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Belmont Park

1 1/2 MILES. (2:24) 133rd Running of THE BELMONT. Grade I. Purse \$1,000,000 (Up To \$72,000 NYSBFOA) For Three Year Olds. By subscription of \$600 each to accompany the nomination if made on or before January 13, 2001, or \$6,000 if made on or before March 31 2001, \$10,000 to pass the entry box and \$10,000 to start. 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. All entrants, supplemental or otherwise, will be required to pay entry and starting fees. The 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. Starters to be named at the closing time of entries. The Belmont field will be limited to sixteen starters. Closed with 447 nominees.

Belmont-G1



1 Invisible Ink

Own: Peachtree Stable
Purple, Tan Braces, Two Tan Hoops
VELAZQUEZ J R (107 27 14 15 25) 2001:(589 129 22)

B. c. 3 (Apr) KEESEP99 \$105,000
Sire: Thunder Gulch (Gulch) \$75,000
Dam: Conquistress (Conquistador Cielo)

L 126

Table with columns: Life, 8, 3, 2, 1, \$385,560, 109, D.Fst, 6, 2, 1, 1, \$351,960, 109

2 Balto Star

Own: Anstu Stables
Black, White Diamond, Black Cap, White
MCCARRON C J (-) 2001:(284 60 21)

Dk. b or br g. 3 (Mar)
Sire: Glitterman (Dewan) \$15,000
Dam: Miss Livi (Devil's Bag)

L 126

Table with columns: Life, 9, 4, 0, 1, \$720,190, 112, D.Fst, 7, 3, 0, 1, \$417,670, 112

3 Dollar Bill

Own: West Gary & Mary
Hot Pink, Black Diamond Hoop, Black
DAY P (1 0 0 0) 2001:(564 129 23)

B. c. 3 (Mar) KEESEP99 \$145,000
Sire: Peaks and Valleys (Mt. Livermore) \$10,000
Dam: Saratoga Dame (Saratoga Six)

L 126

Table with columns: Life, 10, 3, 2, 1, \$503,696, 105, D.Fst, 9, 2, 2, 1, \$368,040, 105

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A CLOSER LOOK

10th Belmont

Invisible Ink

His good Derby effort kind of got lost in the shuffle; remember, though, he was the only horse besides Monarchos running on with any kind of oomph in the lane; the downside to that is year in and year out we see horses like this become all the rage for the Belmont, then you can't find them; remember, tactical speed wins the Belmont, not the Rampages or Impeachments of the world; and while he ran well, that also means the last 2 times he faced Monarchos he ended up well behind him; sure to try hard but at this level it just might not be enough.

Balto Star

Connections seemed surprised he went fast and caved in at the Derby - nobody gets away with a crawling pace in the Derby, and when you live by the sword, as this guy has, you die by the sword; considering how grueling such an effort may have been it seems they made the right move passing the Preakness - now he's in a spot where his speed can be most effective; there isn't much here to press him early so he figures to get the pace his way...then it's a matter of 12fs and whether or not he's good enough, and on both fronts he may be a bit dicey; still, you get one of the all-time greats trying to save something for the 11th and 12th furlongs and anytime you have McCarron on the lead turning for home you gotta like your chances; quite playable.

Dollar Bill

The horse who cried wolf; actually, some of the excuses have been legit, but let's face it - he was a beaten horse in the Derby when he got waylaid, and his Preakness trouble wasn't enough to effect the finish; that means in all his tries vs. the best of his generation he's yet to be a factor at the wire...you do have to question at some point whether he's good enough because from a handicapping standpoint you can't just take trouble and add lengths to a performance; maybe he's not nimble enough to avoid trouble; anyway, this smaller field and bigger track should lead to no excuses here, so maybe with clear sailing he can let it rip in the lane...but do you ride out the rough seas one more time or say enough's enough? tough call.

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4 Thunder Blitz

Own: **Stronach Stable**
Black, Gold Ball, Two Red
BAILEY J D (59 16 9 10 .27) 2001: (410 101 .25)
5May01-8CD fst 1/4 :444 1:091 1:35 1:594 Ky Derby-G1
7Apr01-11Hia fst 1/8 :471 1:11 1:353 1:481 Flamingo-G3
14Mar01-7GP fst 1/8 :234 :473 1:113 1:432 Alw 4000N1X
3Feb01-10GP fst 1/8 :24 :474 1:122 1:431 Alw 3500N1X
6Jan01-9GP fst 1/8 :242 :491 1:133 1:451 Alw 3300N1X
30Nov00-6Aqu my 1/8 :47 1:132 1:421 1:56 Md Sp Wt 42k
4Nov00-1Aqu fm 1/8 :224 :474 1:13 1:443 Md Sp Wt 42k
6Oct00-4Bel gd 1/8 :233 :48 1:132 1:463 Md Sp Wt 42k
3Sep00-3Sar gd 1/8 :23 :472 1:123 1:441 Md Sp Wt 42k

Gr/ro c. 3 (May)
Sire: **Holy Bull (Great Above)** \$25,000
Dam: **Rasant (Assert'Ire)**
Br: **Adena Springs (Ky)**
Tr: **Orseno Joseph (9 0 1 2 .00) 2001: (86 10 .12)**
103 4 11101012 72 69 48 Prado E S
99 5 75 32 1hd 13 16 Prado E S
92 4 86 62 33 33 24 Prado E S
88 10 53 54 43 34 38 Bailey J D
81 2 41 61 52 31 23 Bailey J D
63 7 710 611 33 13 14 Espinoza J L
71 4 43 31 2hd 31 53 Luzzi M J
68 4 23 33 42 45 33 Luzzi M J
65 6 2hd 1hd 2hd 64 76 St Julien M

Life	9	2	2	2	\$243,450	103	D.Fst	5	1	2	1	\$212,370	103
2001	5	1	2	1	\$212,370	103	Wet(355)	1	1	0	0	\$25,200	63
2000	4	1	0	1	\$31,080	71	Turf(280*)	3	0	0	1	\$5,880	71
Bel	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Dist	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

WORKS: Jun1 Bel 4f fst :482 B 14/65 May26 Bel tr.t 7f gd 1:272 B 1/1
TRAINER: 31-60Days (116 .24 \$2.14) Dirt (262 .18 \$1.53) Routes (187 .19 \$1.68) GrdStk (63 .25 \$2.61)

Thunder Blitz

Kind of the buzz horse...every report is about how great he's doing, how aggressive he is; that's all well and good, but he had every right to finish up strong in the Derby what with that pace and all, and while he ran on well it wasn't like he was storming home; they say he's grown up, matured more - well, odds are so have the others; then there's the Holy Bull factor - can a son of that super horse be effective going 12fs? odds are Stronach's Macho Uno was and is a better horse...are they saying they can win the Belmont with their 2nd best 3yo? mixed feelings.

5 Monarchos

Own: **Oxley John C**
Light Blue And Gold Blocks, Gold Sleeves
CHAVEZ J F (84 11 11 12 .13) 2001: (610 116 .19)
19May01-11Pm fst 1/8 :471 1:114 1:362 1:552 Preakness-G1
5May01-8CD fst 1/4 :444 1:091 1:35 1:594 Ky Derby-G1
14Apr01-10Aqu fst 1/8 :46 1:10 1:35 1:474 Wood Mem-G2
10Mar01-11GP fst 1/8 :464 1:112 1:37 1:494 Fla Derby-G1
3Feb01-10GP fst 1/8 :24 :474 1:122 1:431 Alw 3500N1X
13Jan01-8GP fst 7f :222 :452 1:101 1:221 Md Sp Wt 31k
24Nov00-7CD fst 6 1/2 :214 :453 1:134 1:18 Md Sp Wt 40k
7Oct00-4Kee fst 7f :22 :454 1:093 1:221 Md Sp Wt 50k

Gr/ro c. 3 (Feb) FTFEB00 \$170,000
Sire: **Maria's Mon (Wavering Monarch)** \$12,500
Dam: **Regal Band (Dixieland Band)**
Br: **J D Squires (Ky)**
Tr: **Ward John T Jr (1 0 0 1.00) 2001: (42 12 .29)**
99 7 1115112 84 67 67 Chavez J F
116 16 13131316 62 23 14 Chavez J F
103 2 57 57 5 25 22 Chavez J F
105 7 11721173 71 12 14 Chavez J F
103 3 32 22 21 13 14 Chavez J F
95 3 8 32 11 13 16 Chavez J F
69 6 10 1113 1113 71 35 Martinez W
61 11 7 73 64 109 812 3 Cooksey P J

Life	8	4	1	1	\$1,605,630	116	D.Fst	8	4	1	1	\$1,605,630	116
2001	6	4	1	0	\$1,601,600	116	Wet(328)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2000	2	M	0	1	\$4,030	69	Turf(295)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Bel	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Dist	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

WORKS: Jun3 Bel 5f sty 1:002 B (d) 1/3 May27 Bel 4f sty :49 B (d) 3/11 May14 Pim 1st 1:524 B 1/1 Apr27 CD 4f fst :484 B 6/26 Apr8 CD 5f fst 1:001 B 4/22 Apr1 CD 5f sty 1:022 B 3/10
TRAINER: Dirt (130 .22 \$1.67) Routes (70 .21 \$1.55) GrdStk (32 .19 \$1.57)

Monarchos

Derby was smashing...his Preakness wasn't; connections said he didn't handle the PIM surface and when watching him it makes sense - he didn't really extend himself, but instead looked to be running cautiously; the wider turns here figure to be much more to his liking; of more concern is he recent knock of falling well out of it early - that's not the way to win the Belmont and remember at GP he had tactical speed or at least moved early; recent rains may have tightened up the track and if that's the case it could be similar to what he saw at GP or CD, and you know what he can do with that; powerful finisher looks every bit an imposing presence here...so long as he doesn't fall miles out of it early.

6 Buckle Down Ben

Own: **Tabor Michael B**
Royal Blue, Orange Ball, Orange Stripes
NAKATANI C S (-) 2001: (367 55 .15)
27May01-8CD fst 1 :231 :454 1:101 1:344 Alw 46260N2X
24Mar01-10TP fst 1/8 :452 :1:103 1:35 1:471 Spiral-G2
Previously trained by Klesaris Steve
17Feb01-10GP fst 1/8 :234 :464 1:104 1:432 FntnOfYouth-G1
20Jan01-10GP gd 1/8 :222 :454 1:121 1:46 Holy Bull-G3
25Nov00-7Aqu fst 1/8 :482 1:134 1:391 1:514 Remsen-G2
4Nov00-10Lrl fst 1/8 :464 1:122 1:382 1:514 Lrl FuturityG3
14Oct00-7Del fst 1/8 :232 :474 1:134 1:472 First State101k
19Sep00-1Del sly 1/8 :233 :482 1:141 1:474 Md Sp Wt 30k

Dk. b or br c. 3 (Mar) KESEPE99 \$21,000
Sire: **Devil His Due (Devil's Bag)** \$10,000
Dam: **Flying Hill (Flying Paster)**
Br: **Margaux Farm LLC (Ky)**
Tr: **Lukas D Wayne (12 4 3 1 .33) 2001: (335 48 .14)**
100 7 2hd 3nk 1hd 2 1nk Day P
69 8 52 31 5 717 625 Velazquez J R
84 7 65 65 67 58 510 Velazquez J R
90 2 59 511 1hd 1hd 2hd Velazquez J R
85 3 52 41 61 42 34 McCarthy M J
88 8 67 611 2hd 1 1hd McCarthy M J
75 6 75 75 63 35 37 McCarthy M J
72 6 55 53 42 2 11 McCarthy M J

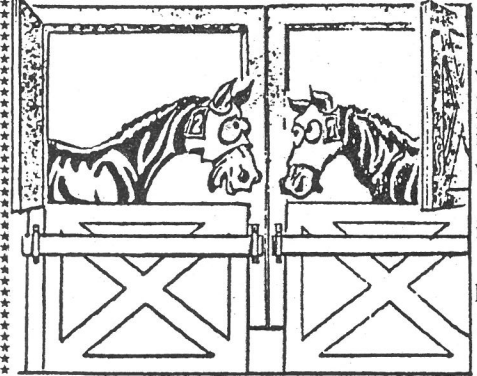
Life	8	3	1	2	\$178,340	100	D.Fst	6	2	0	2	\$140,340	100
2001	4	1	1	0	\$67,340	100	Wet(332)	2	1	1	0	\$38,000	90
2000	4	2	0	2	\$111,000	88	Turf(271)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Bel	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Dist	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

WORKS: Jun4 CD 4f sty :50 B 19/30 May20 CD 4f fst :474 B 5/60 May13 CD 5f fst 1:02 B 19/33 May5 CD 5f fst 1:002 B 9/36 Apr28 CD 7f fst 1:284 B 3/3 Apr21 CD 6f fst 1:141 B 3/8
TRAINER: Dirt (980 .14 \$1.28) Routes (471 .13 \$1.38) GrdStk (165 .13 \$2.18)

Buckle Down Ben

His Remsen and Holy Bull finishes gave every indication of a horse who belonged on the Triple Crown trail; then things went askew; changed barns to Mr. Lukas and ran miserably behind Balto Star in the Spiral, but they found he was ill, so D. Wayne took his time to get him back on track; looked good winning his return at CD but those foes weren't much - can he be ready for this caliber at this kind of trip off just that one race? well, they don't really have a choice...there's not another Belmont coming up next month; and remember last year D. Wayne came here with a horse given little opportunity, who promptly posted the huge upset (Commemorate); of course, the Derby and Preakness winners were not there last year...this year they're here breathing fire.

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7 Dr Greenfield (Ire)



Own: Team Valor
Forest Green Crimson Triangular Panel
PRADOES (117 22 18 15 .19) 2001:(712 110 .15)

Ch. c. 3 (Mar)
Sire: Dr Devious*Ire (Ahoonora*GB)
Dam: Memory Green(Green Forest)
Br: Mount Coote Stud (Ire)
Tr: Butler Gerard A (-) (-)

Table with columns for race dates, names, odds, and results. Includes races like Dee Stakes (Listed), Betabet Classified Stakes, EBF Wye Ndn Stks (Div 2) (dirt), and Chesterton Maiden Stakes.

Summary table for Dr Greenfield showing Life, D.Fst, and performance metrics. Life: 4 3 0 0 \$61,936; D.Fst: 1 1 0 0 \$3,334.

Dr Greenfield

Connections almost pulled off the Belmont upset with My Memoirs against A. P. Indy a few years ago, so they know what it takes to do well here; and this guy may be a better horse than 'Memoirs was; of course, except for 'Indy that might not have been the strongest group of 3yos assembled...

8 A P Valentine



Own: OI Memorial Stable
Midnight Blue, White Circle, Metallic
ESPINOZA V (-) 2001:(558 77 .14)

B. c. 3 (Feb) SARAUG99 \$475,000
Sire: A.P. Indy (Seattle Slew) \$150,000
Dam: Twenty Eight Carat (Alydar)
Br: W S Kilroy (Ky)
Tr: Zito Nicholas P(22 6 6 .09) 2001:(214 41 .19)

Table with columns for race dates, names, odds, and results. Includes races like Preakness-G1, Ky Derby-G1, Blue Grass-G1, and OCIm 150000N.

Summary table for A P Valentine showing Life, D.Fst, and performance metrics. Life: 9 3 1 2 \$568,170 107; D.Fst: 9 3 1 2 \$568,170 107.

A P Valentine

Considering he hasn't really accomplished a lot he's sure received a lot of publicity; seems overblown to this point but things could change; let's face it - he's a beautiful animal, beautifully bred, who's shown flashes of brilliance; if he was, as Zito has contended all spring, well behind, he seems caught up now and maybe coming to a peak; the 12fs should be no sweat and it was here in last fall's Champagne where he uncorked that beauty that saw him beat Point Given; if it's true he's coming up to his best his Preakness 2nd indicates he's already not far behind the top 2 here...a couple more weeks, a couple more furlongs and a return home could bridge the gap, giving Nick the chance to prove he was right all along...it can happen.

9 Point Given



Own: The Thoroughbred Corp
White And Green Stripes, Green Cap
STEVENS G L (-) 2001:(256 52 .20)

Ch. c. 3 (Mar)
Sire: Thunder Gulch (Gulch) \$75,000
Dam: Turko's Turn(Turkoman)
Br: The Thoroughbred Corp (Ky)
Tr: Baffert Bob(1 1 0 0 1.00) 2001:(264 58 .22)

Table with columns for race dates, names, odds, and results. Includes races like Preakness-G1, SA Derby-G1, San Felipe-G2, and BC Juvenile-G1.

Summary table for Point Given showing Life, D.Fst, and performance metrics. Life: 10 6 3 0 \$1,868,500 111; D.Fst: 9 5 3 0 \$1,418,500 111.

Point Given

Was that Preakness a thing of beauty or what? just love the way he grabbed control of the race and powered home...even with his antics of not changing leads and looking around he blasted the best 3yos anywhere; he's Shaq - raw power coupled with incredible nimbleness; of course, he'll need all of that again here because as good as he is there's still little margin for error, and what if he runs like he did in the Derby? remember, they still don't have an explanation for that, except he may have been too close to the hot pace and the track was hard; figures to fall into another nice trip here...Gary just has to decide how early to go after Balto Star - he can't let that guy get too far away, but too early a move may mean Monarchs or 'Valentine or someone else is roaring up from behind...remember Real Quiet? still, he's the man and the race no doubt goes through him.

-Michael Hammersly

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