

SCOUTING THE BELMONT

POST/HORSE RICK LEE'S ANALYSIS	ODDS	JOCKEY	TRAINER	GROSS EARNINGS, RACE REC.
1. Chocolate Candy	10-1	Garrett Gomez	Jerry Hollendorfer	\$592,500 10-4-2-1
Finished well when second best in the Santa Anita Derby, and a troubled start and wet track may have compromised his best in a fifth-place Kentucky Derby finish.				
2. Dunkirk	4-1	John Velazquez	Todd Pletcher	\$193,200 4-2-1-0
Had an unbeaten streak stopped when second behind Quality Road in the Florida Derby, and the \$3.7 million colt is lightly raced and bred to excel at this marathon distance.				
3. Mr. Hot Stuff	15-1	Edgar Prado	Eoin Harty	\$150,560 8-1-0-3
Has only a maiden victory at Santa Anita on his resume, and his only previous race on a conventional dirt surface was a poor showing in the Kentucky Derby.				
4. Summer Bird	12-1	Kent Desormeaux	Tim Ice	\$123,040 4-1-0-1
Is a son of 2004 Belmont winner Birdstone, and his sixth-place finish in the Kentucky Derby was a good effort. He will be wearing blinkers for the first time.				
5. Luv Gov	20-1	Miguel Mena	D Wayne Lukas	\$62,896 11-1-3-1
Represents a stable that has won four Belmont Stakes, but his only win was a maiden score and he was passing tired horses only in the Preakness.				
6. Charitable Man	3-1	Alan Garcia	Kieran McLaughlin	\$307,200 4-3-0-0
Is unbeaten in three races over a conventional dirt surface, and he easily defeated rivals in the Peter Pan at Belmont Park. He may be the controlling speed.				
7. Mine That Bird	2-1	Calvin Borel	Bennie Woolley	\$2,011,581 10-5-2-0
Ran one of the fastest final quarter-miles in Kentucky Derby history, and proved his Derby win was no fluke when producing a fast-closing second-place finish in the Preakness.				
8. Flying Private	12-1	Julien Leparoux	D Wayne Lukas	\$259,080 12-1-4-0
Had to overcome trouble in two stages of the Preakness in a surprising fourth-place finish, and he is improving. Bred to run this far.				
9. Miner's Escape	15-1	Jose Lezcano	Nicholas Zito	\$70,590 7-2-0-0
Followed a clear maiden victory at Gulfstream Park with a minor stakes win at Pimlico, and trainer Nick Zito saddled Da' Tara to an upset victory in the 2008 Belmont Stakes.				
10. Brave Victory	15-1	Rajiv Maragh	Nicholas Zito	\$110,533 9-2-2-1
Was a non-threatening third behind Charitable Man in the Peter Pan, and his only two victories have been at sprint distances.				

Race record: Starts-1-2-3

RICK LEE'S PICKS

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