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Belmont Park 1 1/2 MILES (2:24) Belmont-G1 146th Running of THE BELMONT. Grade I.

Purse \$1,500,000 For Three Year Olds. By subscription of \$600 each, to accompany the nomination, if made on or before January 25, 2014, or \$6,000, if made on or before March 22, 2014. 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 \$75,000 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.



Post time: 6:52 ET

Wagers: Exacta, Trifecta (.50), Super (.10), Pick 3, Double 2Nd Half Of The Belmont Gold Cup/belmont Double

Beyer par: NA

1 Medal Count

Own: Spendthrift Farm LLC Orange And Purple Quarters, Orange



B. c. 3 (May) KEESEP12 \$360,000 Sire: Dynaformer (Roberto) \$150,000 Dam: Brisquette (Unbridled's Song) Br: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (Ky) Tr: Romans Dale (3 1 0 0 .33) 2014:(237 34 .14)

Table with columns for Life, 2014, 2013, Bel, D.Fst, Wet, Synth, Turf, Dst. Includes race results for CliforniChrome126, CommdingCurv126, DncWthFt123, MdlCount123, PbloDlMnt123, etc.

Race results for Albarado R J (-) 2014: (500 69 .14) 3May14-11CD fst 1/4 :.471 1:114 1:372 2:033 KyDerby-G1 86 13 10 4 1/2 10 5 3/4 8 3 8 7 1/2 8 7 1/2 Albarado R J L126 26.20 83-12 CliforniChrome126 1 3/4 DncWthFt123 1 3/4 MdlCount123 1 3/4 PbloDlMnt123 5 1/2 Came 6w, finished well 14

Race results for BlueGras-G1 94 13 9 4 1/2 9 4 1/2 8 5 3 1/2 2 1 3/4 Albarado R J L123 6.60 81-23 DncWthFt123 1 3/4 MdlCount123 1 3/4 PbloDlMnt123 5 1/2 Came 6w, finished well 14

WORKS: 31May14 CD 6f fst 1:10 3 B 1/8 24May14 CD 5f fst :59 2 B 1/4 17May14 CD 4f fst :49 B 2/9 26Apr14 CD 6f fst 1:13 B 1/3 29Mar14 GP 5f fst 1:00 1 B 7/26 22Mar14 GP 5f fst :59 B 4/36

TRAINER: 31-60Days(271.13 \$1.50) Dirt(467.15 \$1.50) Routes(524.15 \$1.62) GrdStk(84.08 \$1.88)

CLOSER LOOK: Colt has worked solidly since a horrible trip in the Kentucky Derby when he was squeezed past the stands the first time, and when he finally got clear, he was clobbered by eventual third finisher Danza; also didn't get the best of trips in the Blue Grass when racing 6 wide; expect him to be closer to the pace this time; distance should suit him being noting stamina influence of Dynaformer and he signaled he is feeling pretty good about himself after the best of 42 spin on the 24th and the sizzling 1:10 and change move the end of May; not sure he was beating anybody in in the last victory; the place horse on April 4 was 7th on the under card Derby Day in a Grade 2 turf event; value will be there, should be rolling late if at all.

2 California Chrome

Own: Coburn Steven and Martin Perry Purple, Green Donkey, Green Collar



Ch. c. 3 (Feb) Sire: Lucky Pulpit (Pulpit) Dam: Love the Chase (Not For Love) Br: Perry Martin & Steve Coburn (Cal) Tr: Sherman Art(-) 2014:(42 15 .36)

Table with columns for Life, 2014, 2013, Bel, D.Fst, Wet, Synth, Turf, Dst. Includes race results for CliforniChrom126 1/2 RdOnCrln126 1/2 SoclInclson126 1/2 3w, bid btw, clear, held 10

Race results for Preaknes-G1 105 3 3 2 1/2 3 2 1 1/2 1 1 1/2 Espinoza V L126 b *50 105-05 CliforniChrom126 1/2 RdOnCrln126 1/2 SoclInclson126 1/2 3w, bid btw, clear, held 10

Race results for SA Derby-G1 107 5 2 3 1/2 2nd 2nd 15 15 1 1/2 Espinoza V L122 b *70 95-10 CliforniChrom126 1/2 Hopportunity122 3/4 CndyBoy122 3/4 Vied, clear, ridden out 8

WORKS: 31May14 Bel 4f fst :47 3 B 5/31 26Apr14 LA 4f fst :48 1 H 5/12 19Apr14 LA 4f fst :47 4 H 8/29 29Mar14 LA 4f fst :46 2 H 1/21 22Mar14 LA 4f fst :47 2 H 7/31 2Mar14 LA 5f w f 1:00 2 H 1/1

TRAINER: WonLastStart(24 .38 \$3.02) Dirt(83 .28 \$2.26) Routes(67 .25 \$2.21) GrdStk(6 .67 \$3.03)

This meteor will take his tactical speed to the track in an attempt to go into the record books; he has had a tendency to get off a step slowly but that has not deterred him from winning the first 2 legs; the signature move of opening up at the top of the lane has worked to perfection of late and he again figures to get a solid stalk and pounce trip; after his final Derby time was the slowest on a fast strip since 1974, his time in the Preakness was the fastest since Curlin went 1:53.46 in 2007; in the work on the a week ago the colt got the last quarter in :23.33 and he galloped out in :59.59 and got 6 furlongs in 1:12.76; it just could be a matter if he can get this grueling distance; history awaits.

3 Matterhorn

Own: Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Tow Black, Light Blue Sash, White Sleeves



B. c. 3 (Feb) FTFMAR13 \$625,000 Sire: Tapit (Pulpit) \$150,000 Dam: Winter Garden (Roy) Br: Town & Country Farm Corp (Ky) Tr: Pletcher Todd A (55 14 3 13 .25) 2014:(454 114 .25)

Table with columns for Life, 2014, 2013, Bel, D.Fst, Wet, Synth, Turf, Dst. Includes race results for Tonalist117 3/4 Commissioner116 2/3 IrishYouWell116 1/2 Angled 4w 3/8, belated 7

Race results for PeterPan-G2 92 1 6 4 1/2 6 6 5 6 4 7 4 6 1/2 Velazquez J R L116 b 7.30 85-21 Tonalist117 3/4 Commissioner116 2/3 IrishYouWell116 1/2 Angled 4w 3/8, belated 7

Race results for Alw 67000n1x 83 5 5 4 1/2 5 4 4 2 1/2 3 4 3 6 1/2 Ortiz J Jr L116 b 3.55 81-18 MightyJan122 5 3/4 IdleAmerican117 3/4 Mterhorn116 6 1/2 Off beat slow, 4w 2nd 7

WORKS: 1Jun14 Bel tr 4f fst :49 4 B 31/42 4May14 Bel tr 4f fst :48 1 B 2/57 27Apr14 Bel tr 4f fst :48 3 B 21/53 19Apr14 Bel tr 4f fst :48 2 B 30/116 13Apr14 Bel tr 4f fst :49 B 13/65 16Mar14 PmM 4f fst :49 B 3/48

TRAINER: Dirt(923 .26 \$1.80) Routes(914 .24 \$1.99) GrdStk(327 .21 \$2.52)

Pletcher charge seems ambitiously placed; he has been a bad actor at the gate at times but note he was tons best of the rest in the Gulfstream finale; it's possible he never really enjoyed the going last time too; colt's dam was sprint only earner of over \$900K but he is kin to Title Contender, who took a Grade 3 routing and was 2nd beaten a length and a quarter in a mile and three eighths stakes; connections are confident he will enjoy this marathon distance; being a new shooter in the Belmont is not a bad thing of late; since 2000 12 of the last 14 Belmont winners did not compete in the Preakness; still eligible for an N1X, needs break out race.

4 Commanding Curve



B. r. 3 (Mar) OBSAPR13 \$75,000
Sire: Master Command (A.P. Indy) \$12,500
Dam: Mother (Lion Hearted)
Tr: Stewart Dallas(-) 2014:(61 7 .11)

Table with columns: Life, 7, 1, 2, 2, \$542,434, 94, D.Fst, 6, 1, 2, 2, \$541,900, 94. Includes rows for 2014, 2013, and Bel.

Own: West Point Thoroughbreds
Gold, Black Star, Black Sleeves, Gold
BRIDGMAN S X (-) 2014: (378 72 .19)

Main race table for Commanding Curve with columns for race date, time, odds, and various race results.

WORKS: 1Jun14 Bel 4f fst: 47.1 B 3/25 23May14 CD 5f fst: 59.4 B 3/27 16May14 CD 4f gd: 48.4 B 7/37 26Apr14 CD 5f fst: 1:02.3 B 36/70 18Apr14 CD 5f fst: 1:00.2 B 6/15 10Apr14 CD 4f fst: 48.1 B 6/24
TRAINER: 31-60Days(73.15 \$2.15) Dirt(170.12 \$1.28) Routes(114.10 \$0.73) GrdStk(27.04 \$1.30)
Soph has more speed than he has flashed of late; note he was only a half length off a :46 half in his second start and would expect him get into this race earlier; the way he finished at Churchill suggests the trip will be within his realm but you really don't want to come from the clouds in this Classic; on top of that there doesn't appear to be a ton of speed in here; he has drilled solidly reportedly working his best ever in the drill last week; Stewart has indicated this runner is coming to this race stronger weight-wise than last year's Derby second Golden Soul, who Stewart also trained and ran 9th in this race; expect rider to take a little hold, get him to settle, try to save ground, and then look for a seam to run through late.

5 Ride On Curlin



B. c. 3 (Feb) KEESEP12 \$25,000
Sire: Curlin (Smart Strike) \$25,000
Dam: Magical Ride (Storm Cat)
Tr: Gowan William(-) 2014:(11 1 .09)

Table with columns: Life, 1, 2, 3, 4, \$714,687, 103, D.Fst, 9, 1, 3, 3, \$621,087, 103. Includes rows for 2014, 2013, and Bel.

Main race table for Ride On Curlin with columns for race date, time, odds, and various race results.

WORKS: 1Jun14 Bel 7f fst: 1:28 B 1/1 14May14 Pim 4f fst: 49.3 B 1/5 27Apr14 CD 7f fst: 1:29 B 1/1 6Apr14 OP 7f fst: 1:26.4 B 1/1 30Mar14 OP 5f fst: 1:00.3 B 4/46 6Mar14 OP 7f fst: 1:26.4 B 1/1
TRAINER: Dirt(29.10 \$0.41) Routes(25.12 \$0.88) GrdStk(7.00 \$0.00)
Bothered early in the Oaklawn finale and in the Derby he took a left turn out of the gate and paid the price; like the way he was coming late in Baltimore but he must prove he can win something other than a sprint; on a positive note his 2-time Horse of the Year sire earned over \$6.6 million routing and the lone full sister to graduate was 2nd twice routing, beaten only a nose once at 8 and a half furlongs; galloping mostly since the Preakness; like fact he got a feel of the surface with maintenance drill a week ago; there is a concern about whom he has beaten as the place horse in the 2014 debut ran out of the money in an optional claimer since and the place horse in the maiden breaker is one for 5 since; still don't ignore.

6 Matuszak



Dk. b or br c. 3 (Feb)
Sire: Bernardini (A.P. Indy) \$100,000
Dam: Golden Sonata (Mr. Prospector)
Tr: Sha-Li Leasing Associates Inc (Ky)
Tr: Mott William I(43 7 8 .16) 2014:(307 39 .13)

Table with columns: Life, 8, 1, 1, 2, \$78,643, 83, D.Fst, 7, 1, 1, 2, \$78,257, 83. Includes rows for 2014, 2013, and Bel.

Main race table for Matuszak with columns for race date, time, odds, and various race results.

WORKS: 1Jun14 Bel 5f fst: 1:00.4 B 6/14 26May14 Bel 5f fst: 1:01.2 B 19/30 19May14 Bel 5f fst: 1:01.2 B 1/35 12May14 Bel tr. 5f fst: 59.4 B 1/60 4May14 Bel 5f fst: 1:04 B(d) 3/4 12Apr14 Bel 4f fst: 48.3 B 9/19
TRAINER: 31-60Days(330.18 \$1.24) Dirt(422.22 \$1.67) Routes(643.16 \$1.45) GrdStk(143.20 \$1.79)
Colt opened his career the right way but has only been in the money three times since; bothered early in his Laurel finale and he ran into a road block in the Tesio, but that happens when a runner has limited speed; he does have a right to get the trip; when his sire won the 10-furlong Jockey Club Gold Cup, he was extending late increasing his winning margin by over 4 lengths from the top of the lane to the wire; his dam was route only and she dropped a half sis that won long; backers will have to hope a duel occurs, they go bonkers early, the race falls apart, and this racer finds a lane to rally into in time.

7 Samraat



Dk. b or br c. 3 (Apr)
Sire: Noble Causeway (Giant's Causeway)
Dam: Little Indian Girl (Indian Charlie)
Tr: My Meadowview LLC (NY)
Tr: Violette Richard A Jr(17 2 3 .12) 2014:(77 12 .16)

Table with columns: Life, 7, 5, 1, 0, \$833,200, 98, D.Fst, 6, 4, 1, 0, \$773,200, 98. Includes rows for 2014, 2013, and Bel.

Main race table for Samraat with columns for race date, time, odds, and various race results.

WORKS: 31May14 Aqu 1 fst: 1:47.2 B 1/1 25May14 Bel 1 fst: 1:41.1 B 1/1 18May14 Aqu 4f fst: 48.4 B 2/15 25Apr14 Aqu 1 fst: 1:45.4 B 1/1 18Apr14 Bel 4f fst: 49 B 8/19 28Mar14 PmM 1 fst: 1:44 B 1/1
TRAINER: 31-60Days(111.21 \$2.23) Dirt(230.16 \$1.41) Routes(165.12 \$0.99) GrdStk(17.12 \$0.63)
Capable runner has been a fighter in his career; he brings positional speed to the table but proved in the Gotham that he can settle and still kick; he did get a good trip in the Derby when he broke well, got clear, gave his best but was just not good enough; Empire-bred has some grit to him and he has the speed to be in the fray from the sound of the bell and have the destiny in his own hands; the recent mile works should have helped his stamina and the fact he broke his maiden here is a plus; slight improvement and he could have an upset on his agenda; since 2000, 7 horses raced in the Derby, skipped the 2nd jewel and won the Belmont including last year's hero Palace Malice.

8 Commissioner



Own: WinStar Farm LLC
White, Green And Black Emblem, Green

CASTELLANO J J (94 21 19 16 .22) 2014: (551 150 .27)

Table with race results for Commissioner, including dates, track, distance, and times for various races.

WORKS: 1Jun14 Bel tr 4f fst :49 1/2 B 30/42 25May14 Bel 5f fst 1:00 3/29 B 3/29 3May14 CD 4f fst :48 2/51 6Apr14 PmM 4f fst :49 B 8/24 16Mar14 PmM 5f fst 1:01 2/4 8Mar14 PmM 4f fst :49 1/30/74
TRAINER: Dirt(923.26 \$1.80) Routes(914.24 \$1.99) GrdStk(327.21 \$2.52) J/T 2013-14 BEL (71 .27 \$1.71) J/T 2013-14(349 .32 \$1.91)

Youngster has had some rough trips; he bobbed at the break in the New Mexico race and never got rolling at Oaklawn when he acted up at the gate; considering he was chasing the lone speed last time, the Peter Pan was not all that bad and the recent race over the surface can't hurt; colt's connections have always felt he would improve with more real estate and the blood is there for this runner to thrive; by a Belmont Stakes winner and his dam's sire also won the Belmont; he is also a half brother to Laugh Track, who was Grade 1 place; one could easily envision a trip where he will sit within 4 or so lengths of the leaders hoping to settle and kick; respect.

9 Wicked Strong



Own: Centennial Farms
Tan, Red Sash, Red Sleeves, Tan And Red

MARAGH R (75 13 8 10 .17) 2014: (371 54 .15)

Table with race results for Wicked Strong, including dates, track, distance, and times for various races.

WORKS: 1Jun14 Bel tr 5f fst :59 B 1/12 25May14 Bel tr 1 f 1:39 2/1 18May14 Bel tr 5f fst 1:01 4 B 8/20 1May14 CD 3f fst :36 3/127 25Apr14 Bel tr 7f fst 1:27 B 1/1 17Apr14 Bel tr 4f fst :49 3 B 14/28
TRAINER: Dirt(31.60Days(59.25 \$3.41) Dirt(109.21 \$2.89) Routes(71.23 \$2.92) GrdStk(6.17 \$3.40) J/T 2013-14 BEL (16.31 \$4.13) J/T 2013-14(32.34 \$4.90)

After stumbling in Louisville, colt finished with a flurry; with any kind of luck early, he should be able to maintain contact from the sound of the bell; the Remsen was kind of his coming out party; out in post 9 in the Gulfstream finale, the race was better than it looked since the track was playing solidly toward speed; and he also was flattered when Constitution, the winner on 2/22, went on to take the Florida Derby; he has trained steadily on the training track including the best of 12 bullet a week ago when he started on the slow side, got his middle quarter in :22.50 and finished up in :23.67; he has shown a proven affinity for this surface and is no shrinking violet at crunch time; legit player for all the cash.

10 General a Rod



Own: Skychai Racing LLC and Starlight Racing
Orange, Turquoise Ball, Black Stripe

NAPRAVNIK R (-) 2014: (525 118 .22)

Table with race results for General a Rod, including dates, track, distance, and times for various races.

WORKS: 31May14 CDT 5f fst 1:00 1/10 29Apr14 CD 4f fst :49 2/1727 23Apr14 CD 5f fst 1:03 2/13/15 17Apr14 CDT 5f fst :59 4/1/4 23Mar14 GP 5f fst 1:01 B 7/25 15Mar14 GP 5f fst :59 2/6/53
TRAINER: Dirt(473.22 \$1.28) Routes(931.23 \$1.49) GrdStk(91.11 \$0.88) J/T 2013-14 BEL (2.00 \$0.00) J/T 2013-14(290.26 \$1.46)

Son of Roman Ruler opened career in the right way but he's been a bit snakebitten of late; he did something in the only win this year that you don't see everyday and that's come back after losing the lead; he ran his eyeballs out in defeat in the Fountain of Youth but has not been able to match that Beyer since; in tight and forced to steady in the Derby and it didn't get much in the Preakness when he was forwardly placed along the inside, was in contention between rivals, was shuffled back on the far turn, was re-energized and finished with interest; nice move on the 31st and the 2nd best time of 1:01 was posted by Burn the Mortgage, who has earned nearly \$300K and last won in a \$50K claimer; it could be a new ballgame with a clean trip.

11 Tonalist



Own: Evans Robert S
Dark Blue, Red Triangle, Blue And Red

ROSARIO J (74 16 14 20 .22) 2014: (530 90 .17)

Table with race results for Tonalist, including dates, track, distance, and times for various races.

WORKS: 31May14 Bel 5f fst 1:00 B 8/29 25May14 Bel 5f fst 1:01 3/20/29 4May14 Bel 5f fst 1:00 B 1/11 17Apr14 Pay 5f fst 1:03 2/5/6 27Mar14 Pay 5f fst 1:04 B 8/11 20Mar14 Pay 5f fst 1:02 3/1/6
TRAINER: 2Off(45-180/76.18 \$1.46) WonLastStart(116.21 \$2.03) Dirt(125.15 \$1.18) Routes(423.20 \$1.73) GrdStk(72.17 \$1.28) J/T 2013-14 BEL (30.20 \$1.06) J/T 2013-14(94.20 \$1.48)

He has proven he can handle any kind of going and the win over the track is a major plus; winner on 2/22 took the Fountain of Youth next out and 4th finisher 2/22 took the Wood; in the drill a week ago, this Peter Pan hero worked in blinkers and broke off a couple of lengths in front of workmate Life in Shambles and the duo got their final quarter in :23.06; they galloped out 6 furlongs in 1:12.91 Life in Shambles can run; he lost his debut but won his next pair and was 2nd beaten a head in a \$100,000 stakes at Pimlico; Beyers are going in the right direction; if he inherits the lead, it may not be the best thing as only 2 horses since 1984 have gone wire-to-wire in this classic and the last was Da Tara in 2008; very dangerous. -Brian Mulligan