent history of close finishes may make for another heart-pounding finish, but he has a heart as big as this track to get to the wire first.

Crypto Star (8-1)

Last week, when this colt arrived at Belmont, trainer Wayne Catalano told DRF "I really think we're ready to upset the apple cart" and said that a chronic mucus problem with the colt was under control; finished 5th in the Derby as the third choice and bypassed The Preakness - recent history plays against him winning with this angle - best recent Derby/Belmont starters who skipped the Preakness were Knockadoon (4th - '95), Strodes Creek (3rd - '94), Kissin Kris (2nd - '93), Thirty Six Red (2nd - '90), but has proven himself against this crop to be a likely exacta candidate; was beaten 6 1/2 lengths in his debut by Wild Rush, but has improved by leaps and bounds since; closer type will likely see 'em all down the backstretch, but can't be too far back to be effective here.

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1a Wild Rush

Own: Stronach Frank H
BAILEY JD (64 17 8 27) 1997:(503 123 24)

10May97-95pt fst 1 1/4 :46 1:11 1:35 1:47
13Apr97-75A fm 1 :22 :46 1:10 1:34
2Mar97-55A fst 1 :22 :46 1:10 1:36

Previously trained by Doyle Michael J
31Jan97-9FG fst 140 :23 :47 1:12 1:40
30Dec96-6FG sly 6f :22 :47 :59 1:12

Patently handled, drew out, easily

WORKOUTS: May31 Hol 6f fst 1:10 1/4 H 2/17 May25 Hol 5f fst :59 H 3/30 May20 Hol 3f fst :36 H 3/20 May6 Hol 4f fst :50 2 B 20/25 Apr30 Hol 6f fst 1:13 1/2 H 3/14 Apr25 Hol 3f fst :37 1 H 8/20



B. c. 3 (Apr)
Sire: Wild Again (Icecapade)
Dam: Rose Park (Plugged Nickle)
Br: Pitfield Ward C (Ky)
Tr: Mandella Richard (-) 97:(156 25 .16)

114 3 1 1 1/2 13 13 Desormeaux K J L 117 5.50 106-15
94 1 3 3 5 2 2 1/2 1 no Stevens G L LB 115 *1.00 88-12
82 7 5 5 3 3 2 5 4 7 10 Stevens G L B 115 3.00 80-14

Lifetime Record: 5 4 0 0 \$374,200
1997 4 3 0 0 \$362,800 Turf 1 1 0 0 \$48,280
1996 1 1 0 0 \$11,400 Wet 1 1 0 0 \$11,400
Bel 0 0 0 0 Dist 0 0 0 0

Wild Rush (9-5)

Illinois Derby winner earned competitive 114 Beyer number for his score at Sportsman's while on the front end, and Belmonts are often won with horses on or near the early lead; returned to Southern California after the Ill. Derby and worked swiftly, signaling he's holding his form well; recent Illinois Derby horses haven't found much success in this race - last year's winner, Natural Selection, finished 7th and the '93 winner, Antrim Rd., ran 9th; has the speed to be an early factor and should keep things somewhat honest on the front end; short price as part of the Frank Stronach-owned makes it hard to take here if you like this one to win, but looks like a good complement for Touch Gold backers.

4 Mr. Energizer

Own: Perez Robert
ORTEGA M (-) (-)

1May97 Remon(Pan) fst *1 1/4 LH 1:55 1/4 Clasico Dia del Trabajo-G3 14 1/2 Ortega M 114
13Apr97 Remon(Pan) fst *1 1/4 LH 1:49 3/4 Carrera por Invitacion Hcp 2300 11 1/2 Ortega M 115
16Mar97 Remon(Pan) fst *6 1/2 LH 1:22 1/4 Especial Importado Alw 2700 14 1/2 Ortega M 122
23Feb97 Remon(Pan) gd *6f LH 1:15 3/4 Especial Importado Alw 2500 19 Ortega M 120
16Feb97 Remon(Pan) gd *6f LH 1:15 3/4 Especial Importado Alw 2800 110 Ortega M 115
26Jan97 Remon(Pan) gd *7f LH 1:29 1/2 Especial Importado Maiden 3300 122 Ortega M 111
12Jan97 Remon(Pan) my *6f LH 1:14 1/4 Especial Importado Maiden 3400 36 1/2 Guevara P 115
24Nov96 Remon(Pan) fst *7f LH 1:31 1/4 2/4 Especial Importado Maiden 3700 68 1/2 Perez I Jr 116
4Nov96 Remon(Pan) fst *6f LH 1:15 Especial Importado Maiden 3000 26 Perez I Jr 115
20Oct96 Remon(Pan) fst *5 1/2 LH 1:09 Especial Importado Maiden 3000 45 Perez I Jr 115

WORKOUTS: Jun2 Bel 7f gd 1:29 B 1/1 May26 Bel 5f sly 1:01 3/4 B (4) 2/4



B. c. 3 (Apr)
Sire: High Energy (Diamond Prospect)
Dam: Big Band (Topsider)
Br: Beyreuther Mr & Mrs Dennis (Tex)
Tr: Callejas Alfredo(13 0 1 0 .00) 97:(117 15 .13)

114 3 1 1 1/2 13 13 Desormeaux K J L 117 5.50 106-15
94 1 3 3 5 2 2 1/2 1 no Stevens G L LB 115 *1.00 88-12
82 7 5 5 3 3 2 5 4 7 10 Stevens G L B 115 3.00 80-14

Lifetime Record: 10 6 1 1 \$17,825
1997 7 6 0 1 \$17,209 Turf 0 0 0 0
1996 3 M 1 1 \$616 Wet 1 0 0 1 \$273
Bel 0 0 0 0 Dist 0 0 0 0

Mr. Energizer (50-1)

Ooooo, don't those 6 wins in a row look pretty - but take his record with a grain of salt considering the level of racing in Panama is far, far below the level of racing in the U.S., much less at this level; hats off to owner Perez - he is a gamer and not afraid to take on the big boys, but looks to be hunting elephant with a BB gun.

5 Free House

Own: McCaffery Trudy & Toffan John
DESORMEAUX K J (-) 1997:(404 63 .16)

17May97-40Pim fst 1 1/4 :46 1:10 1:35 1:54 Preakness-G1 118 4 2 2 11 1 1 2 1/2 Desormeaux K J L 126 2.40 93-15
3May97-8CD fst 1 1/4 :47 1:12 1:37 2:02 Ky Derby-G1 110 13 1 2 1/2 1 2 1/2 3 3 1/2 Flores DR L 126 10.60 89-05
5Apr97-6SA fst 1 1/4 :45 1:09 1:34 1:47 SA Derby-G1 110 4 3 3 3 1/2 3 1/2 1 1/2 Desormeaux K J LB 120 7.30e 95-10
16Mar97-7SA fst 1 1/4 :22 :46 1:10 1:42 San Felipe-G2 103 8 2 2 1 2 1/2 1 1/2 Flores DR LB 119 10.70 91-12
8Feb97-6SA fst 7f :22 :44 1:08 1:21 San Vicente-G3 106 1 4 5 2 1/2 3 2 4 2 2 1/2 Delahoussaye E LB 120 13.70 97-13
18Jan97-8GG fst 1 1/4 :22 :45 1:10 1:43 GldnGate Dby200k 82 10 4 4 1 1/2 3 1/2 3 1 7 5 Solis A LB 118 b *2.20 83-12
15Dec96-8Hol fst 1 1/4 :22 :45 1:09 1:42 3/4 Hol Fly-G1 78 8 3 3 2 3 1/2 3 1/2 4 8 Desormeaux K J LB 121 b 6.80 80-14
2Nov96-4SA fst 1 1/4 :22 :46 1:10 1:44 Cal Cup Juv 100k 64 12 9 5 2 3 1/2 4 2 9 10 Desormeaux K J B 118 *.80e 63-16
6Oct96-7SA fst 1 1/4 :22 :46 1:11 1:43 Norfolk-G2 92 1 1 2 1/2 2 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 Desormeaux K J B 118 9.00 78-16
13Sep96-5Fpx fst 6f :22 :46 :58 1:11 1/4 Md Sp Wt 79 1 4 1 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 Flores DR B 118 *.70 90-11
31Aug96-6Dmr fst 6f :22 :45 :58 1:11 Md Sp Wt 66 6 6 5 2 1/2 4 1/2 3 2 1/2 2 3 Solis A B 118 3.30 81-13

WORKOUTS: Jun2 Bel 5f gd 1:01 3/4 B 8/18 May27 Bel 5f fst :58 3/4 H 1/18 May13 Pim 4f fst :45 3/4 H 1/8 Apr28 CD 5f my 1:02 B 4/24 Apr22 CD 5f gd 1:01 1/2 B 6/35 Apr14 Hol 5f fst 1:00 2 H 3/21



Gr/rn c. 3 (Mar)
Sire: Smokester (Never Tabled)
Dam: Fountain Lake (Vigors)
Br: McCaffery Trudy & Toffan John A (Cal)
Tr: Gonzalez J Paco (-) 97:(41 8 .20)

118 4 2 2 11 1 1 2 1/2 Desormeaux K J L 126 2.40 93-15
110 13 1 2 1/2 1 2 1/2 3 3 1/2 Flores DR L 126 10.60 89-05
110 4 3 3 3 1/2 3 1/2 1 1/2 Desormeaux K J LB 120 7.30e 95-10
103 8 2 2 1 2 1/2 1 1/2 Flores DR LB 119 10.70 91-12
106 1 4 5 2 1/2 3 2 4 2 2 1/2 Delahoussaye E LB 120 13.70 97-13
82 10 4 4 1 1/2 3 1/2 3 1 7 5 Solis A LB 118 b *2.20 83-12
78 8 3 3 2 3 1/2 3 1/2 4 8 Desormeaux K J LB 121 b 6.80 80-14
64 12 9 5 2 3 1/2 4 2 9 10 Desormeaux K J B 118 *.80e 63-16
92 1 1 2 1/2 2 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 Desormeaux K J B 118 9.00 78-16
79 1 4 1 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 Flores DR B 118 *.70 90-11
66 6 6 5 2 1/2 4 1/2 3 2 1/2 2 3 Solis A B 118 3.30 81-13

Lifetime Record: 11 4 3 1 \$1,038,401
1997 6 2 2 1 \$857,600 Turf 0 0 0 0
1996 5 2 1 0 \$180,801 Wet 0 0 0 0
Bel 0 0 0 0 Dist 0 0 0 0

Free House (7-2)

Third in the Derby, 2nd by a nose in the Preakness, now... takes on Silver Charm for the 6th straight time with the Derby and Preakness winner holding a 3-2 advantage but has proven there's not a lot of difference between the 2; has still yet to win outside of Santa Anita and Fairplex; big gray with free-running style and long stride should be able to excel over this mile and a half track; has worked well over the track, just has he did at Pimlico before the Preakness; looks like the strongest foe in the field who can thwart Charm's Triple Crown bid.

6 Irish Silence

Own: Delaney Austin
VELAZQUEZ JR (105 15 17 13 .14) 1997:(545 76 .14)

14May97-6Bel fst 1 1/4 :22 :46 1:11 1:43 3+ Alw 4000N2X 85 1 6 6 3 2 1/2 2 1/2 Velazquez JR L 112 b *.60 78-20
25Apr97-6Aqu fst 1 1/4 :49 1:13 1:39 1:51 3+ Alw 3700N2X 80 6 2 2 2 1 1 1 2 Velazquez JR L 111 b *1.35 77-14
9Nov96-7Aqu wf 1 :22 :45 1:10 1:36 1 Alw 35910N2L 75 6 7 7 4 4 1/2 4 3 4 5/2 Dooley C D 5 L 112 b 8.00 84-14
27Oct96-4Aqu fst 1 :22 :45 1:10 1:36 2 SleepyHollow100k 77 5 3 2 2 4 6 5 6 1/2 Velazquez JR L 115 b 3.80 81-15
5Oct96-9Bel fst 1 1/4 :23 :46 1:10 1:42 Champagne-G1 77 3 11 10 7 10 6 1/2 8 9 8 1 3/2 Pezua J M L 122 b 77.25 75-10
11Sep96-6Bel fst 1 :22 :46 1:12 1:38 1 Md Sp Wt 64 1 2 2 2 1/2 1 7 1 9 Velazquez JR L 117 b *1.50 72-21
24Aug96-2Sar gd 1 1/4 :22 :47 1:12 1:44 Md Sp Wt 28 11 6 4 3 5 9 1/2 11 1 9 1/2 Santos J A 115 6.30 59-11
8Aug96-3Sar fst 6f :22 :45 :58 1:11 3/4 Md Sp Wt 49 8 6 7 5 5 1/2 3 7 1/2 2 1 0 Velazquez JR 118 8.10 73-11

WORKOUTS: May31 Bel 5f fst 1:02 B 1/28 May3 Bel 5f fst 1:01 3/4 H 19/39 Apr21 Bel 5f fst 1:00 2 H 8/49 Apr15 Bel 7f fst 1:27 2 B 1/3 Apr7 Bel 5f fst 1:01 H 2/4 Mar26 Hia 5f fst 1:02 1 B 3/9



Dk. b or br c. 3 (Apr)
Sire: Seattle Song (Seattle Slew)
Dam: Nara (Green Forest)
Br: Delaney Austin (NY)
Tr: O'Brien Leo(28 2 6 7 .07) 97:(99 10 .10)

85 1 6 6 3 2 1/2 2 1/2 Velazquez JR L 112 b *.60 78-20
80 6 2 2 2 1 1 1 2 Velazquez JR L 111 b *1.35 77-14
75 6 7 7 4 4 1/2 4 3 4 5/2 Dooley C D 5 L 112 b 8.00 84-14
77 5 3 2 2 4 6 5 6 1/2 Velazquez JR L 115 b 3.80 81-15
77 3 11 10 7 10 6 1/2 8 9 8 1 3/2 Pezua J M L 122 b 77.25 75-10
64 1 2 2 2 1/2 1 7 1 9 Velazquez JR L 117 b *1.50 72-21
28 11 6 4 3 5 9 1/2 11 1 9 1/2 Santos J A 115 6.30 59-11
49 8 6 7 5 5 1/2 3 7 1/2 2 1 0 Velazquez JR 118 8.10 73-11

Lifetime Record: 8 2 2 0 \$60,910
1997 2 1 1 0 \$30,200 Turf 1 0 0 0
1996 6 1 1 0 \$30,710 Wet 1 0 0 0 \$2,310
Bel 3 1 1 0 \$29,600 Dist 0 0 0 0

Irish Silence (50-1)

Trainer Leo O'Brien admitted to DRF that "We're shooting high with him, but Austin Delaney feels if he could even get fourth that would be a great achievement"; lone edge here is the fact he has a win and a 2nd-place finish over the surface, but they both came against New York-bred competition; hit a career top on his Beyer scale last time with an 86, but the heavy hitters in here have been in the 110-plus range on the classic trail; trainer's assessment of chances seems realistic.

- Evan Hammonds