Handicapping Analysis
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Stakes Spotlight

Belmont Park Race 2

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RACE 2 – SANDS POINT (G2):

#4 BE YOUR BEST looks well-intended as she returns from the 56-day freshening to Belmont Park and reuniting with Franco. She holds a class edge over many of today's rivals, while still looking for that first graded stakes win. To her credit she has been competitive under similar conditions and coming up a beat short in the Wonder Again (G2) behind Prerequisite, the front running Chad Brown filly that came back in the Belmont Oaks (G1) with tough beat finishing second. BE YOUR BEST had some excuses built into the Belmont Oaks (G1) given the longer than preferred 10f distance and taken out of her natural RunStyle when sent into a duel. She rebounded with a game effort in the Del Mar Oaks (G1) given the WIDE trip, a tough trip over the Del Mar turf course. Her form was flattered when the winner of that race, Anisette, came back against older in the Rodeo Drive (G2) last week with a solid place finish and Ruby Nell (4th) came back to win the Unzip Me stakes on October 4th at Santa Anita.