



BELMONT STAKES

1
Governor Malibu
 Chestnut Colt by Malibu Moon — Akilina, by Langfuhr (NY)
Owner: Jump Sucker Stable
Trainer: Christophe Clement
Jockey: Joel Rosario
 Pro: Spectacular pedigree & Peter Pan vets often bode well here
 Con: May bounce after effort in last—no NY bred has won since 1882
 **Runner-up Peter Pan Stakes at Belmont Park**

2
Destin
 Gray/Roan Colt by Giant's Causeway — Dream of Summer by Siberian Summer (KY)
Owner: Twin Creeks Racing & Eclipse Thoroughbreds
Trainer: Todd Pletcher
Jockey: Javier Castellano
 Pro: Fast, fresh, and ready. Derby to Belmont parlay is effective
 Con: Has only had one race since mid-March. Is he tight enough?
 **6th Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs**

3
Cherry Wine
 Gray/Roan Colt by Paddy o' Prado — C.S. Royce, by Unbridled's Song (KY)
Owner: Frank L. Jones & William Pacella
Trainer: Dale Romans
Jockey: Corey Lanerie
 Pro: His strong rally in Baltimore indicates he is on the uptick
 Con: Will need to be into the race earlier or field could get away
 **Runner-up Preakness Stakes at Pimlico**

4
Suddenbreakingnews
 Bay Colt by Mineshaft — Uchtel, by Afleet Alex (KY)
Owner: Sonny Henderson
Trainer: Donnie K. Von Hemel
Jockey: Mike Smith
 Pro: He's a big time closer with Belmont blue-bloods in his pedigree
 Con: Needs to get first jump on Exaggerator and that won't be easy
 **5th Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs**


5
Stradivari
 Dk B/Brown Colt by Medaglia d'Oro — Bending Strings, by American Chance (KY)
Owner: Tabor, Magnier, Smith & Gunther
Trainer: Todd Pletcher
Jockey: John Velazquez
 Pro: May be the speed in here, and his Preakness test was passed
 Con: Connections balked at entry, signaling a lack of confidence?
 **4th Preakness Stakes at Pimlico**

6
Gettysburg
 Gray/Roan Colt by Poineer of the Nile — L.A. Devine, by Pulpit (KY)
Owner: WinStar Farm LLC
Trainer: Steve Asmussen
Jockey: Paco Lopez
 Pro: Has four starts at 9 furlongs or more; a true distance specialist
 Con: We must address one thing—he's in here only as a pure rabbit
 **5th Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park**

7
Seeking the Soul
 Bay Colt by Perfect Soul (IRE) — Seeking the Title, by Seeking the Gold (KY)
Owner: Charles Fipke
Trainer: Dallas Stewart
Jockey: Florent Geroux
 Pro: Trainer has Triple Crown success with those that don't figure
 Con: He's never run over a mile, he should be seeking some reality
 **Won Maiden Special Weight at Churchill Downs**

8
Forever d'Oro
 Bay Colt by Medaglia d'Oro — Lemons Forever, by Lemon Drop Kid (KY)
Owner: Charles Fipke
Trainer: Dallas Stewart
Jockey: Jose Ortiz
 Pro: Should like the distance and does have a win over the track
 Con: Seems woefully overmatched against horses of a higher class
 **Won Maiden Special Weight at Belmont Park**

9
Trojan Nation
 Gray/Roan Colt by Giant's Causeway — Storm Song, by Summer Squall (KY)
Owner: J. Gilbert & A. Sones
Trainer: Paddy Gallagher
Jockey: Aaron Gryder
 Pro: His best race was also in New York and Derby rail is an excuse
 Con: He is still a maiden in deep water, why the stretch to fit here?
 **16th Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs**

10
Lani
 Gray/Roan Colt by Tapit — Heavenly Romance (JPN) by Sunday Silence (KY)
Owner: Koji & Yoko Maeda
Trainer: Mikio Matsunaga
Jockey: Yutaka Take
 Pro: Belmont lover keeps rolling late in all his races; a throwback
 Con: Provides comic relief on Broadway; a crumb-snatcher at best?
 **5th Preakness Stakes at Pimlico**

11
Exaggerator
 Dark Bay/Brown Colt by Curlin — Dawn Raid, by Vindication (KY)
Owner: Big Chief Racing, Head of Plains, et al
Trainer: Keith Desormeaux
Jockey: Kent Desormeaux
 Pro: With Nyquist out, he is the new King Kong against this field
 Con: Has been the hunter instead of the hunted thus far...not today
 **Won Preakness Stakes at Pimlico**

12
Brody's Cause
 Bay Colt by Giant's Causeway — Sweet Brianna, by Sahn (KY)
Owner: Albaugh Family Racing
Trainer: Dale Romans
Jockey: Luis Saez
 Pro: Hails from a hot barn, few in here have won multiple stakes
 Con: Has yet to prove he can flourish outside of Keeneland
 **7th Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs**

13
Creator
 Gray/Roan Colt by Tapit — Morena (PER), by Privately Held (KY)
Owner: WinStar Farm LLC & Bobby Flay
Trainer: Steve Asmussen
Jockey: Irad Ortiz, Jr.
 Pro: Had some excuses in the Derby and is eligible for a big rebound
 Con: There are other closers in the field who appear faster on paper
 **13th Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs**