

BELMONT STAKES



When: Tomorrow, 6:52 p.m. post time (Race 11)
Where: Belmont Park, Elmont, N.Y.
Weather: 68-73 degrees and clear.
TV: NBC beginning at 4:30 p.m. (NBCSN has undercard starting at 2:30 p.m.)
Wagering Info: 1-888-BET-2-WIN or www.parxracetrack.com/phonebet.php

Distance: 1 1/2 miles.
Weights: 126 pounds.
Purse: \$1.5 million.
First place: \$800,000.
Second place: \$280,000.
Third place: \$150,000.
Fourth place: \$100,000.
Fifth place: \$60,000.

2015 Triple Crown schedule: Kentucky Derby, May 2; Preakness Stakes, May 16; Belmont Stakes, June 6.

WAGERING TERMS

Win: Place: Betting a horse to finish first or second.
Show: Betting a horse to finish first, second or third.
Across the board: Betting an equal amount to win, place and show.
Exacta: A bet on which horses will finish first and second, in order.
Quinella: A bet on which horses will finish first and second, regardless of order.
Trifecta: A bet on which horses will finish first, second and third, in order.
Superfecta: A bet on which horses will finish first, second, third and fourth, in order.
Pick Four: Correctly picking the winners of four consecutive designated races. Pick Four wagering tomorrow at Belmont begins with Race 8.
Pick Six: Correctly picking the winners of six consecutive designated races. Pick Six wagering tomorrow at Belmont begins with Race 6.

STAFF PICKS

DICK JERARDI	ED BARKOWITZ	STAN HOCHMAN
2 California Chrome	2 California Chrome	2 California Chrome
9 Wicked Strong	7 Samraat	11 Tonalist
4 Commanding Curve	5 Ride On Curlin	9 Wicked Strong
11 Tonalist	4 Commanding Curve	4 Commanding Curve

DJ's pick: Page 78

WHERE TO WAGER

ON TRACK
Harrah's Philadelphia: 777 Harrahs Blvd., Chester, 800-480-8020
Parx Racing: 3001 Street Road, Bensalem, 215-639-9000
OFF-TRACK PARLORS
Center City: 1635 Market St. 215-246-1556
South Philadelphia: 700 Packer Ave. 215-551-8270

Northeast:
Roosevelt Mall
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215-338-1887
Valley Forge:
Oaks Corporate Center
600 Cresson Blvd.
610-650-0100
Brandywine:
1021 Baltimore Pike
Concordville
610-361-9000

ABOUT CALIFORNIA CHROME

Born: Feb. 18, 2011, at Harris Farms in Coalinga, Calif.
Dam: Love the Chase
Sire: Lucky Pulpit
Career: 12 starts, eight wins, one second
Streak: Six consecutive wins
Career earnings: \$3,452,650
Notable: Chrome's owners spent \$8,000 on his mare. If he wins the Triple Crown, his estimated breeding value will be \$15 million to \$20 million.



Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner California Chrome, with exercise rider Willie Delgado.

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Horse:	1 MEDAL COUNT	2 CALIFORNIA CHROME	3 MATTERHORN	4 COMMANDING CURVE	5 RIDE ON CURLIN	6 MATUSZAK	7 SAMRAAT	8 COMMISSIONER	9 WICKED STRONG	10 GENERAL A ROD	11 TONALIST
Morning line:	20-1	3-5	30-1	15-1	12-1	30-1	20-1	20-1	6-1	20-1	8-1
Owner:	Spendthrift Farm	Steve and Carolyn Coburn & Perry and Denise Martin	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Town & Country Farms.	West Point Thoroughbreds	Dan Dougherty	George Prussin	My Meadowview Farm	WinStar Farm	Centennial Farms	Starlight Racing & Skychai Racing	Robert S. Evans
Trainer:	Dale Romans	Art Sherman	Todd Pletcher	Dallas Stewart	Billy Gowan	Bill Mott	Rick Violette Jr. Jose Ortiz	Todd Pletcher	James Jerkins	Mike Maker	Christophe Clement Joel Rosario
Jockey:	Robby Albarado	Victor Espinoza	Joe Bravo	Shaun Bridgmohan	John Velazquez	Mike Smith	Rick Violette Jr. Jose Ortiz	Javier Castellano	Rajiv Maragh	Rosie Napravnik	Christophe Clement Joel Rosario
2014 earnings:	\$239,400	\$3,237,800	\$17,102	\$504,000	\$623,600	\$46,700	\$700,000	\$176,767	\$691,610	\$300,000	\$153,250
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Last three:	Kentucky Derby (8th), Blue Grass Stakes (2nd), Transylvania Stakes (1st).	Preakness Stakes (1st), Kentucky Derby (1st), Santa Anita Derby (1st).	Peter Pan Stakes (4th), Allowance/Aqueduct (3rd), Allowance/Gulfstream (10th).	Kentucky Derby (2nd), Louisiana Derby (3rd), Risen Star Stakes (6th).	Preakness Stakes (2nd), Kentucky Derby (7th), Arkansas Derby (2nd).	Federico Tesio Stakes (2nd), Private Terms Stakes (3rd), Allowance/Aqueduct (3rd).	Kentucky Derby (5th), Wood Memorial (2nd), Gotham Stakes (1st).	Peter Pan Stakes (2nd), Arkansas Derby (6th), Sunland Derby (3rd).	Kentucky Derby (4th), Wood Memorial (1st), Allowance/Gulfstream (4th).	Preakness Stakes (4th), Kentucky Derby (11th), Florida Derby (3rd).	Peter Pan Stakes (1st), Allowance/Gulfstream (2nd), Maiden/Gulfstream (1st).
Jerardi's breakdown:	Looked very good in the days leading up to the Kentucky Derby, but never really fired, finishing eighth. Had enough traffic trouble to suggest he is better than that. Best races on artificial surfaces.	A mere 36 years of horse racing history on the line with his Triple Crown bid. Riding a six-race winning streak. He wins his races with a burst of acceleration that leaves the field gasping and the fans applauding. If jockey Victor Espinoza wants, he can put the fastest horse in the race on the lead and never let the others in the race.	Distant fourth in the Peter Pan. Top trainer Todd Pletcher is down to the third string after having 40 nominated for the Triple Crown.	Second in the Kentucky Derby and absolutely flying in the final 200 yards. Was not going to catch Chrome, but was clearly better than the rest. Made that late run despite running behind a moderate Derby pace.	Has been second or third in six stakes races, but has not broken through yet. His strong second in the Preakness was the best race of his life. No reason to think this brilliantly bred horse won't fire again.	Kind of a strange spot for one of the sharpest trainers in the sport, Bill Mott. Has only won once (in 2013) and has never run remotely fast enough to have any kind of a chance.	Ran just outside Chrome for the first mile of the Derby, but could not keep up in the final 440 yards. Still ran hard to the finish line and lost an incredibly close photo for fourth.	Well beaten second behind Tonalist in the Peter Pan and would have to improve tremendously to have any chance to defeat a much-more accomplished group.	Wood Memorial winner struggles with the turns on normal-sized tracks, but is much better on a straightaway. The sweeping turns at Belmont Park should suit him perfectly. Very dangerous.	Had no chance in the Derby when too far off the early pace. Was making a strong run in the Preakness when the filly Ria Antonia stopped right in front of him, halting his momentum. Still managed to rally and would have been third with any kind of luck.	Son of Tapit, country's hottest sire, won the Peter Pan Stakes impressively. That race was the breakthrough for a horse that has always had star potential. Be most dangerous if loose on the lead.

TRIPLE CROWN WINNERS

A win by California Chrome will allow him to join this list of legendary horses that have won the Triple Crown:

Year	Horse	Jockey
1978	Affirmed	Steve Cauthen
1977	Seattle Slew	Jean Cruguet
1973	Secretariat	Ron Turcotte
1948	Citation	Eddie Arcaro
1946	Assault	Warren Mehrtens
1943	Count Fleet	John Longden
1941	Whirlaway	Eddie Arcaro
1937	War Admiral	Charles Kurtsinger
1935	Omaha	William Saunders
1930	Gallant Fox	Earl Sande
1919	Sir Barton	John Loftus

Ride On Curlin with exercise rider Bryan Baccia, goes over the track in preparation for the 146th running of the Belmont Stakes.