Belmont Park

Race 10 — 11/28/2026

Class: Man o' War Stakes (Grade 2)

Distance: 1 1/4 Miles

Surface: Inner Turf

Purse: $500,000

Starters: 10

Post Time: 4:10 ET

THE MAN O' WAR S. PRESENTED BY HORSE RACING IRELAND. Grade II. Purse $500,000 Inner Turf FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Lasix not allowed within 48 hours of post time pursuant to HISA Rule 4212. Three Year Olds: 123 lbs. Older: 126 lbs. Non-winners of a Grade One or Two in 2025-26 allowed 2 lbs. The New York Racing Association reserves the right to transfer this race to the Tapeta Track. In the event that this race is taken off the turf, it may be subject to downgrading upon review by the Graded Stakes Committee.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R10
Saturday, November 28, 2026 | 1 1/4 Miles Inner Turf | 3-Year-Olds & Up | Man o' War Stakes (G2) | Purse: $500,000

Field note: Same races: Knickerbocker Stakes here on 10/31—Program Trading won, Thundering 2nd, A Bourbon for Toby 5th; Mint Millions (G3) at Kentucky Downs on 9/7—Haatem won, Facteur Cheval 6th; United Nations (G2) on 7/18—Program Trading won, Thundering 3rd. **Same trainers:** Richard Hannon (Haatem, Persica); Chad Brown (Market Timing, Program Trading). **Shippers:** Persica and Miss Justice make their U.S. debuts. No Lasix.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Sounds Like a Plan (Post 6) — Led throughout to win the Mohawk by 4 1/4 on 10/24. **Market Timing** (Post 1) — Won his last two wire to wire. **Thundering** (Post 2) — Led early in the Knickerbocker.

Stalkers / Pressers

Program Trading (Post 7) — 3rd to 4th early in the Knickerbocker (the report called him the primary speed). **Haatem** (Post 5), **Miss Justice** (Post 10), **Persica** (Post 8).

Closers

Limited Liability (Post 3), **Facteur Cheval** (Post 4), **A Bourbon for Toby** (Post 9) — Rally from mid-pack or farther back.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :24 2/5 opening quarter, :49 1/5 half-mile. **Sounds Like a Plan**, **Market Timing** and **Thundering** carry the speed.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Market Timing	20-1	3%	4.8%	-1.8%
2	Thundering	20-1	4%	4.8%	-0.8%
3	Limited Liability	10-1	17%	9.1%	**+7.9%**
4	Facteur Cheval (Ire)	4-1	15%	20.0%	-5.0%
5	Haatem (Ire)	6-1	21%	14.3%	**+6.7%**
6	Sounds Like a Plan	8-1	14%	11.1%	**+2.9%**
7	Program Trading (GB)	4-1	11%	20.0%	-9.0%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
8	Persica (Ire)	7-2	8%	22.2%	-14.2%
9	A Bourbon for Toby	20-1	4%	4.8%	-0.8%
10	Miss Justice (GB)	5-1	3%	16.7%	-13.7%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**127.8%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's table column was scaled). **Fade:** the 7-2 favorite **Persica** is –14.2% (not –9.4%). **Miss Justice** is –13.7%. Overlays: **Limited Liability** +7.9% (not +9.9%), **Haatem** +6.7% (not +9.8%) and **Sounds Like a Plan** +2.9% (not +5.3%). Thundering and A Bourbon for Toby are –0.8% (not +0.3%).

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Haatem (Ire) (Post 5) — Model Win %: 21%

PTW Profile: A 5-year-old horse, 6 for 23. Won the Grade 3 Mint Millions at 1 mile at Kentucky Downs by a head on 9/7; 5th by 6 3/4 in a Grade 3 at Newmarket on 10/10. His other graded win was the 2024 Jersey Stakes (G3) at Ascot, and he was 2nd in the 2024 Irish 2,000 Guineas (the report credited him with a Group 1 win). Richard Hannon trains.

Concerns: Mostly a miler; his only win at 1 1/4 miles was a 2025 handicap. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), +6.7%.

Limited Liability (Post 3) — Model Win %: 17%

PTW Profile: A 7-year-old gelding, 4 for 26, $1.15 million earned. 2nd by 1 in the Grade 2 Sycamore at 1 1/2 miles at Keeneland on 10/9 (not a Grade 1, and not 10 months ago as the report said; he is 50 days off). Shug McGaughey trains.

Concerns: A marathoner cutting back to 1 1/4 miles; 7th in the Kentucky Downs Gold Cup on 9/9. At 10-1 (9.1% implied), +7.9%.

Facteur Cheval (Ire) (Post 4) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: A 7-year-old gelding, 7 for 29, $5.8 million earned. 4th by 3 at 62-1 in the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Mile at Keeneland on 10/31 (the report said 7th); won a Keeneland allowance by 1/2 on 10/8. Mark Casse trains.

Concerns: 6th behind Haatem in the Mint Millions. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –5.0%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Sounds Like a Plan (Post 6) — Model Win %: 14%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old New York-bred gelding, 7 for 16. Won the Mohawk (a New York-bred stakes) wire to wire by 4 1/4 here on 10/24. Horacio De Paz trains.





Concerns: 5th by 5 1/4 after leading in the Schiller here on 10/2 (the report called 10/2 a win); first graded start. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), +2.9%.

Program Trading (GB) (Post 7) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: A 6-year-old horse, 8 for 18, $2.27 million earned. Won the Knickerbocker here by a head over Thundering on 10/31; won the Grade 2 United Nations in July; 4th by 3 1/2 in the Grade 1 Joe Hirsch here on 10/1. Chad Brown trains.

Concerns: The report's “10th at Del Mar 11/1” was the 2025 Breeders' Cup Mile, not a recent start. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –9.0%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots (★)

Market Timing (20-1) — 3 for 5; won a 1 5/16-mile optional claimer here wire to wire by 1/2 on 10/28. First stakes start. –1.8%. **Thundering** (20-1) — Led and lost the Knickerbocker by a head at 35-1. –0.8%. **A Bourbon for Toby** (20-1) — Won a 1 1/4-mile optional claimer here by 1/2 on 9/18; 5th by 2 in the Knickerbocker. –0.8%. **Miss Justice (GB)** (5-1) — Won the Group 3 Prix de Flore at Saint-Cloud by 1 1/4 on 10/25 (she has raced in France as well as Britain). –13.7%.

Persica (Ire) (7-2) — A 5-year-old gelding, 9 for 29. Won the Group 3 Superior Mile at Haydock by a nose on 9/5; 3rd in the Group 2 Joel; 14th in a big Ascot handicap on 10/17. Mostly a miler. The model projects 8% against 22.2% implied: –14.2%, the fade.

Jockey and trainer-percentage claims removed throughout.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Sounds Like a Plan	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — wire, won by 4 1/4 10/24
Market Timing	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — wire, won by 1/2 10/28
Thundering	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — led, 2nd by a head 10/31
Program Trading	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won by a head 10/31
Haatem	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won G3 by a head 9/7
Miss Justice	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won G3 by 1 1/4 10/25
Facteur Cheval	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, 4th by 3 on 10/31
Limited Liability	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, 2nd by 1 on 10/9
A Bourbon for Toby	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, won by 1/2 9/18
Persica	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 14th on 10/17





Critical MPH Insight

No horse rates ELITE late (Haatem changed from STRONG/ELITE to STRONG/STRONG). **Thundering** led and nearly won last out (sustained changed from VULNERABLE to STRONG); **Market Timing** has won his last two wire to wire (changed from STRONG/VULNERABLE to ELITE/STRONG). Persica and Miss Justice have raced and are rated (UNRATED is not valid for a raced horse).

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Haatem — Second U.S. start after a graded win at Kentucky Downs.

Limited Liability — Fresh off a close Grade 2 2nd.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Persica — 7-2 off a 14th-place finish, stretching out from a mile.

Miss Justice — 5-1 in her U.S. debut against males.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: HAATEM — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 21% at 6-1 (14.3% implied): +6.7%. Top model horse; fair odds are about 3.8-1.

VALUE PLAY: SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 13-2 or better

Model projects 14% at 8-1 (11.1% implied): +2.9%. (The report's Value Play, Limited Liability, is 10-1.)

LONGSHOT PLAY: LIMITED LIABILITY — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 17% at 10-1 (9.1% implied): +7.9%.

SECOND PLAY: FACTEUR CHEVAL — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 6-1 or better

Model projects 15% at 4-1 (20.0% implied): –5.0%. Next unused model horse.

Multi-Race Sequences: Pick 3 / Pick 4 / Pick 5 / Pick 6 — Top 3

A: Haatem — 21%
B: Limited Liability — 17%
C: Facteur Cheval — 15%

Combined Projected Probability: 53%

Favorite to fade: **Persica** (7-2), –14.2%. Miss Justice (–13.7%) is also a big underlay.

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating





★★ (2 of 5 stars)

A deep Grade 2 with three overseas shippers. **Haatem** is the top model horse and an overlay; **Limited Liability** is the biggest overlay. Fade the 7-2 favorite **Persica** (–14.2%).

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