

1991 BELMONT STAKES PREVIEW

Experts' Selections

Table with columns: TRACKMAN, HANDICAP, ANALYST, HERMIS, SWEEP, CONSENSUS. Lists various horse names and their associated handicappers/analysts.

Belmont Analysis

By DAVE LITFIN

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

The image of Go and Go streaking away 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 3-year-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

1 1/2 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. (the "Associations"). The subscription fee for 369 nominations received by January 16, 1991, is \$600 and for 8 nominations received by April 8, 1991, is \$4,500. (These fees are to be apportioned equally among the three Associations to be part of the total purse for each of the three races.) After April 9, at any time prior to Closing for the Kentucky Derby, additional nominations to all three races will be accepted and the nominee will be eligible for the Chrysler Triple Crown Challenge bonus, upon payment of a supplementary fee of \$150,000 to Churchill Downs Incorporated. Following the running of The Kentucky Derby, but at any time prior to Closing for the

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, equal points will be awarded in full. For example, 10 points for each horse in a dead-heat to win. Triple Crown Productions Inc. will pay to the owner of a horse winning all of the Races that amount necessary to bring total earnings for the Triple Crown winner to \$5,000,000. The total will include the winner's purse distributed by each racing association; the \$1 million point bonus described above; and a further bonus guaranteed by Triple Crown Productions to reach the \$5 million total. Triple Crown Productions will present the Triple Crown Trophy to the owner of a horse that sweeps the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes.

Another Review

Table listing horse names (MIGLIORE R, MCCRARRON C J, SOLIS A), owners, and race results with dates and times.

Speed Index: Last Race: -21.0

LATEST WORKOUTS Jun 1 Bel 6f st 1:13 Hg

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Table listing horse names, owners, and race results with dates and times.

Speed Index: Last Race: +11.0

LATEST WORKOUTS Jun 4 Bel 5f sly 1:01.4 B

Mane Minister

Table listing horse names, owners, and race results with dates and times.

Speed Index: Last Race: -1.0

LATEST WORKOUTS Jun 5 Bel 3f gd :36.3 B

Ch. c. 3(Apr), by Buckaroo—Dance Review, by Northern Dancer

Table listing horse names, owners, and race results with dates and times.

3-Race Avg.: -3.6

May 25 Bel tr 1st 1:40.2 B

B. c. 3(Mar), by Mr Prospector—Video, by Nijinsky II

Table listing horse names, owners, and race results with dates and times.

3-Race Avg.: +4.3

May 21 Bel 5f st :59.2 H

Dk. b. or br. c. 3(Feb), by Deputy Minister—Lacework, by In Reality

Table listing horse names, owners, and race results with dates and times.

3-Race Avg.: -3.0

May 29 Bel 6f st 1:13.2 B

Summary table for MIGLIORE R with columns: Lifetime, 1991, 1990, and various race results.

Overall Avg.: -2.1

May 11 Bel tr 1st 1:41.4 B

Lifetime, 1991, 1990, and various race results.

Overall Avg.: +2.9

May 16 Bel 4f st :51.3 B

Summary table for MCCRARRON C J with columns: Lifetime, 1991, 1990, and various race results.

Overall Avg.: +2.9

May 20 Bel 5f st 1:01.2 Hg

Lifetime, 1991, 1990, and various race results.

Overall Avg.: -2.7

May 1 CD 3f st :34.3 H

Summary table for SOLIS A with columns: Lifetime, 1991, 1990, and various race results.

Overall Avg.: -2.7

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Lost Mountain

PERRET C
Own.—Loblolly Stable
26May91-8Bel fst 1 1/2 :46 1:10 1:49 2 Peter Pan

B. c. 3(Mar), by Cox's Ridge—Space Angel, by To the Quick
Br.—Loblolly Stable & Hochner A Jr (Ky)
Tr.—Bohannon Thomas

Lifetime 1991 6 1 2 1 \$237,380
12 2 2 3 1990 6 1 0 2 \$138,936
126
82-31 Lost Mountain114hd Man Alrigh1141 1/2 Scan1264 Driving 6

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
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

Hansel

BAILEY J D
Own.—Lazy Lane Farms Inc
18May91-10Pim fst 1 1/8 :46 1:10 1:54 Preakness

B. c. 3(Mar), by Woodman—Count On Bonnie, by Dancing Count
Br.—Little Marvin Jr (Va)
Tr.—Brothers Frank L

Lifetime 1991 6 3 0 1 \$873,200
11 6 1 2 1990 5 3 1 1 \$370,906
126
95-14 Hnsel1267 CorpportRport1262 3/4 MnMinistr126 1/2 Drifted out-drvng 8

Corporate Report

DAY P
Own.—Overbrook Farm & Lukas
18May91-10Pim fst 1 1/8 :46 1:10 1:54 Preakness

Ch. c. 3(Apr), by Private Account—Ten Cents a Kiss, by Key to the Mint
Br.—Equigroup Thoroughbreds (Ky)
Tr.—Lukas D Wayne

Lifetime 1991 6 2 3 0 \$286,160
6 2 3 0 1990 0 M 0 0
126
88-14 Hnsel1267 CorporteReport1262 3/4 MneMinistr126 1/2 Second best 8

Quintana

CORDERO A JR
Own.—Garber Gary M
26May91-8Bel fst 1 1/2 :46 1:10 1:49 2 Peter Pan

Ch. c. 3(Apr), by Affirmed—Merry Moments, by Olden Times
Br.—Hibbert Robert E (Ky)
Tr.—Cross David C Jr

Lifetime 1991 8 2 1 0 \$122,913
9 2 1 0 1990 1 M 0 0 \$1,725
126
76-31 Lost Mountain114hd Man Alrigh1141 1/2 Scan1264 Four wide 6

Green Alligator

NASKATANI C
Own.—Fowler Anderson
4May91-8CD fst 1 1/4 :46 1:37 2:03 Ky Derby

B. c. 3(May), by Gate Dancer—La Reine Rouge, by King's Bishop
Br.—Worswick Ronald J (Fla)
Tr.—Johnson Murray

Lifetime 1991 6 2 2 0 \$244,500
8 2 4 0 1990 2 M 2 0 \$12,000
126
91-04 StrikethGold126 1/2 BstPI126 1/2 MnMinistr126hd Swung out late 16

