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Belmont Park 1 1/2 MILES (2-24) Belmont-G1 140th Running of THE BELMONT. Grade I. Purse \$1,000,000 For Three Year Olds. The purse to be divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth and 3% to fifth.



A CLOSER LOOK 11th Belmont

1 Big Brown
Own: IEAH Stables Poma Jr Paul P
White, Blue Stars, Red Hoops On Sleeves
DESORMEAUX K J (58 10 11 11 .17) 2008: (478 88 .18)

B. c. 3 (Apr) KEEAPR07 \$190,000
Sire: Boundary (Danzig) \$10,000
Dam: Mien (Nureyev)
Br: Monticule (Ky)
Tr: Dutrow Richard E Jr (49 12 9 6 .24) 2008: (325 76 .23)

Table with columns: Life, 5, 5, 0, 0, \$2,714,500, 109, D.Fst, 4, 4, 0, 0, \$2,676,700, 109. Includes rows for 2008 and 2007 performance.

17May08-12Pim fst 1 1/8 :464:1.102:1.353:1.544 Preaknes-G1
3May08-10CD fst 1 1/4 :47:1.11:1.362:2.014 KyDerby-G1
29Mar08-10GP fst 1 1/8 :454:1.10:1.35:1.48 FlaDerby-G1
5Mar08-7GP fst 1 :224:451:1.094:1.353 Alw 41500n1x

100 6 33 34 31 15 1/2 15 1/2 Desormeaux K J L126 f *20 93-02 Big Brown126 5/2 MachoAgain126 1/2 IcabadCrane126 3/4 5wd move, under wraps 12
109 20 62 63 1hd 12 1/2 14 3/4 Desormeaux K J L126 f *2.40 97-09 Big Brown126 4/3 Eight Belles121 3/4 Denis of Cork126 2/3 Wide, steady urging 20
106 12 11 11 11 1/2 13 1/2 15 Desormeaux K J L122 *1.50 98-11 Big Brown122 5/8 Smooth Air122 7/8 Tomcito122 3/4 Drew away, greenly 12
106 4 2 3 1 2hd 16 11 3/4 Desormeaux K J L118 *1.30 91-24 Big Brown118 1/2 HevensAwesome118 1/2 Dputiformr118 3/4 Drew off, handily 5

L 126 2007 1 1 0 0 \$37,800 90
Bel 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
D.Fst 4 4 0 0 \$2,676,700 109
Wet(389) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
Synth 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
Turf(330) 1 1 0 0 \$37,800 90
Dst(336) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

WORKS: Jun3 Bel 5f fst:1:00 B 1/7 May17 Pim 2f fst:2:54 B 1/1 May1 CD 3f fst:3:52 B 1/19 Apr24 PmM 5f fst:5:53 H 1/1 Apr18 PmM 5f fst:1:00 B 1/2 Apr12 PmM 5f fst:1:00 H 1/3
TRAINER: WonLastStart(226.33 \$2.15) Dirt(758.28 \$1.91) Routes(429.23 \$1.57) GrdStk(67.22 \$2.03) J/T 2007-08 BEL(4.50 \$11.05) J/T 2007-08(15.53 \$5.19)

2 Guadalcanal
Own: Seitz Frederick J
White, Gray, Royal Blue Sash, Gray And Blue
CASTELLANO J J (88 18 15 16 .20) 2008: (435 72 .17)

B. c. 3 (Mar) OBSAPR07 \$27,000
Sire: Graeme Hall (Dehere) \$5,000
Dam: Bessette (Quest for Fame*GB)
Br: Eugene Melnyk (Fla)
Tr: Seitz Fred(-) 2008:(23 2 .09)

Table with columns: Life, 5, M, 2, 1, \$16,100, 82, D.Fst, 3, 0, 1, 0, \$5,650, 78. Includes rows for 2008 and 2007 performance.

23May08-11CD fm 1 1/2 :49:1.142:2.071:2.322 3+ Md Sp Wt 39k
19Apr08-1Kee fst 1 1/8 :241:48:1.122:1.441 Md Sp Wt 48k
6Mar08-6GP fst 1 1/8 :473:1.122:1.381:1.512 Md Sp Wt 48k
1Feb08-4GP fst 7f :221:443:1.084:1.213 Md Sp Wt 40k

82 9 914 614 410 26 2no Leparoux J R 117 4.60 74-19 RunawayBanjo117no Guadalcanal1174 CardinNtion117 1/2 Bumped, missed 10
71 2 84 65 55 43 34 Theriot H J II 120 31.30 83-02 Unique Tale120 2 1/2 Tizzy120 1 1/2 Guadalcanal120 1 Lacked late bid 11
46 11 127 121 1010 915 826 3 Landry R C 122 74.70 54-28 Famous Patriot122 2 1/4 Chris Got Even122 1 1/2 Sligovitz122 3/4 Outrun 12
55 3 7 66 89 510 716 Landry R C 122 4.70 81-05 Sleuse122 5/8 Motor Patrol122 3/4 Clandestine Fury122 5/8 Saved ground 10

L 126 2007 1 M 1 0 \$4,830 78
Bel 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
D.Fst 3 0 1 0 \$5,650 78
Wet(324) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
Synth 1 0 0 1 \$4,150 71
Turf(220) 1 0 1 0 \$6,300 82
Dst(208*) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

Previously trained by Reynolds Patrick L 2007(as of 9/3): (103 20 16 19 0.19)
WORKS: May31 Kee 4f fst:5:03 B 35/49 May17 Kee 4f fst:4:84 B 19/46 May9 Kee 4f fst:1:01 B 3/6 Apr28 Kee 4f fst:4:7 B 3/13 Apr15 Kee 4f fst:1:02 B 16/27 Apr8 Kee 4f fst:5:03 B 49/55
TRAINER: Turf/Dirt(5.00 \$0.00) Dirt(22.05 \$0.22) Routes(53.04 \$0.57) GrdStk(6.00 \$0.00) J/T 2007-08(2.00 \$0.00)

3 Macho Again
Own: West Point Thoroughbreds
Blue, Gold, Black Star, Black Sleeves, Gold
GOMEZ G K (52 6 12 10 .12) 2008: (468 90 .19)

Gr/ro. c. 3 (Feb) OBSFEB07 \$150,000
Sire: Macho Uno (Holy Bull) \$20,000
Dam: Go Donna Go (Wild Again)
Br: Milan Kosanovich (Fla)
Tr: Stewart Dallas(-) 2008:(143 21 .15)

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17May08-12Pim fst 1 1/8 :464:1.102:1.353:1.544 Preaknes-G1
26Apr08-10CD fst 7/8 :222:45:1.094:1.282 DerbyTrial115k
22Mar08-12TP fst 1 1/8 :47:1.122:1.374:1.501 LanesEnd-G2
28Feb08-9FG fst 6f :214:461:584:1.112 Alw 40500n1x
12Jan08-9FG fst 1 :241:481:1.124:1.373 LeComte-G3
24Nov07-10CD fst 1 :231:461:1.11:1.352 Alw 48240n1x
28Oct07-11CD fst 7f :23:463:1.113:1.242 Md Sp Wt 42k
7Oct07-4Kee fst 6f :222:453:573:1.104 Md Sp Wt 44k
15Aug07-4Sar fst 5 1/2 :22:452:581:1.05 Md Sp Wt 62k

92 1 66 67 84 47 25 1/2 Leparoux J R L126 b 39.90 88-02 Big Brown126 5/8 Macho Again126 1/2 Icabad Crane126 3/4 Steadied 1/4, 5-wide 12
99 6 1 64 65 2nd 1 1/2 Leparoux J R L117 b 6.10 97-14 Macho Again117 3/4 Kodiak Kowboy123 3/4 Fujita117 1/2 Carried in, driving 9
71 2 58 63 94 77 7 1/2 Mena M L121 b 16.40 77-11 Adriano121 1/2 Halo Najib121 1/2 Medjool121 1/2 Bumped start 11
86 7 3 66 52 1hd 14 1/2 Leparoux J R L118 b *90 87-24 Mcho Agin118 4/3 StonestreetSong120 1 1/2 BronzeMed122 1 1/2 Veered out break 7
83 7 64 63 64 52 66 3/4 Leparoux J R L116 b 3.60 90-07 Z Fortune120 3/4 Blackberry Road116 1 1/2 MadFlatter118 2nd 3-wide trip, faded 8
86 5 44 42 42 2 1/2 2nk Desormeaux K J L118 b 5.60 92-10 Monba116nk Macho Again118 1/3 Your Round118 2nd Bmp start, force out, 3w 12
86 7 5 42 31 12 1/2 15 1/2 Theriot H J II L120 b *3.10 80-18 Macho Again120 5/8 CrownedGeneral120 2 BBFrnk120 3/4 4w, late hand urging 12
55 12 4 83 710 810 713 Borel C H L118 b *1.70 76-16 St. Joe118 2/3 Racecar Rhapsody118 6/8 Getalong118 2nd No rally 12
70 5 3 2 3 3 31 2 1/2 Borel C H L119 b 11.70 92-08 Paint119 2 1/4 Macho Again119 3/4 Devereux119 1/4 Good finish outside 7

L 126 2007 4 1 2 0 \$45,192 86
Bel 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
D.Fst 7 3 3 0 \$338,761 99
Wet(360*) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
Synth 2 0 0 0 \$5,000 71
Turf(255) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
Dst(210) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

WORKS: May30 CD 4f fst:4:81 B 11/56 May10 CD 4f fst:5:04 B 52/59 Apr18 CD 5f fst:1:02 B 13/18 Apr11 CD 3f my:3:51 B 1/4 Apr5 Kee 4f fst:5:21 B 92/92 Mar15 FG 5f fst:1:02 B 14/36
TRAINER: Dirt(294.13 \$1.27) Routes(164.13 \$1.42) GrdStk(31.00 \$0.00) J/T 2007-08(6.00 \$0.00)

4 Denis of Cork
Own: Mr and Mrs W K Warren Jr
Yellow, Fuschia, Green Sash, Green Chevrons On
ALBARADO R J (2 0 1 0 .00) 2008: (517 106 .21)

B. c. 3 (Feb) BARMAR07 \$250,000
Sire: Harlan's Holiday (Harlan) \$25,000
Dam: Unbridled Girl (Unbridled)
Br: Westbury Stables (Fla)
Tr: Carroll David(-) 2008:(67 13 .19)

Table with columns: Life, 5, 3, 0, 1, \$413,552, 97, D.Fst, 4, 2, 0, 1, \$389,552, 97. Includes rows for 2008 and 2007 performance.

3May08-10CD fst 1 1/4 :47:1.11:1.362:2.014 KyDerby-G1
5Apr08-7Haw fst 1 1/8 :483:1.124:1.364:1.49 III Derby-G2
18Feb08-90P fst 1 :223:451:1.104:1.374 Southwst-G3
19Jan08-7FG sly 140 :251:494:1.144:1.424 Alw 40500n2L
24Nov07-6CD fst 7f :223:453:1:101:1.222 Md Sp Wt 42k

97 16 201914 1310 67 1/2 38 1/2 Borel C H L126 27.20 89-09 Big Brown126 4/3 Eight Belles121 3/4 Denis of Cork126 2/3 Sluggish st, mild bid 20
88 5 42 55 53 54 58 1/2 Leparoux J R L122 *1.00 91-19 Reapturethglory122 4 GoldnSpiks122 3 ZHumor122 3 Steady 11/16ths, no bid 7
96 8 58 518 49 3 1/2 12 1/2 Albarado R J L117 4.80 94-24 Denis of Cork117 2 1/4 SierrSuns119 3 1/2 LibertyBull119 Solid rally, going away 11
82 6 41 52 42 1hd 1hd Borel C H L118 *90 83-23 Dnis of Cork118 2nd UnbridldVict118 1 1/2 Sponck118 1 1/2 4-w both turns, driving 7
83 9 9 118 95 21 13 1/2 Borel C H L120 10.50 90-10 Denis of Cork120 3/4 Stungbythstorm120 7 1/2 Major General120 1 1/2 8w 1/4p, drvg 12

L 126 2007 1 1 0 0 \$24,552 83
Bel 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
D.Fst 4 2 0 1 \$389,552 97
Wet(389) 1 1 0 0 \$24,000 82
Synth 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
Turf(268) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
Dst(279*) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

WORKS: Jun2 CD 4f fst:4:83 B 20/46 May26 CD 5f fst:5:94 B 2/21 May19 CD 5f fst:1:01 B 5/30 Apr28 CD 4f fst:4:8 B 5/44 Apr21 CD 5f fst:1:00 B 1/23 Mar30 CD 5f fst:5:92 B 3/15
TRAINER: 31-60Days(82.17 \$1.42) Dirt(114.18 \$2.05) Routes(132.17 \$1.57) GrdStk(15.13 \$1.96) J/T 2007-08(20.30 \$3.04)

5 Casino Drive
Own: Yamamoto Hidetoshi
Green, Light Blue, White Hoop On Sleeves, White
PRADO E S (106 17 18 15 .16) 2008: (512 89 .17)

Ch. c. 3 (Mar) KEESEP06 \$950,000
Sire: Mineshaft (A.P. Indy) \$75,000
Dam: Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister)
Br: Shell Bloodstock (Ky)
Tr: Fujisawa Kazuo(3 1 0 1 .33) 2008:(3 1 .33)

Table with columns: Life, 2, 2, 0, 0, \$185,282, 102, D.Fst, 2, 2, 0, 0, \$185,282, 102. Includes rows for 2008 and 2007 performance.

10May08-9Bel fst 1 1/8 :461:1.102:1.351:1.474 PeterPan-G2
23Feb08 Kyoto (Jpn) ft *1 1/8 RH 1:542 Maiden Race
Maiden Race (FT) 125000

102 1 42 32 42 12 1/2 15 1/2 Desormeaux K J 116 f *1.25e 92-13 Casino Drive116 5/8 Mint Lane116 1/2 Ready'sEcho116 3/4 Broke slow, rail move 9
123 *.20 Casino Drive123 1 1/2 Copano Akochan119 1/2 Xanadu123 4 Led throughout, handily 13

L 126 2007 0 M 0 0 \$0 -
Bel 1 1 0 0 \$120,000 102
D.Fst 2 2 0 0 \$185,282 102
Wet(401*) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
Synth 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
Turf(297) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
Dst(325*) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

WORKS: May7 Bel 5f fst:5:94 H 2/26
TRAINER: WonLastStart(1 1.00 \$4.50) Dirt(2.50 \$2.25) Routes(3.33 \$1.50) GrdStk(2.50 \$2.25)

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Big Brown
Seeks to be the 12th Triple Crown winner and the first in 30 years (1978 Affirmed); undefeated and can not fault the 100 Beyer speed figure as rider Desormeaux was trying to save something for today at the Preakness, while having Big Brown in neutral for the final yards of his Baltimore laughter; has not seen a 3-year-old dominate like this since Secretariat; super June 3 BEL workout should dispel any idea that the quarter-crack found on BB's left hoof 12 days ago will hurt his chances of winning the Triple Crown; the pick.

Guadalcanal
Maiden in the Belmont Stakes?; best Beyer speed figure occurred in latest when rallying from 14 lengths back to just miss at today's distance on the Churchill Downs grass; dam is all green and the way he fired on the lawn, would have probably kept him there instead of trying Big Brown and Casino Drive; tough call.

Macho Again
2 huge races in a row as the Derby Trial was an impressive effort, then he was 2nd best in the Preakness despite being bogged down inside most of the trip; sharp in a Churchill Downs workout a week ago; looms the late runner Big Brown will have to fear the most in the final yards; contender.

Denis of Cork
Grade 3 stakes winner had a tough trip in the Kentucky Derby, rallying from 20th to finish 3rd; freshened for the BEL Stakes, noting the 11th-place finisher from latest won the Ohio Derby (102 Beyer speed figure); commenced career 3-for-3, rebounding nicely at Churchill Downs after a major letdown in the Illinois Derby; must be considered in the exotics with late run.

Casino Drive
Could not have been any more impressive in his U.S. debut, trouncing a Peter Pan field, which included Ready's Echo and owns the best last-race Beyer speed figure in the field; bred to win the Belmont Stakes, a sibling to the last 2 winners of the BEL, Rags to Riches and Jazil, out of a Grade 2 dam; win-rider Desormeaux stays on Big Brown with new jockey Prado (won BEL stakes with upsetter Sarava (2002) and with Birdstone in 2004 to upset Smarty Jones) always being a huge factor in big-money events; race-riding strategy and the right time to move means more in this race than others; undefeated trying to snap Big Brown's unblemished career; the main rival.

6 Da' Tara

Own: LaPenta Robert V
Black Maroon, Gold Epaulets, Maroon Cap
GARCIA ALAN (137 26 17 15 .19) 2008: (595 105 .18)

Table with columns for date, race, distance, and time for Da' Tara's past performances.

WORKS: May29 Sar tr.t 4f st: 49 3 B 3/8 May13 CD 4f st: 47 4 B 6/62
TRAINER: Dirt(538 .17 \$1.84) Routes(350 .16 \$1.78) GrdStk(81 .09 \$0.86)

Dk. b or br c. 3 (Apr) FTSAUG06 \$175,000
Sire: Tiznow (Cee's Tizzy) \$30,000
Dam: Torchera (Pirate's Bounty)
Br: WinStar Farm LLC (Ky)
Tr: Zito Nicholas P(18 2 7 2 .11) 2008:(168 33 .20)

Table with columns for Life, D.Fst, Wet, Synth, Turf, and Dst for Da' Tara's lineage.

Da' Tara

Set the pace in the Barbaro and is clearly the speed portion of the uncoupled Nick Zito-trained duo (Anak Nakal); nowhere in Big Brown's Florida Derby or Macho Again's Derby Trial; view as a pace factor.

7 Tale of Ekati

Own: Fipke Charles E
Orange White, Blue Emblem, Yellow Sleeves, Blue
COA E M (148 29 26 19 .20) 2008: (675 125 .19)

Table with columns for date, race, distance, and time for Tale of Ekati's past performances.

WORKS: Jun1 Bel 6f my 1:11 4 B 1/1 May26 Bel 6f st 1:18 4 B 1/3
TRAINER: 31-60Days(179 .22 \$1.76) Dirt(236 .18 \$1.42) Routes(369 .19 \$1.62) GrdStk(59 .24 \$2.62)

B. c. 3 (Mar)
Sire: Tale of the Cat (Storm Cat) \$37,500
Dam: Silence Beauty* Jpn (Sunday Silence)
Br: Charles Fipke (Ky)
Tr: Tagg Barclay(34 13 6 3 .38) 2008:(192 32 .17)

Table with columns for Life, D.Fst, Wet, Synth, Turf, and Dst for Tale of Ekati's lineage.

Tale of Ekati

Loves this track and was part of the superfecta in Louisville when chasing both Big Brown and Denis of Cork; his Wood Memorial was OK with the hopes of the added distance today helping to land him a share; working well over the track for this and horse for the Belmont course certainly seems like an exotics possibility.

8 Anak Nakal

Own: Four Roses Thoroughbreds
Pink Ruby Red And Emerald Green Quarters, Red
LEPAROUX JR (-) 2008: (453 74 .16)

Table with columns for date, race, distance, and time for Anak Nakal's past performances.

WORKS: Jun1 Sar tr.t 4f st: 49 3 B 8/14 May26 Sar tr.t 4f st: 48 3 B 1/14
TRAINER: 31-60Days(189 .14 \$1.06) Dirt(538 .17 \$1.84) Routes(350 .16 \$1.78) GrdStk(81 .09 \$0.86)

Dk. b or br c. 3 (Apr)
Sire: Victory Gallop (Cryptoclearance) \$10,000
Dam: Misk (Quiet American)
Br: Buckram Oak Farm (Ky)
Tr: Zito Nicholas P(18 2 7 2 .11) 2008:(168 33 .20)

Table with columns for Life, D.Fst, Wet, Synth, Turf, and Dst for Anak Nakal's lineage.

Anak Nakal

The 3rd of 3 runners, who competed in the Kentucky Derby, but skipped the Preakness; he passed a few rivals late in Louisville, but wasn't much of an impact and in his Wood, he again rallied too late vs. Tale of Ekati; sire captured the 1998 Belmont Stakes upsetting Real Quiet; races for a barn known to surprise on Belmont Day; mixed feelings.

9 Ready's Echo

Own: Lets Go Stable
Turquoise Baby Blue, Midnight Blue Circle, Collar
VELAZQUEZ JR (90 17 16 14 .19) 2008: (520 114 .22)

Table with columns for date, race, distance, and time for Ready's Echo's past performances.

WORKS: Jun1 Bel tr.t 5f st: 1:00 4 B 5/14 May26 Bel tr.t 4f st: 51 B (d) 1/2
TRAINER: Dirt(807 .24 \$1.57) Routes(1124 .23 \$1.57) GrdStk(331 .20 \$1.67)

Dk. b or br r. 3 (Jan) KESEPO6 \$100,000
Sire: More Than Ready (Southern Halo) \$60,000
Dam: Menekineko (Kingmambo)
Br: Meg T Buckley & Michael J Buckley (Ky)
Tr: Pletcher Todd A(28 5 2 5 .18) 2008:(447 97 .22)

Table with columns for Life, D.Fst, Wet, Synth, Turf, and Dst for Ready's Echo's lineage.

Ready's Echo

Walked out of the gate in the Peter Pan and by the time he got running, Casino Drive was cashing in his chips; good sign that Johnny V. stayed here for Pletcher when the original commitment was on Anak Nakal; feels like a mile and a half horse, but not sure if he's this quality still being eligible for an N1X allowance event; dam's sire produced 1999 Belmont Stakes winner Lemon Drop Kid; the barn and rider won this race last year with Rags to Riches, but will be siding with others following his so-so Peter Pan.

10 Icabad Crane

Own: Mack Earle I
Purple Burgundy, Yellow Rising Sun, Burgundy
ROSE J (-) 2008: (389 113 .29)

Table with columns for date, race, distance, and time for Icabad Crane's past performances.

WORKS: Jun2 Fai tr.t 4f st: 48 3 B 1/2 May9 Fai tr.t 4f st: 1:02 3 B 7/17
TRAINER: Dirt(387 .21 \$1.59) Routes(685 .23 \$2.16) GrdStk(71 .14 \$2.18)

Dk. b or br c. 3 (Apr) OBSFEB07 \$110,000
Sire: Jump Start (A.P. Indy) \$10,000
Dam: Adorahy (Rahy)
Br: Gallagher's Stud (NY)
Tr: Motion H Graham(5 1 0 1 .20) 2008:(246 50 .20)

Table with columns for Life, D.Fst, Wet, Synth, Turf, and Dst for Icabad Crane's lineage.

Icabad Crane

Has never finished out of the money in 5 career starts and flew late to miss completing the Big Brown exacta by a half length at the Preakness; regular rider piloted Aleet Alex to the 2005 Belmont Stakes winner's circle; grandsire won the '92 BEL, siring last year's winner Rags to Riches; the far outside draw isn't much of a concern with a long run into the 1st turn; another late runner hoping a speed duel develops or Big Brown can't go this far.

-Art Gropper

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