

AQUEDUCT - February 12, 2026 - Race 7

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Weight, 123 lbs. Claiming Price \$25,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). New York Bred Claiming Price \$30,000. (NW2 L) **Claiming**

Price: \$25,000
Distance: Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Baby Yoda - 1:13.86 - June 13, 2025)
Purse: \$38,000
Available Money: \$38,000
Value of Race: \$38,000 1st \$20,900, 2nd \$7,600, 3rd \$4,560, 4th \$2,280, 5th \$1,520, 6th \$570, 7th \$570
Weather: Clear, 34° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 3:46 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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[Video Race Replay](#)

| Last Raced | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey) | Wgt | M/E | PP | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | Str | Fin | Odds | Comments |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--|-----|-----|----|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 11Jan26 ⁶ AQU ⁴ | 2 | Top Player (Franco, Manuel) | 123 | L b | 2 | 2 | 1 ¹ | 1 ^{1 1/2} | 1 ⁴ | 1 ⁷ | 0.92* | bobbled brk,2p turn |
| 9Oct25 ¹ KEE ⁴ | 4 | Mercilesanihilator (Carmouche, Kendrick) | 123 | L b | 4 | 3 | 2 ^{1/2} | 2 ^{1/2} | 2 ³ | 2 ^{3 3/4} | 2.75 | out,3p turn,no match |
| 22Jan26 ⁷ AQU ⁵ | 5 | Liamster (Santana, Jr., Ricardo) | 123 | L | 5 | 5 | 3 ^{Head} | 4 ⁴ | 3 ^{2 1/2} | 3 ³ | 4.00 | loose in warm-up,4p |
| 22Jan26 ⁷ AQU ⁷ | 6 | Never Say Uncle (Elliott, Christopher) | 123 | L f | 6 | 6 | 6 ^{Head} | 5 ² | 5 ^{1/2} | 4 ¹ | 27.75 | in hand early,2p,3p1/4 |
| 22Jan26 ⁷ AQU ⁶ | 3 | Essentially Fast (Civaci, Sahin) | 123 | L | 3 | 7 | 7 | 6 ^{1/2} | 6 ¹³ | 5 ^{2 1/4} | 10.08 | ins-3path turn,4p1/4 |
| 1Jan26 ⁴ AQU ¹ | 1 | Take a Stance (Rivera, Jr., Luis) | 123 | L b | 1 | 1 | 4 ^{1 1/2} | 3 ¹ | 4 ⁵ | 6 ^{38 1/4} | 39.64 | inside turn, empty |
| 11Jan26 ⁶ AQU ⁶ | 7 | Instant Success (Gutierrez, Reylyu) | 123 | L b | 7 | 4 | 5 ^{2 1/2} | 7 | 7 | 7 | 17.19 | 4-5path,eased,wlkd off |

Fractional Times: 22.96 47.40 1:13.71 **Final Time:** 1:20.96
Split Times: (24:44) (26:31) (7:25)
Run-Up: 58 feet

Winner: Top Player, Bay Colt, by [Mitole](#) out of Gretchen, by Conveyance. Foaled Feb 10, 2023 in New York.

MITOLE Champion FUTURE HORSE
Outgoing FRESHMAN SIRE
SPENDTHRIFT Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

Breeder: Highclere Inc.
Owner: Gatsas Stables, R. A. Hill Stable and Qatar Racing
Trainer: Weaver, George

1 Claimed Horse(s): Top Player New Trainer: David P. Duggan New Owner: Penta Racing LLC

Claiming Prices: 2 - Top Player: \$30,000; 4 - Mercilesanihilator: \$25,000; 5 - Liamster: \$30,000; 6 - Never Say Uncle: \$30,000; 3 - Essentially Fast: \$30,000; 1 - Take a Stance: \$30,000; 7 - Instant Success: \$30,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$143,922

| Pgm | Horse | Win | Place | Show | Wager Type | Winning Numbers | Payoff | Pool |
|-----|--------------------|------|-------|------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|
| 2 | Top Player | 3.84 | 2.80 | 2.12 | \$1.00 Exacta | 2-4 | 6.69 | 104,429 |
| 4 | Mercilesanihilator | | 3.42 | 2.60 | \$0.50 Trifecta | 2-4-5 | 6.84 | 49,714 |
| 5 | Liamster | | | 2.84 | \$1.00 Daily Double | 3-2 | 4.73 | 18,326 |
| | | | | | \$1.00 Pick 3 | 1-3-2 (3 correct) | 10.85 | 16,731 |
| | | | | | \$0.50 Pick 5 | 6-6-1-3-2 (5 correct) | 124.94 | 49,823 |
| | | | | | \$0.10 Superfecta | 2-4-5-6 | 8.71 | 34,461 |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | Str | Fin |
|-----|--------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2 | Top Player | 2 | 1 ¹ | 1 ^{1 1/2} | 1 ⁴ | 1 ⁷ |
| 4 | Mercilesanihilator | 3 | 2 ¹ | 2 ^{1 1/2} | 2 ⁴ | 2 ⁷ |
| 5 | Liamster | 5 | 3 ^{1 1/2} | 4 ³ | 3 ⁷ | 3 ^{10 3/4} |
| 6 | Never Say Uncle | 6 | 6 ^{5 1/2} | 5 ⁷ | 5 ^{14 1/2} | 4 ^{13 3/4} |
| 3 | Essentially Fast | 7 | 7 ^{5 3/4} | 6 ⁹ | 6 ¹⁵ | 5 ^{14 3/4} |
| 1 | Take a Stance | 1 | 4 ^{1 1/2} | 3 ² | 4 ^{9 1/2} | 6 ¹⁷ |
| 7 | Instant Success | 4 | 5 ³ | 7 ^{9 1/2} | 7 ²⁸ | 7 ^{55 1/4} |

Trainers: 2 - Weaver, George; 4 - Rice, Linda; 5 - Morley, Thomas; 6 - Terranova II, John; 3 - Sacco, Gregory; 1 - Nevin, Michelle; 7 - D'Alessandro, Ralph

Owners: 2 - Gatsas Stables, R. A. Hill Stable and Qatar Racing; 4 -Ronald P. Stewart; 5 - Donegal Racing; 6 - Adelphi Racing Club, Hume, Shelly and Hume, Russell; 3 - Grant, Joseph M., Marsh, Greg A., Riccio, Keith, Ficarelle, Leonard, Can Do Racing LLC, Maher, William L., July Cavalry Racing, Yellow Moon Stable, Cardona, John C., Smith, Donald R. and Smith, Thomas H.; 1 -Thomas F. McCrocklin; 7 - McMahon, Joseph G., McMahon, Anne and D'Alessandro, Ralph;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

TOP PLAYER bobbled at the start but broke near the front then was sent hard, set the pace under pressure to his outside, moved clear near the nine-sixteenths pole, went around the turn in the two path, responded well when asked inside the five-sixteenths pole and drew off under strong urging. MERCILESANIHILATOR pressed the pace on the outside, dropped back near the nine-sixteenths pole then chased the pace, went around the turn in the three path and safely secured the place while no match for the winner. LIAMSTER unseated his rider and got loose in the chute during warm-up then was caught with his hands by the rider, chased the pace, went around the turn in the four path and tired while clear for the show. NEVER SAY UNCLE broke in a tad at the start, was taken in hand early then dropped back, raced under urging late on the backstretch, traveled around the turn in the two path, came into the stretch in the three path and failed to threaten. ESSENTIALLY FAST was urged along at the rear, raced inside for most of the turn then shifted to the three path, spun into the stretch in the four path and failed to respond. TAKE A STANCE was well placed just off the pace, chased inside on the turn and came up empty. INSTANT SUCCESS chased the pace on the outside, dropped back late on the backstretch, moved from the five path to the four path early on the turn, turned into the stretch in the five path and faltered then was eased but walked off.