

BEST BETS SATURDAY



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BELMONT PARK	BELMONT PARK	CHURCHILL DOWNS	CHURCHILL DOWNS	KEY HORSES
Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$441	Pick 4 - Ticket Cost \$315	Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$320	Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$480	Best Bet 9 Monaco Crown (10/1) Belmont Race 6
Race 6 2,3,5,7,9,10,12	Race 7 1,2,5,6,7	Race 5 1	Race 7 1,2,4,6,7,8,9,10	Live Longshot 5 Flamingo Way (20/1) Belmont Race 9
Race 7 1,7	Race 8 1,2,3,4,5,6,7	Race 6 1,2,3,4,5	Race 8 1	Most Likely 1 Explora (3/5) Churchill Race 8
Race 8 1,2,3,4,5,6,7	Race 9 1,5,7,8,9,10	Race 7 1,2,4,6,7,8,9,10	Race 9 5,7,8,10,11,12	
Race 9 1,5,7,8,9,10	Race 10 2,4,10	Race 8 1,5	Race 10 2,3,5,6	
Race 10 2,4,10		Race 9 3,5,6,7,8,10,11,12	Race 11 1,2,5,9,12	

6 – BELMONT PARK (3:00 ET) MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 100K, 1M TURF 9 MONACO CROWN 10-1 10 CAPTAIN GEORGE 5-1 7 EQUILIBRATE 3-1 12 MCMOON 8-1 PICK: 9 MONACO CROWN This one has had two starts already. The first came at CNL on a yielding turf course in a sprint. He was beaten about a length in there at 14-1. They added blinkers and stretched him out at Saratoga in the next start and he ran decently when fourth. Moves to Michael Maker which may produce a bump up. Major hidden turf blood on both sides of the tree. VALUE: 10 CAPTAIN GEORGE Took some action in the same race the top choice came out of. This one was under 10-1 and ran a winning race. He was traveling well throughout, made a move at the top of the lane to get within a length of the leaders and finished with interest. The winner was a first timer who really got going in the late stages. Has the pedigree to excel in routes on turf. A) 7,9,10 B) 2,5,12 C) 3,8,11 D) 1,4,6	57	7 – BELMONT PARK (3:35 ET) CLAIMING 35K, 6.5F DIRT 1 RULE SIXTY TWO 9-2 7 SPECIAL OPS 3-1 5 KAZ OIL CHANGER 8-1 6 SUPREME GOOD 8-1 PICK: 1 RULE SIXTY TWO We’re really not sure what we have here. He won the first start at Colonial Downs and was third in an allowance the race after. He struggled in the next four starts but did have some excuses (higher level, off-track, low percentage barn, routing). Moves to the higher percentage Dutrow stable in here. Has been gelded since the last start. Many BEL works. VALUE: 5 KAZ OIL CHANGER Quite often these run-off speed type routes perform much better when they cut back to 6.5F on the dirt. This one was last at this distance in February and he won that race wire to wire at 13-1. Basically eased in the last start so that can be overlooked. Should be a big price given the poor recent form. Rider hitting at 22% from over 800 mounts in 2026. A) 1,7 B) 2,5,6 C) 3,9,11 D) 4,8,10	30	8 – BELMONT PARK (4:10 ET) ALLOWANCE 105K, 1M DIRT 1 CHIEF WALLABEE 1-1 6 PANDAGATE 8-1 7 FREDDIE B 4-1 2 GULFY 12-1 PICK: 1 CHIEF WALLABEE Probably no better training to recalibrate a talented horse. Bill Mott colt was a serious player on the Triple Crown Trail and was under 8-1 in both the Ky Derby and Belmont. Ran very good in the Derby despite being knocked off-stride in the lane. Chad Brown colt ran away from him last out. That one ran poorly in the Travers coming back. Working strong. VALUE: 6 PANDAGATE Returns after 13 months. Clement team clearly thought something of him. He crushed NY-breds in the Gander at AQU before they sent him to the UAE Derby, where he finished third behind Forever Young (\$32M). Something apparently went wrong last time that sent him to the bench. Works for the return have been outstanding. Could be live. A) 1,6,7 B) 2,3,4,5 C) 8,9,10 D)	76
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9 – BELMONT PARK (4:45 ET) FLORAL PARK 175K, 6F TURF 5 FLAMINGO WAY 20-1 8 MOVIN' ON UP 4-1 7 DELIGHTFUL FLAME 12-1 10 LESLIE'S HUMOR 5-1 PICK: 5 FLAMINGO WAY This is, by far, the star of the stable for this Parx outfit. She was just second in a stakes at Penn National behind a next out Saratoga Ny-bred stakes winner. She faced males and ran well. She faced similar company at Gulfstream Park in the spring and was right there. Notice the mile workouts prepping for this. She will be a big price but can win in here. VALUE: 7 DELIGHTFUL FLAME Thought her runner-up effort at 12-1 last time out was very good. She was facing a solid field there and she dug in quite gamely late in the race. Katie Davis has had some success aboard here. She's been up 5 times and it produced a win (2 back) and 4 runner-up finishes. She has some speed but can sit just behind it early. Is another could be overlooked here. A) 5,7,8,10 B) 1,9 C) 2,11,12 D) 3,4,6	10 – BELMONT PARK (5:20 ET) MAIDEN CLAIMING 50K, 1M 1/8 TURF 4 BIG FROSTY 5-2 2 EMOTIONALLY AVAILABLE 2-1 10 DC BOY'S 10-1 7 BOURBONCENTRIC 4-1 PICK: 4 BIG FROSTY Don't see many drop from 150k stakes to maiden claiming 50k. But this one was at this level two back and just missed at 4-1. Pletcher sent him to run in the 150k at 1M at SAR in the last start and he ran quite well. Bred for the turf. Sire is a major turf influencer. Rosario gets aboard (only 10 rides so far for Pletcher, 2 wins). Will be tough if repeats last two. VALUE: 10 DC BOY'S Ran pretty well in the first four starts on the dirt in MSW company for Ny-breds back in late 2024, early 2025. Was moved to Mike Maker before the run in Feb. That came at FG against open class MSW sprinting. Routing vs. Ny-bred company on the turf at Belmont is a different ballgame. He did cost 355k at one point. Think he wants to go long on turf. A) 2,4,10 B) 1,7 C) 5,9 D) 3,6,8	5 – CHURCHILL DOWNS (7:57 ET) MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 120K, 6.5F DIRT 1 COLORTIME 5-2 8 BERMUDA 3-1 6 TCHAIKOVSKY 10-1 4 UNION STAR 4-1 PICK: 1 COLORTIME Trainer Steve Asmussen is 6 for 11 (55%) with 9 in the top three (82%) and a healthy \$3.96 ROI with a first time 2YO sprinting on the dirt in a MSW at CD with his son Keith up and off at under 5-1 odds. That includes 5 for 7 in the exacta in the last two years. 2 nd dam won her debut by 15 lengths at BEL and then won the 2013 Grade 1 Humana Distaff at CD. VALUE: 6 TCHAIKOVSKY One of many in here making their debut. The sire gets 16% with debut 2YO's which is above the national average. The dam was a 3-time stakes winner sprinting on the dirt. She won the G3 Royal Delta in 2020. Trainer is 4 for 32 (13%) with a debut 2YO sprinting on the dirt in MSW here at CD. Works with this one are typical of his live first time starters. A) 1,8 B) 4,6 C) 2,7 D) 3,5,9,10
6 – CHURCHILL DOWNS (8:30 ET) HARRODS CREEK 300K, 7F DIRT 3 STOP THE CAR 7-2 2 AMERICAN MAN 9-5 1 GILDED BANDIT 3-1 5 CREOLE CHROME 6-1 PICK: 3 STOP THE CAR Many of these have done their best running on Lasix. There is no Lasix allowed in the stakes races now. This one never had Lasix so he is running naturally. Deep closer cuts back to the elongated sprint. Thought his late run in the G2 Pat Day Mile was excellent. The two that beat him are among the best 3YO sprinters. The pace in here could fall apart late. VALUE: 1 GILDED BANDIT Willing to excuse the last start. It was in a G2 and on a wet track against a loaded field. Came with a bit of late move in the G1 Woody Stephens when he drew the rail in there 2 back. Mott top call rider Alvarado is at Belmont riding one of his best horses, Chief Wallabee. This one is 1 for 1 on this dirt track. Another who will be passing some tired foes late. A) 2,3 B) 1,4,5 C) 6 D)	8 – CHURCHILL DOWNS (9:39 ET) DOGWOOD (G3) 300K, 7F DIRT 1 EXPLORA 3-5 5 MOVIE NIGHT 9-2 3 WHERE LUCK LIVES 12-1 6 A FINE CHARDONNAY 6-1 PICK: 1 EXPLORA Bob Baffert is 24 for 39 (62%) in a graded stakes sprinting on the dirt when off at odds-on. 34 of the 39 hit the board. It's even more impressive when you consider that many of the losses were to other Baffert runners. This filly is 4 for 5 sprinting. The only loss was in the second start in a G1. She beat a much better field in the G1 Test last. Looks too good. VALUE: 5 MOVIE NIGHT She was the 2-1 second favorite in the G1 Test after she had back to back blowout wins. She stumbled out of the gate in there and rushed up before tiring. What we don't know is if the trip was the issue or the lack of Lasix. Either way, that wasn't the same filly as we saw in the prior two starts. She was hammered in the betting in those two. Has a win shot. A) 1 B) 3,4,5,6 C) D) 2	10 – CHURCHILL DOWNS (10:40 ET) SENECA OVERNIGHT 200K, 1M 1/16 DIRT 5 AP'S GIRL 3-1 3 CONSEQUENT 6-5 6 IN TOTAL AWE 7-2 2 ANSWERED PRAYERS 5-1 PICK: 5 AP'S GIRL It took a while for Peter Eurton to figure this one out. Had her on the turf early in her career. He added blinkers for 2 starts but removed them. She's progressively moved up in the last 5 starts. They gave her a shot in the G1 Alabama in the last start and she ran pretty well beaten just 4 lengths when fourth at 24-1. She'll need the pace to heat up in here. VALUE: 6 IN TOTAL AWE Hard to know what this one is yet. She was 45-1 in the first start and looked every part of those odds for half the race. She then kicked it in and passed the entire field to win over this dirt track. Was 4-5 in the allowance on the stretchout in the last start and ran in place late when second. They got her for 325k at the '24 Kee Sep sale so there are expectations. A) 3,5 B) 2,6 C) 1,4 D)