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Belmont Analysis

By DAVE LITFIN

Strike the Gold

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- 1-Smooth Performance
- -Strike the Gold
- 3-Hansel

The image of Go and Go streaking awat from eight hapless pursurers in the 1990 Belmont remains a vivid memory. In light of the havoc he unleashed while proving it isn't such a long way from Tipperary, it seems fair to say that all roads to victory in the Belmont Stakes a year later go through Dermot Weld's latest shipper from Ireland, SMOOTH PERFORMANCE.

Granted, Go and Go had already proven his mettle on dirt by capturing the Laurel Futurity at 2 while Smooth Performance will try the surface for the first time, but this year's model is a son of Seattle Slew, so he may also adapt readily. Aside from that difference, the two share a profile eerily similar in several other ways:

Both colts broke their maidens making their second career starts in the summer of their juvenile campaign.

● Both ran in the Group I National Stakes at the Curragh at 2—Go and Go finished seventh, beaten eight lengths; Smooth Performance finished fourth, beaten four.

Both won the first start of season at 3-Go and Go by a half-length going a mile; Smooth Performance by a length going seven-eighths.

Both used the Derrinstown Derby Trial at Leopardstown as their final prep for the Belmont-Go and Go was fourth, nearly five lengths off the winner while receiving the comment, "bid, then evenly;" Smooth Performance finished a close-up third, receiving the comment, "prominent, bid, evenly."

Smooth Performance has exhibited the kind of tactical speed so necessary in a Belmont Stakes winner, worked seven furlongs in the company of an older Weld-trained stakes horse last Friday in a move the conditioner termed "exemplary," and meets a crop of American 3year-olds consistent only in their inconsistency up to this point, with the exception of MANE MINISTER, who seems a cut below the Belmont's strongest contenders.

STRIKE THE GOLD and HANSEL are the only Grade I winners in the field, and while the tendency in major events like the Belmont leans toward over-analysis, the race could easily hinge on this simple class factor if they run to the best of their abilities.

But both turned in dull performances when it was least expected, Hansel in the Kentucky Derby and Strike the Gold in the Preakness, and each won their re-

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Belmont Stakes

One and One-Half Miles

Belmont

1 ½ MILES. (2.24) 123rd Running THE BELMONT STAKES (Grade I). \$500,000 Added. 3-year-olds. Scale Weight. \$5,000 to pass the entry box; \$5,000 to start with \$500,000 added. At any time prior to Closing, Thursday, June 6, 1991, horses may be nominated to The Belmont Stakes upon payment of a supplementary fee of \$50,000 to The New York Racing Association Inc. The added money and all fees to be divided 60% to the winner, 22% to second, 12% to third and 6% to fourth. 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 (approximate 30%) will be determined by accumulating the highest earnings (lifetime) in all races except restricted races (i.e., any stake containing eligibility conditions other than sex and age). The remaining 3 starters (approximate 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 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. Nominations to each and all of the Triple Crown races, The Kentucky Derby, The Preakness and The Belmont (the "Races") may be made only by payment of a single subscription fee to Triple Crown Productions, Inc., as agent for Churchill Downs Incorporated, The Maryland Jockey Club and the New York Racing Association Inc. (t

Preakness Stakes, horses may be nominated to the remaining Races but will not be eligible for the Chrysler Triple Crown Challenge bonus, upon payment of a supplementary fee of \$100,000 to The Maryland Jockey Club of Baltimore City, Inc. At any time prior to the Closing for the Belmont Stakes, 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 supplemental fees will be included in the purse distribution of the respective Races for which paid. Horses nominated by payment of supplementary fee ("supplemental nominees") will not be allowed to enter any Race in which the maximum number of starters has otherwise been reached prior to the time of Closing. If the number of supplemental nominees exceed 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 Race. All nominees, supplemental or otherwise, will be requested to pay entry and starting fees for the Race or Races to which they have been nominated. Triple Crown Productions, Inc. is guaranteeing total earnings of \$5,000,000 to the owner of any horse which wins all of the 1991 Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes races (the "Races") and is offering a \$1,000,000 bonus to the owner of a horse with the best, most consistent finishes in the Races. The "Triple Crown Challenge" monies will be paid to the owner of a horse which meets these criteria: 1. Finishes in all three Triple Crown Races as listed above; 2. Earns points by finishing first, second, third or fourth in at least one of the Triple Crown Races; and 3. Earns the highest number of points over the course of the three Races. Points are assigned for each race: Win-10, Place-5, Show-3, Fourth-1. In the event of a tie, the \$1 million bonus will be distributed equally among the top point-getters. In the event of a dead-heat to win. Triple Crown Productions Vin Productions Vin Productions

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TOP CONTENDERS AT A GLANCE

SPEED & FITNESS

Fastest Speed Last Race This Distance NONE

Most Consistent Early Speed
CORPORATE REPORT

Most Consistent Closer **GREEN ALLIGATOR**

RECENT FORM

Trouble Last Race HANSEL

Best Recent Workouts CORPORATE REPORT

1st Race After Layoff (30 or more days)
ANOTHER REVIEW **GREEN ALLIGATOR**

FACTORS FOR TODAY

Dropping Down In Class NONE

Moving Up
In Class
SCAN
LOST MOUNTAIN QUINTANA SUBORDINATED DEBT

Beaten Favorite
Last Race
SCAN
STRIKE THE GOLD

Off Track Ability SCAN HANSEL **GREEN ALLIGATOR** SUBORDINATED DEBT

SPEED INDEX CHOICES

Last Race

LOST MOUNTAIN SCAN HANSEL 3 or Fewer Race Average

LOST MOUNTAIN SUBORDINATED DEBT SCAN 4 or More

Race Average SCAN LOST MOUNTAIN CORPORATE REPORT

Overall Avg. SCAN HANSEL CORPORATE REPORT

1991 BELMONT STAKES PREVIEW

Belmont Analysis

continued from Page 6, Section II spective legs of the Triple Crown despite drifting out, which is never a good sign. Working in each colt's favor is the fact that when they "fire," they are possessed of devastating moves which usually come just after six furlongs have been run—an ideal running style in the Belmont. Working against Strike the Gold is his outside post—if he stays wide into the first turn, he'll lose valuable ground; if he is taken back along the inside as was the case in the Preakness, he may never get untracked.

Hansel caught a break in the Preakness when the temperature dropped 15 degrees below what it had been 24 hours earlier, because he seems to do his best running in cooler weather. The Belmont is a stressful race for a young horse, and those dependent on Lasix outside of New York (Alysheba, Unbridled) have failed miserably at short odds in recent renewals of the Belmont.

SCAN is interesting. Scott Schulhofer has been pointing him for this race all along, and while he was beaten by Subordinated Debt and Lost Mountain here in May, he had excuses in each race. Scan broke slowly, bounced off a "dead rail" in the Withers, yet held on well through the drive. In the Peter Pan, the rail was again the deepest part of the track and Scan, who broke from the inside, was spotting 12 pounds to perfect trip-winner Lost Mountain. Look for Scan to run his best race of the year as he presses an early pace battle between SUBOR-DINATED DEBT and CORPORATE REPORT. The latter held on reasonably well in the Preakness, but he has given ground through the final furlong in four attempts beyond six furlongs. GREEN ALLIGATOR has trained strongly here, has been freshened following his fast finish in the Derby, and could upset this field or grab a piece of the purse if the leaders falter in the final stages.

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Mile and a Half the Ultimate Test

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The question in handicapping this year's Belmont Stakes is not, Who will like a mile and a half? David Cross, trainer of Quintana, is probably correct when he says none of them will. After all, of those who ran in the Kentucky Derby, only one liked a mile and a quarter enough to win it in a slow 2:03.

Now is Johnny Campo, trainer of Another Review, exactly on the mark when he says the question is, Who can do the distance? Fact is, they all can; most of them have been galloping a mile and a half or longer practically every morning.

The real question is, Who can race a mile and a half and still be running at the finish? Because few horses ever are asked to race that far in their lives, especially on dirt, the Belmont is a guessing game. And the only clue, really, is whether the horse's pedigree indicates that 12 grueling furlongs are within his scope.

Derby winner Strike the Gold and Preakness winner Hansel are the two favorites. The former was the first horse in 62 years to win the Kentucky Derby with a Dosage Index over 4.00. Because three horses—Damascus, Conquistador Cielo and Creme Fraiche—won the Belmont with DI over the 4.00 guideline, he is eligible to rebound from his dull performance in the Preakness.

Hansel, the Derby pick of many dos-

age advocates, was a baffling disappointment at Chruchill Downs. His brilliant performance in the Preakness only added to the confusion. He, too, can win the Belmont.

But neither Hansel nor Strike the Gold, both from the speedy sire line of Brilliant Chef-de-Race Raise a Native and out of female families that indicate a mile and a quarter is their limit, are bred to excel at a mile and a half. Bloodlines believes that there are four horses in this year's Belmont field with the pedigree to stay 12 furlongs: Scan, Green Alligator, Subordinated Debt and Corporate Report.

Scan also is from the Raise a Native line, being a song of Brilliant—Classic Chef Mr. Prospector, sire of 1982 Belmont winner Conquistador Cielo. Since Affirmed, a grandson of Raise a Native through Classic Chef-de-Race Exclusive Native, swept the Triple Crown, four Raise a Native line colts have won the Belmont, the other two being Coastal (by Majestic Prince) and Easy Goer (by Alydar).

What they had in common were Stout bottom lines—and few horses have stouter bottom lines than Scan. His dam, Video, a full sister to French Derby winner Caerleon (sire of this year's Epsom Derby winner), is by English Triple winner Nijinsky II, a Classic—Solid Chef-

de-Race. Scan's second dam, Foreseer, is by Solid Chef Round Table, who, along with his sire. Princequillo, is one of the strongest stamina influences still found in American pedigrees.

Green Alligator, a son of Preakness winner Gate Dancer, comes into the Belmont fresh, last having run fourth in the Kentucky Derby after weaving his way through traffic down the stretch. His workouts in the last few weeks at Belmont have been outstanding, but more important he has a strong mile and a half pedigree.

Gate Dancer is a grandson of Northern Dancer, possibly the most prepotent sire of the 20th century. For years the Northern Dancer line was winning nearly every Classic race in Europe, but having little effect on America's Triple Crown. But that has changed. Three of the last five Belmont winners were Northern Dancer—line colts.

Green Alligator's dam, La Reine Rouge, is a stakes winner—another significant factor in Belmont pedigrees—who was sired by a son of Round Table. Green Alligator is inbred to four of the top sires in racing history: Bull Lea (3x5), Nearctic (4x3)m Nearco (5x4) and Nasrullah (5x5). He also comes from a strong female family.

His sixth dam, War Plumage, won the Coaching Club American Oaks and was champion handicap mare of 1940. She traces in direct female line to Ornament,

a full sister to undefeated Ormonde, who won the English Triple Crown, consisting of the 2,000 Guineas at a mile, the Epsom Derby at a mile and a half, and the St. Leger at a mile and three-quarters, in 1886.

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Other long-distance runners who trace back several generations to Green Alligator's female family include another English Triple Crown winner, Bahram; the great French colt Sardnaple; Derby and Belmont winner Shut Out; Bull Dog, the grandsire of Citation; English Derby winner Bois Roussel, grandsire of Belmont Winner Gallant Man; and Sir Gallahad III, sire of Triple Crown winner Gallant Fox.

Clearly, Green Alligator is bred to run from here to the Rocky Mountains.

Subordinated Debt is another who should go the distance. His sire, Halo, is by Hail to Reason, and from the same female family as Northern Dancer (their dams are half-sisters). On his bottom line, Subordinated Debt is out of a stakes winner, Quid Kit, who was sired by a son of Coaching Club American Oaks winner Cherokee Rose.

Look for Scan, who showed good speed over a dead track in the Peter Pan, to take the lead from Corporate Report on the far turn and hold it to the wire. Green Alligator will rally strongly for second, as Subordinated Debt plods along to edge Corporate Report, Hansel, and Strike the Gold for third.