

2023 Belmont Stakes Tip Sheet Results

12th Race – 2023 Belmont Stakes, Saturday, June 10, 2023

**Dennis' Selections: 8,3,6,4,2,7 EXACTA: \$1 Box: 8,3,6 = \$6 TRIFECTA:\$1 Bet = \$18: 8,3 w 8,3,6,4 w 8,3,6,4,2,7
Based On \$2 Cashed Ticket: EXACTA: \$68 TRI: \$266.40 SUPERFECTA: 2 DH TICKETS \$788
TOTAL BELMONT STAKES CASHED TICKETS = \$1122.40**

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
1	Tapit Shoes (KY)	20/1	Jose L. Ortiz	126	3 C		Brad H. Cox
2	Tapit Trice (KY)	3/1	Luis Saez	126	3 C		Todd A. Pletcher
3	Arcangelo (KY)	8/1	Javier Castellano	126	3 R		Jena M. Antonucci
4	National Treasure (KY)	5/1	John R. Velazquez	126	3 C		Bob Baffert
5	Il Miracolo (KY)	30/1	Marcos Meneses	126	3 C		Antonio Sano
6	Forte (KY)	5/2	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	126	3 C		Todd A. Pletcher
7	Hit Show (KY)	10/1	Manuel Franco	126	3 C		Brad H. Cox
8	Angel of Empire (PA)	7/2	Flavien Prat	126	3 C	b	Brad H. Cox
9	Red Route One (KY)	15/1	Joel Rosario	126	3 C		Steven M. Asmussen

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#8 Angel of Empire 7-2 – Classic Empire – Brad Cox / Flavien Prat – 7: 4-1-1 - \$1,369,375) Angel of Empire skipped the Preakness Stakes with eyes on the Belmont after a strong closing rally in the Kentucky Derby produced a third-place finish. The son of Classic Empire was sent off as the 4-1 favorite in the run for the roses and gained a dozen lengths after racing seven wide to finish a length and a half behind the winner. He won the Arkansas Derby (G1) by more than four lengths. Blinkers go on to keep him closer to the lead. No joke, it may be an advantage with the air quality. Trainer Brad Cox and jockey Flavien Prat earned Kentucky Derby victories by disqualification with Mandaloun in 2021 and Country House in 2019, respectively. Cox won the Belmont in 2021 with Essential Quality.

#3 Arcangelo (8-1 – Arrogate – Jena Antonucci / Javier Castellano – 4: 2-1-0 - \$167,400) Arcangelo won his last two starts, which were a maiden at Gulfstream Park in March and then the Peter Pan (G3) last month. He won both races with closing moves. Since 2010, veteran New York trainer Jena Antonucci won 160 races, with a pair of Grade 3 stakes to her credit. Kentucky Derby-winning rider Javier Castellano was aboard Arcangelo in both of his victories. His speed figures improved significantly in all of four his starts, and he can be a serious contender. Live long shot.

#6 Forte (5-2 – Violence – Todd Pletcher / Irada Ortiz Jr. – 7: 6-0-0 - \$2,409,830) The 2-year-old champion Forte comes to the Belmont after missing the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness after a state veterinarian in Kentucky scratched him. That means the son of Violence has not run since April 1 in the Florida Derby (G1), when he defeated Mage who would of course win the run for the roses. Forte has the most victories and money earned in the field and a five-race streak where he crossed the finish line in front. Trainer Todd Pletcher will try to win the Belmont for the fifth time. The filly Rags to Riches was his first in 2007, and Mo Donegal last year. Forte raced from behind in all seven of his races.

#4 National Treasure (5-1 – Quality Road – Bob Baffert / John Velazquez – 6: 2-1-2 - \$1,335,000) National Treasure ran in 4 graded stakes where he finished second, third and fourth. He won the Preakness on the front end, which was true in his maiden win also. He is likely to set the pace again on Saturday. National Treasure has shown that he is a strong competitor down the stretch, but he will have to carry his speed 2½ furlongs longer than ever before. It is worth noting that since 2000, only 3 horses won the Belmont with a front-running effort. Hall of Famer trainer Bob Baffert won the Belmont 3 times with Triple Crown winners Justify & American Pharoah along with Point Given in 2001.

#2 Tapit Trice (3-1 – Tapit – Todd Pletcher / Luis Saez – 6: 4-0-1 - \$883,650) Tapit Trice is a grey like his sire Tapit and a Grade 1 winner of the Blue Grass at Keeneland in April. He was heavily bet in the Kentucky Derby as the 9-2 second choice. Tapit Trice returns from a seventh in the Kentucky Derby. He has the look of a typical late-developing son of Tapit and should benefit from the five weeks between races. All reports say that Tapit Trice looks great in the morning with an impressive physical appearance and a long, smooth stride. Tapit Trice has the pedigree to be a serious contender to win.

#7 Hit Show (10-1 – Candy Ride – Brad Cox / Manny Franco – 6: 3-1-0 - \$494,375) Hit Show prepped for the Triple Crown races in NY where he won the Withers (G3) by more than 5 lengths and then was second by a nose in the Wood Memorial after a troubled trip. In the Kentucky Derby, Hit Show stayed close to the pace in eighth, never more than 5 lengths behind. He got to third but flattened out a bit to finish fifth. Superfecta or Trifecta finish possible.