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Belmont Park 1 1/2 Miles (2:24) Belmont-G1 THE BELMONT S. PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS. Grade I. Purse \$1,500,000 For Three Year Olds. Non-Lasix Race pursuant to 4043.2 (7) (e) (5) Lasix not permitted within 48 hours of post time. By subscription of \$600 each, to accompany the nomination, if made on or before January 23, 2021, or \$6,000, if made on or before March 29, 2021. 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 \$50,000 to the New York Racing Association, Inc. \$15,000 to pass the entry box and \$15,000 additional to start. All entrants will be required to pay entry and starting fees; but no fees, supplemental or otherwise shall be added to the purse. The purse to be divided \$800,000 to the winner, \$280,000 to second, \$150,000 to third, \$100,000 to fourth, \$60,000 to fifth, \$45,000 to sixth, \$35,000 to seventh and \$30,000 to eighth. Colts and Geldings, 126 lbs.; Fillies, 121 lbs. 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 to the winning trainer and jockey.



Post time: 6:49 ET

Wagers: Exacta, Trifecta (.50), Super (.10), Pick 3, Double

Beyer par: NA

1 Bourbonic

Own: Calumet Farm

15-1 Black, Gold Chevrons, Black Cap

CARMOUCHE K (129 16 18 17) 2021: (487 90 18)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 69 Late 107

Table with columns for race dates, distances, and times for Bourbonic.

Dk. b or br c. 3 (Apr)

Sire: Bernardini (A.P. Indy) \$35,000

Dam: Dancing Affleet (Affleet Alex)

Br: Calumet Farm (Ky)

Tr: Pletcher Todd A (42 5 6 4 .12) 2021: (385 86 .22)

Life 7 3 1 0 \$465,880 89

2021 4 2 1 0 \$438,450 89

126 2020 3 1 0 0 \$27,430 69

Bel 1 0 0 0 \$630 51

D.Fst 4 2 0 0 \$430,880 89

Wet(406) 2 1 1 0 \$34,600 76

Synth 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

Turf(245) 1 0 0 0 \$400 47

Dst(263) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

WORKS: May 28 Bel 4f st: 48.2 B 5/86 May 21 Bel 4f st: 48.4 B 4/33 May 14 Bel 4f st: 48 B 3/37 Apr 23 CD 4f st: 49.3 B 7/108 Apr 15 CD 4f st: 48.3 B 12/40

TRAINER: 31-60Days (488 23 \$1.68) Dirt (722 23 \$1.57) Routes (921 23 \$1.63) GrdStk (165 16 \$2.12)

J/T 2020-21 BEL (12 .00 \$0.00) J/T 2020-21 (64 .30 \$3.96)

CLOSER LOOK Late-running colt needed a drop in class to break his maiden but he has clearly improved since getting stretched out in distance, and backed up that maiden claiming win with a second victory a month later; made it three for four routing on dirt when pulling off a big upset in the Grade 2 Wood Memorial, getting an assist from a perfect Kendrick Carmouche ride; earned his way into the Derby by that Wood upset and was never involved while finishing 13th; likely to sit back and make one run hoping this field comes back to him.

2 Essential Quality

Own: Godolphin LLC

2-1 Royal Blue, Blue Cap

SAEZ L (95 13 18 12 .14) 2021: (640 111 17)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 95 Late 97

Table with columns for race dates, distances, and times for Essential Quality.

Gr/ro. c. 3 (Apr)

Sire: Tapit (Pulpit) \$185,000

Dam: Delightful Quality (Evasive Quality)

Br: Calumet Farm (Ky)

Tr: Cox Brad H (15 5 1 0 .33) 2021: (412 112 27)

Life 6 5 0 0 \$2,415,144 100

2021 3 2 0 0 \$1,080,000 100

126 2020 3 3 0 0 \$1,335,144 95

Bel 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

D.Fst 5 4 0 0 \$1,965,144 100

Wet(411) 1 1 0 0 \$450,000 96

Synth 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

Turf(319) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

Dst(307) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

WORKS: May 29 CD 5f gd: 59.2 B 1/43 May 22 CD 5f st: 59.4 B 5/40 May 15 CD 4f st: 50.4 B 8/96 Apr 24 CD 5f st: 1:00.2 B 8/29 Apr 17 CD 5f st: 59.3 B 4/40

TRAINER: 31-60Days (478 27 \$1.87) Dirt (861 26 \$1.68) Routes (755 26 \$1.79) GrdStk (143 30 \$2.36)

J/T 2020-21 BEL (8 .13 \$0.85) J/T 2020-21 (33 .36 \$2.55)

CLOSER LOOK Suffered his first career defeat as the favorite in the Derby but he might have taken the worst of it among the top four finishers in that race after bumping at the start and then getting stuck widest throughout; still raced on gamely to finish a close 4th on the day and took the now-accepted route to this race while skipping the Preakness; his margin for error may not be great but he is probably the horse to beat as he stretches out again.

3 Rombauer

Own: Fradkin John and Fradkin Diane

3-1 Pink, Pink and White Blocks On Sleeves

VELAZQUEZ J R (43 9 2 10 21) 2021: (262 50 19)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 87 Late 110

Table with columns for race dates, distances, and times for Rombauer.

B. c. 3 (Apr)

Sire: Twirling Candy (Candy Ride) \$40,000

Dam: Cashmere (Cowboy Cal)

Br: John Fradkin & Diane Fradkin (Ky)

Tr: McCarthy Michael W (-) 2021: (149 25 17)

Life 7 3 1 1 \$890,500 102

2021 3 2 0 1 \$740,000 102

126 2020 4 1 1 0 \$150,500 85

Bel 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

D.Fst 4 1 1 1 \$800,000 102

Wet(374) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

Synth 1 1 0 0 \$60,000 84

Turf(370) 2 1 0 0 \$30,500 65

Dst(282) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

WORKS: May 28 Bel 4f st: 50 B 5/86 May 8 SA 5f st: 59.4 H 4/36 Apr 30 SA 5f st: 59.1 H 2/24 Apr 23 SA 5f st: 59.3 H 2/35 Apr 16 SA 4f st: 48.1 H 12/48

TRAINER: WonLastStart (57 12 \$0.92) Dirt (142 15 \$1.78) Routes (271 18 \$1.93) GrdStk (71 14 \$1.35)

J/T 2020-21 (5 .20 \$2.44)

CLOSER LOOK Was a maiden on dirt leading into the Preakness three weeks ago but he erased any surface concerns there might have been (he had run well on this surface previously without winning) when sitting a trip and taking a big step forward to win that race easily; the 102 Beyer he earned that day makes him fastest on the way into the Belmont and there wouldn't appear to be any distance concerns with this colt; tough if able to repeat his Preakness effort but he is facing a much tougher group of horses this time.

4 Hot Rod Charlie

Own: Boat Racing LLC Gainesway Stable

7-2 White, Green Road Runner Emblem, Green

PRAT F (-) 2021: (398 110 28)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 104 Late 93

Table with columns for race dates, distances, and times for Hot Rod Charlie.

Dk. b or br c. 3 (Apr) FTKOCT19 \$110,000

Sire: Oxbow (Awesome Again) \$7,500

Dam: Indian Miss (Indian Charlie)

Br: Edward A Cox Jr (Ky)

Tr: O'Neill Doug (-) 2021: (246 36 15)

Life 8 2 1 3 \$1,305,700 100

2021 3 1 0 2 \$922,000 100

126 2020 5 1 1 1 \$383,700 94

Bel 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

D.Fst 5 2 1 1 \$1,286,000 100

Wet(421) 1 0 0 1 \$12,000 94

Synth 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

Turf(266) 2 0 0 1 \$7,700 57

Dst(273) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

WORKS: May 28 SA 5f st: 1:00.2 H 5/34 May 22 SA 5f st: 1:01.3 H 2/39 May 15 SA 5f st: 1:03.4 B 5/58 Apr 24 SA 6f st: 1:13.3 H 2/4 Apr 17 SA 6f st: 1:14.1 H 5/6

TRAINER: 31-60Days (259 10 \$1.36) Dirt (367 14 \$1.84) Routes (324 12 \$1.00) GrdStk (79 05 \$0.71)

J/T 2020-21 (31 .19 \$0.99)

CLOSER LOOK Nearly pulled off a huge upset when improving suddenly at 94:1 at the Breeders' Cup last November, and he didn't luck into that runnerup effort while making the first run into a wicked pace; has since proven that his effort that day was no fluke while a Louisiana Derby win, followed by a close 3rd in the Derby; has a handy running style and is a major player in this spot with Prat taking the return call.

5 France Go de Ina

Own: Inaida Yuji
30-1 White, Black Diamond Hoop, Black Hoops
SANTANA R JR (-) 2021: (420 85 20)



Ch. c. 3 (Mar) KEESSEP \$100,000
Sire: Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song) \$5,000
Dam: Dreamy Blues (Curlin)
Br: Betz Kidder B & K Canetti & Jim Betz (Ky)
Tr: Mori Hideyuki (-) 2021 : (1 0 .00)



Table with columns: Life, 5, 2, 0, 0, \$145,291, 77. Rows for 2021 and Bel.

Table with columns: D.Fst, 5, 2, 0, 0, \$145,291, 77. Rows for Wet(378), Synth, Turf(305), Dst(253*).

Table with columns: TimeformUS Pace, Early 108, Late 79. Rows for 15May21, 27Mar21, 19Dec20, 28Nov20, 7Nov20.

Table with columns: Preaknes-G1, UAE Derby-G2, Alw 133900, Maiden 93000, Maiden 129600. Rows for 77 7/10, 14 6 1/2, 9 15, 13 14, 14 4 7/2.

Table with columns: Life, 5, 2, 0, 0, \$15,000, 77. Rows for 2021 and Bel.

Table with columns: D.Fst, 5, 2, 0, 0, \$145,291, 77. Rows for Rmbr3, Rebel's Romance, France Go de Ina, France Go de Ina, Lemon Pop.

WORKS: May 12 Pim 4f fst :492 B 1/3

TRAINER: Dirt (2.00 \$0.00) Routes (1.00 \$0.00) GrdStk (2.00 \$0.00)

CLOSER LOOK Japanese invader is going for a big bonus here while third off the layoff, though he clearly has much to prove vs. this kind of competition; he won easily the first two times he went long as a 2yo in Japan, but he was never really a threat while making his 3yo debut in the UAE Derby, and he was quickly dispatched in the Preakness after making a mild move up the rail on the backstretch; suppose he could really relish the distance but he has his work cut out for him here.

6 Known Agenda

Own: St Elias Stable
6-1 Green, White 'Ste,' Two White Hoops On
ORTIZ I JR (137 34 28 19 25) 2021: (680 183 27)



Ch. c. 3 (Mar)
Sire: Curlin (Smart Strike) \$175,000
Dam: Byrama*GB (Byron*GB)
Br: St Elias Stables LLC (Ky)
Tr: Pletcher Todd A (42 5 6 4 .12) 2021 : (385 86 .22)



Table with columns: Life, 7, 3, 1, 1, \$541,700, 94. Rows for 2021 and Bel.

Table with columns: D.Fst, 6, 3, 1, 0, \$523,700, 94. Rows for Wet(392), Synth, Turf(351), Dst(250).

Table with columns: TimeformUS Pace, Early 71, Late 106. Rows for 1May21, 27Mar21, 26Feb21, 6Feb21, 5Dec20, 8Nov20, 27Sep20.

Table with columns: KyDerby-G1, FlaDerby-G1, OC 75K/N1x-N, SFDavis-G3, Remsen-G2, Md Sp Wt 80k, Md Sp Wt 63k. Rows for 87 1/19, 94 5/11, 82 4/6, 79 3/12, 80 2/5, 79 7/9, 76 8/9.

Table with columns: Life, 7, 3, 1, 1, \$541,700, 94. Rows for 2021 and Bel.

Table with columns: D.Fst, 6, 3, 1, 0, \$523,700, 94. Rows for MdnSprt, KnnAnd, KnnAnd, BrkInStrng, KnownAgnd, HghlMtvld.

WORKS: May 28 Bel 5f fst 1:01 B 1/10 May 21 Bel 5f fst 1:022 B 8/18 May 14 Bel 4f fst :484 B 6/37 Apr 23 CD 5f fst 1:01 B 17/50 Apr 16 CD 5f fst 1:002 B 9/36

TRAINER: 31-60Days (488 .23 \$1.68) Dirt (722.23 \$1.57) Routes (921.23 \$1.63) GrdStk (165.16 \$2.12)

J/T 2020-21 BEL (29 .28 \$1.56) J/T 2020-21 (224 .30 \$1.85)

CLOSER LOOK Curlin colt has been meant for distance from day one and his progression through racing has been noticeable for one of the top conditioners in the game; the addition of blinkers seemed to take him to the next level over the winter in Florida; he traveled much handier in that commanding allowance win in February, and then improved again to easily take the Grade 1 Florida Derby with a new top figure; his lack of pace really cost him in the Derby while unable to obtain a position down inside in the early stages and winding up too far back in a race that did not lend itself to closing; he really didn't do much racing after that, but he is better than he was able to show that day and is eligible to rebound quickly back over his home track.

7 Rock Your World

Own: Hronis Racing LLC and Talla David
9-2 Dark Green, White 'Hr' And Hoops, White
ROSARIO J (84 20 10 9 24) 2021: (358 84 23)



Dk. b or br. c. 3 (Feb) KEESSEP \$650,000
Sire: Candy Ride*Arg (Ride the Rails) \$75,000
Dam: Charm the Maker (Empire Maker)
Br: Ron McAnally & Deborah McAnally (Ky)
Tr: Sadler John W (-) 2021 : (196 41 21)



Table with columns: Life, 4, 3, 0, 0, \$546,600, 100. Rows for 2021 and Bel.

Table with columns: D.Fst, 2, 1, 0, 0, \$450,000, 100. Rows for Wet(448), Synth, Turf(325), Dst(318).

Table with columns: TimeformUS Pace, Early 110, Late 81. Rows for 1May21, 3Apr21, 27Feb21, 1Jan21.

Table with columns: KyDerby-G1, SADerby-G1, PasadenaL100k, Md Sp Wt 64k. Rows for 69 15/19, 100 2/9, 82 4/5, 82 8/12.

Table with columns: Life, 4, 3, 0, 0, \$546,600, 100. Rows for 2021 and Bel.

Table with columns: D.Fst, 2, 1, 0, 0, \$450,000, 100. Rows for MdnSprt, RckYrWrd, RckYrWrd, RckYrWrd.

WORKS: May 28 SA 5f fst :582 H 1/34 May 21 SA 5f fst 1:011 H 15/29 May 14 SA 5f fst 1:011 H 6/23 Apr 24 SA 5f fst :591 H 3/68 Apr 17 SA 5f fst :593 H 6/72

TRAINER: 31-60Days (215.14 \$1.37) Dirt (304.17 \$1.73) Routes (253.14 \$1.60) GrdStk (60.13 \$2.12)

J/T 2020-21 BEL (1.00 \$0.00) J/T 2020-21 (73 .16 \$1.40)

CLOSER LOOK Lightly-raced colt is probably the one Derby also-ran to rate the benefit of the doubt as he lost all chance when failing to break sharply from the gate and then getting bumped hard from both sides to wind up out of position; he did nothing after that while being kept out of the kickback, but he was meant to be sending for the lead and never got the chance to run his race there; still has much to prove in terms of both class and distance, but the race in his dirt debut suggests that he could be this good; likely to be on the early lead this time and that makes him a real wildcard in this Belmont.

8 Overtook

Own: Repole Stable St Elias Stable Tabor
20-1 Royal Blue, Orange Circle And 'R,'
FRANCO M (177 29 20 27 .16) 2021: (542 96 .18)



B. c. 3 (Feb) KEESSEP \$1,000,000
Sire: Curlin (Smart Strike) \$175,000
Dam: Got Lucky (A.P. Indy)
Br: Hill 'N' Dale Equine Holdings Inc & Ph (Ky)
Tr: Pletcher Todd A (42 5 6 4 .12) 2021 : (385 86 .22)



Table with columns: Life, 5, 1, 1, 2, \$131,380, 84. Rows for 2021 and Bel.

Table with columns: D.Fst, 5, 1, 1, 2, \$131,380, 84. Rows for Wet(444), Synth, Turf(219), Dst(318).

Table with columns: TimeformUS Pace, Early 71, Late 109. Rows for 8May21, 6Feb21, 20Dec20, 8Nov20, 10Oct20.

Table with columns: PeterPan-G3, Withers-G3, Md Sp Wt 80k, Md Sp Wt 80k, Md Sp Wt 63k. Rows for 84 1/5, 83 6/9, 70 4/9, 46 3/9, 60 6/8.

Table with columns: Life, 5, 1, 1, 2, \$131,380, 84. Rows for 2021 and Bel.

Table with columns: D.Fst, 5, 1, 1, 2, \$131,380, 84. Rows for PromiseKepr, RiskTaking, Overtook, Overtook, KnownAgnd, NovRgs.

WORKS: May 28 Bel 4f fst :482 B 5/66 May 21 Bel 4f fst :484 B 4/33 Apr 30 PBD 4f fst :481 B 1/10 Apr 24 PBD 4f fst :491 B 5/9 Apr 17 PBD 4f fst :492 B 5/13

TRAINER: 20H45-180 (179.22 \$1.27) BlinkOn (57.18 \$1.26) Dirt (722.23 \$1.57) Routes (921.23 \$1.63) GrdStk (165.16 \$2.12)

J/T 2020-21 BEL (10 .20 \$1.54) J/T 2020-21 (29 .17 \$1.38)

CLOSER LOOK The third entrant from the Pletcher barn has nothing more than a maiden win to his credit so far, that lone victory coming shortly after he got dusted by stablemate Known Agenda in his second career start; he has placed in a pair of graded stakes since then while improving his figures slightly each time and will now add a pair of blinkers for his biggest test to date; the distance would seem to be within his scope but he is clearly going to have to show significant improvement to factor vs. this field.

-Mike Beer