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Belmont Park 1 1/2 MILES (2:24) Belmont-G1 139th 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 21, 2007, or \$6,000, if made on or before March 31, 2007. 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. 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.



A CLOSER LOOK

11th Belmont

1 Imawildandcrazyguy

Own: Eigner Michael Pell Lewis Red Teal, Black Diamond Hoop, Black Cap GUIDRY M (-) 2007: (328 46 14)



Gr/ro. g. 3 (Feb) OBSAUG05 \$17,000 Sire: Wild Event (Wild Again) \$7,500 Dam: Frosty Cupcake (Top Account) Br: Ward D Theisen & Geraldine Theisen (Fla) Tr: Kaplan William A (-) 2007: (34 2 .06)

Table with columns: Life, 12, 2, 2, 2, \$315,775, 97, D.Fst, 11, 2, 2, 2, \$311,275, 97. Includes rows for 2007, 2006, and Bel.

Main race results table for Imawildandcrazyguy. Columns include race number, date, track, distance, time, and horse name with jockey.

WORKS: Jun3 Bel 3f fst :37 B 6/17 May29 Crc 5f fst 1:03 B 10/10 May25 Crc 1 fst 1:47 B 1/2 Apr30 CD 3f fst :36 B 5/11 Apr21 Crc 5f fst 1:05 B 28/39 TRAINER: 31-60Days(15.20 \$1.31) Dirt(77.18 \$3.82) Routes(64.16 \$1.52) GrdStk(12.00 \$0.00) J/T 2006-07(1.00 \$0.00)

Imawildandcrazyguy

Most experienced Belmont starter was making up ground at the conclusion of the Kentucky Derby but there's no guarantee that will translate to an even better performance at today's mile and a half; the Grade 3 Risen Star runnerup joins Slew's Tizzy as lone entrants not to have reached the triple-digit Beyer mark; 1 1/16 miles is longest winning distance for gelding who can save ground throughout in initial attempt since Run for the Roses; believe Florida-bred's stretch punch won't be as potent behind moderate fractions at this demanding distance; siding with others.

2 Tiago

Own: Mr and Mrs Jerome S Moss White Green, Pink Hoop, Green Cap SMITH M E (-) 2007: (204 24 12)



B. c. 3 (Mar) Sire: Pleasant Tap (Pleasant Colony) \$15,000 Dam: Set Them Free (Stop the Music) Br: Mr & Mrs J S Moss (Ky) Tr: Shirreffs John (-) 2007: (51 8 .16)

Table with columns: Life, 5, 2, 0, 1, \$484,320, 100, D.Fst, 5, 2, 0, 1, \$484,320, 100. Includes rows for 2007, 2006, and Bel.

Main race results table for Tiago. Columns include race number, date, track, distance, time, and horse name with jockey.

WORKS: Jun3 Bel 3f fst :37 B 6/17 May29 Crc 5f fst 1:03 B 10/10 May25 Crc 1 fst 1:47 B 1/2 Apr30 CD 3f fst :36 B 5/11 Apr21 Crc 5f fst 1:05 B 28/39 TRAINER: 31-60Days(72.24 \$3.12) Dirt(102.15 \$2.25) Routes(105.23 \$2.47) GrdStk(40.20 \$3.23) J/T 2006-07(15.20 \$5.35)

Tiago

\$60.60 Santa Anita Derby upsetter is half-brother to and races for same connections as 2005 Kentucky Derby hero Giacomo; solid Derby gallop-out led Shirreffs to freshen runner for Belmont try, a race in which his heralded sibling finished 7th behind Affleet Alex; late-runner has certainly picked up game in past couple of months although remember G1 shocker marked only time he has crossed the wire 1st (awarded diploma via dq) and those in wake include King of the Roxy (6th in the Preakness) and Sam P. (9th in Derby); believe a victory is out of reach.

3 Curlin

Own: Stonestreet & Padua & Bolton & Midnight Blue Gold, Burgundy Triangular Panel ALBARADO R J (-) 2007: (611 132 22)



Ch. c. 3 (Mar) KESEEP05 \$57,000 Sire: Smart Strike (Mr. Prospector) \$75,000 Dam: Sherriff's Deputy (Deputy Minister) Br: Fares Farm Inc (Ky) Tr: Assmusen Steven M (11 0 0 5 .00) 2007: (895 182 .20)

Table with columns: Life, 5, 4, 0, 1, \$1,602,800, 111, D.Fst, 5, 4, 0, 1, \$1,602,800, 111. Includes rows for 2007, 2006, and Bel.

Main race results table for Curlin. Columns include race number, date, track, distance, time, and horse name with jockey.

WORKS: Jun4 CD 4f fst :50 B 29/42 May28 CD 5f fst 1:03 B 25/34 May14 CD 4f fst :51 B 51/54 Apr30 CD 4f fst :48 B 11/52 Apr23 Kee 5f fst 1:00 B 13/18 Apr9 Kee 4f fst :50 B 45/46 TRAINER: WonLastStart(388.20 \$1.60) Dirt(1735.22 \$1.68) Routes(802.22 \$1.74) GrdStk(91.12 \$1.07) J/T 2006-07(86.33 \$2.57)

Curlin

Difficult not to be impressed by chestnut's Preakness victory, when overcoming stumbling start and inability to handle the final turn smoothly to deny Street Sense a shot at the Triple Crown; immensely talented individual may have learned important lesson in Kentucky, finishing strongly in the large field after early difficulty left him out of contention in opening stages; pedigree is not a slam dunk at 1 1/2 miles (G1 winning sire did not win past 1 1/16 miles) although Belmont's sweeping turns can suit and fine stalking trip behind Hard Spun and Slew's Tizzy likely awaits; formidable at short price in the Belmont.

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4 C P West

Own: LaPenta Robert V
Yellow Maroon, Gold Epaulets, Maroon Cap
PRADO E S (126 22 30 19 .17) 2007: (594 117 .20)



Dk. b or br c. 3 (Feb) KEESEPO5 \$425,000
Sire: Came Home (Gone West) \$25,000
Dam: Queen's Legend (Dynaformer)
Br: Caldara Farm (Ky)
Tr: Zito Nicholas P(20 5 3 2 .25) 2007:(212 31 .15)

Table with columns for date, race, distance, track, and time. Includes entries for 19May07-12Pim fst 1 1/8, 28Apr07-8Aqu fst 1, 31Mar07-2GP fst 7f, etc.

Table with columns for race number, distance, track, and time. Includes entries for 102 9 55 1/2 47 32 43 4 1/2, 85 2 6 1/4 6 1 3 1/2, etc.

Summary table for C P West with columns: Life, 6, 1, 3, 0, \$176,600, 102. Includes rows for 2007, 2006, and Bel.

Summary table for C P West with columns: D.Fst, 6, 1, 3, 0, \$176,600, 102. Includes rows for Wet(337*), Synth, Turf(299), and Dst(273).

WORKS: May31 Sar tr. 4f fst :49.2 B 5/25 May14 Bel 4f fst :47.1 B 2/107 May7 Bel 4f fst :48.2 B 12/34
TRAINER: Dirt(548.18 \$1.81) Routes(386.16 \$1.67) GrdStk(99.05 \$0.39)

J/T 2006-07 BEL(5.00 \$0.00) J/T 2006-07(22.05 \$0.43)

5 Slew's Tizzy

Own: LaCombe Stables
Green Dark Blue, Tan Diamond, Tan Chevrons On
BEJARANO R (6 0 1 1.00) 2007: (728 114 .16)



Dk. b or br c. 3 (Feb)
Sire: Tiznow (Cee's Tizzy) \$25,000
Dam: Hepatica (Slewpy)
Br: Joseph LaCombe Stables Inc (Ky)
Tr: Fox Gregory(-) 2007:(46 10 .22)

Table with columns for date, race, distance, track, and time. Includes entries for 12May07-10LS sly 5 1 1/8, 21Apr07-9Kee fst 1 1/8, 10Mar07-9FG fst 1 1/8, etc.

Table with columns for race number, distance, track, and time. Includes entries for 96 5 34 3 2 2 1/2, 95 5 1 1/2 1 1/2, 82 3 3 1/2, etc.

Summary table for Slew's Tizzy with columns: Life, 7, 3, 0, 0, \$385,252, 96. Includes rows for 2007, 2006, and Bel.

Summary table for Slew's Tizzy with columns: D.Fst, 3, 0, 0, 0, \$6,215, 82. Includes rows for Wet(396), Synth, Turf(270), and Dst(247*).

WORKS: Jun2 TTC 4f fst :48.1 B 1/31 May26 TTC 6f fst 1:16.4 B 1/2 Apr14 Kee 5f fst 1:00.2 B 2/38 Apr5 TTC 6f fst 1:15.3 B 1/1 Mar24 TTC 4f fst :48 B 2/11
TRAINER: WonLastStart(22.14 \$1.06) Dirt(64.22 \$1.57) Routes(87.21 \$2.85) GrdStk(5.40 \$18.00)

J/T 2006-07(1.00 \$0.00)

6 Hard Spun

Own: Fox Hill Farm
Black White And Red Quarters, White Sleeves
GOMEZ G K (71 15 8 12.21) 2007: (530 119 .22)



B. c. 3 (May)
Sire: Danzig (Northern Dancer) \$200,000
Dam: Turkish Tryst (Turkoman)
Br: Michael Moran & Brushwood Stable (Pa)
Tr: Jones J Larry(-) 2007:(156 27 .17)

Table with columns for date, race, distance, track, and time. Includes entries for 19May07-12Pim fst 1 1/8, 5May07-10CD fst 1 1/8, 24Mar07-10TP fst 1 1/8, etc.

Table with columns for race number, distance, track, and time. Includes entries for 104 7 33 1/2 34 1 1/2, 107 8 1 1 1/2, 101 10 3 1/2, etc.

Summary table for Hard Spun with columns: Life, 8, 5, 1, 1, \$983,470, 107. Includes rows for 2007, 2006, and Bel.

Summary table for Hard Spun with columns: D.Fst, 6, 3, 1, 1, \$644,330, 107. Includes rows for Wet(411), Synth, Turf(385), and Dst(413).

WORKS: Jun3 Bel 5f fst 1:03 B 12/18 Apr30 CD 5f fst :57.3 B 7/26 Apr23 Kee 5f fst 1:42.2 B 1/1 Apr12 CD 5f fst 1:00.1 B 1/15 Mar19 TP 5f fst 1:00.3 B 1/4 Mar14 TP 4f fst :47.1 B 1/23
TRAINER: Dirt(412.20 \$1.71) Routes(140.18 \$1.98) GrdStk(27.22 \$2.19)

7 Rags to Riches

Own: Tabor Michael B Smith Derrick
Orange Royal Blue, Orange Ball, Orange Stripes
VELAZQUEZ J R (102 22 17 14.22) 2007: (456 104 .23)



Ch. f. 3 (Feb) KEESEPO5 \$1,900,000
Sire: A.P. Indy (Seattle Slew) \$300,000
Dam: Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister)
Br: Skara Glen Stables (Ky)
Tr: Pletcher Todd A(38 13 5 9 .34) 2007:(450 125 .28)

Table with columns for date, race, distance, track, and time. Includes entries for 4May07-10CD my 5 1 1/8, 11Mar07-9SA fst 1 1/8, 10Feb07-9SA fst 1, 7Jan07-2SA fst 7f, 10Jun06-6CD fst 5 1/8.

Table with columns for race number, distance, track, and time. Includes entries for 104 11 41 5 1/2, 96 5 5 3 1/2, 93 8 7 1/2, 88 4 5 3 1/2, 62 3 10 10 1/2.

Summary table for Rags to Riches with columns: Life, 5, 4, 0, 0, \$692,528, 104. Includes rows for 2007, 2006, and Bel.

Summary table for Rags to Riches with columns: D.Fst, 4, 3, 0, 0, \$360,100, 96. Includes rows for Wet(434), Synth, Turf(316), and Dst(354).

WORKS: Jun3 Bel 5f fst 1:03.4 B 16/18 May27 Bel 5f fst 1:00.3 B 5/29 Apr29 Kee 5f fst 1:00.1 B 11/28 Apr22 Kee 5f fst 1:00.1 B 11/32 Apr15 Kee 5f fst 1:13.2 H 1/2
TRAINER: 20H45-180(242.30 \$2.10) 31-60Days(699.30 \$1.99) WonLastStart(396.29 \$1.78) Dirt(978.28 \$1.72) Routes(1068.27 \$1.78) GrdStk(347.24 \$1.63)

J/T 2006-07 BEL(103.28 \$1.58) J/T 2006-07(571.29 \$1.82)

C P West

\$425K yearling hails from the same trainer/jockey team which brought us 2004 winner Birdstone (Prado also guided Sarava to 2002 shocker); this colt's single triumph pales in comparison to today's competition however Breakness try (middle-moving 4th out of wide post) proves he belongs; son of stakes-placed Queen's Legend (\$247K) needs to build upon Baltimore attempt to threaten and racing closely to the expected controlled pace may be one way to accomplish that; needs some improvement to earn Zito one more Belmont upset.

Slew's Tizzy

Removing blinkers led to immediate improvement for colt by 2-time BC Classic winner Tiznow; tactically-inclined \$83 Lexington upsetter followed that win up with a more expected score over sloppy strip in Texas; Bejarano is certainly able substitute for Albarado although it won't be easy for runner owning the lowest Beyer ceiling to step forward under these circumstances; others rate higher.

Hard Spun

Must respect runner who was understandably vulnerable to Curlin and Street Sense's late bids after prompting the quickest fractions in Preakness history; toss Oaklawn defeat and outstanding 3-year-old has finished in the money in all outings, with 3 successive triple-digit Beyer on display; son of sw Turkish Tryst (\$84K earner won at the Belmont distance) will be ridden by a rider other than Mario Pino for the 1st time but at least the jockey is world-class Gomez; the decision is whether to snag the lead from the start, potentially slowing down the fractions, or stalk a pace set by Slew's Tizzy, who could be a nice target; capable as apparent main foe to Curlin.

Rags to Riches

Pletcher calls on gifted Kentucky Oaks winning filly to face the boys in the Belmont; \$1.9 million yearling boasts excellent pedigree for this Classic, as sire A.P. Indy captured the 1992 renewal and half-brother Jazil last year's running; she's yet to take a backwards step on the Beyer scale yet breaks from extreme post in toughest test of career; believers will note her winning Oaks Beyer is 2nd best in the field and the win came in convincing fashion; minor award appears most likely for fabulous filly.

-Paul Malecki

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