

BELMONT AT THE BIG A - April 30, 2026 - Race 7

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
 (UP TO \$12,180 NYSBFOA) FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Weight, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since October 30, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$50,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at One Mile on the Main Track.) (Rail at 18 feet). **Claiming Price:** \$50,000

Distance: One Mile On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Spirit of St Louis - 1:33.57 - April 20, 2024)

Purse: \$70,000

Available Money: \$70,000

Value of Race: \$70,000 1st \$38,500, 2nd \$14,000, 3rd \$8,400, 4th \$4,200, 5th \$2,800, 6th \$1,050, 7th \$1,050

Weather: Cloudy, 57° **Track:** Good

Off at: 4:16 **Start:** Good for all except 5,7 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
7Mar26 ⁹ TP ¹	2	Ocean Atlantique (Franco, Manuel)	123	L b	2	3	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Neck}	2.80	6w uppr, dug in, game
21Mar26 ⁷ TAM ³	4	Belouni (FR) (Davis, Dylan)	121	L	4	6	6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{5 3/4}	1.53*	brush gate, rebuffed
28Mar26 ⁶ GP ⁶	1	Paros (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	121	L	1	2	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	3 ³	2.53	5w uppr, led, wknd lte
28Mar26 ⁵ AQU ⁴	3	Life and Light (Gutierrez, Reylu)	123	L b	3	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	4 ^{5 1/2}	4 ^{3 3/4}	25.23	in hand 2p, weakened
16Mar26 ⁶ FG ⁶	8	Polar Bear Plunge (Zayas, Edgard)	123	L b	8	4	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Nose}	12.56	chased 3-2w, tired
19Apr26 ⁵ AQU ³	5	Ambition (Rivera, Dalila)	116	L b	5	5	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	5 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	6 ^{Neck}	11.97	bumped st, 3w both trn
16Apr26 ² AQU ¹	7	Sharp Spark (Gonzalez, Silvestre)	123	L b	7	8	7 ¹	7 ¹⁵	7	7	7	22.37	bumped st, tired
17Apr26 ⁶ AQU ⁷	6	Smilensaycheese (Cancel, Eric)	123	L b	6	7	8	8	---	---	---	51.42	pulled up, walked off

Fractional Times: N/A N/A N/A N/A **Final Time:** N/A **Time from Gate:** 1:41.59

Run-Up: 85 feet **Temporary Rail:** 18 feet

Winner: Ocean Atlantique, Bay Gelding, by American Pharoah out of Tare Green, by Giant's Causeway. Foaled Apr 04, 2017 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Indian Creek

Owner: TEC Racing (Elliott S. Logan)

Trainer: Sharp, Joe

1 Claimed Horse(s): Paros

New Trainer: Gustavo Rodriguez

New Owner: Jupiter Stable LLC

Claiming Prices: 2 - Ocean Atlantique: \$50,000; 4 - Belouni (FR): \$50,000; 1 - Paros: \$50,000; 3 - Life and Light: \$50,000; 8 - Polar Bear Plunge: \$50,000; 5 - Ambition: \$50,000; 7 - Sharp Spark: \$50,000; 6 - Smilensaycheese: \$50,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Centavo (Main-Track-Only), Ciccibello (Main-Track-Only), Golden Symphony (Main-Track-Only), Military Road (Main-Track-Only)

Total WPS Pool: \$216,893

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Ocean Atlantique	7.60	3.08	2.40	\$1.00 Pick 3	8-3-2 (3 correct)	326.80	17,307
4	Belouni (FR)		2.76	2.40	\$1.00 Daily Double	3-2	24.99	29,769
1	Paros			3.10	\$1.00 Exacta	2-4	9.36	147,182
					\$0.10 Superfecta	2-4-1-3	9.25	50,867
					\$0.50 Trifecta	2-4-1	9.14	93,173
					\$1.00 Grand Slam	1/2/4/5/7-4/6/8-3/5/8-2 (4 correct)	13.98	22,878

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
2	Ocean Atlantique	3	3 ²	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Neck}
4	Belouni (FR)	6	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{3 1/4}	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Neck}
1	Paros	2	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3 ⁶
3	Life and Light	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	4 ³	4 ⁹
8	Polar Bear Plunge	4	5 ³	5 ^{1 3/4}	6 ⁴	6 ⁹	5 ^{12 3/4}
5	Ambition	5	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	5 ³	5 ^{8 1/2}	6 ^{12 3/4}
7	Sharp Spark	8	7 ⁵	7 ^{5 3/4}	7 ^{5 1/2}	7 ^{9 1/2}	7 ¹³
6	Smilensaycheese	7	8 ⁶	8 ^{20 3/4}	---	---	---

Trainers: 2 - Sharp, Joe; 4 - Abreu, Jorge; 1 - Abreu, Fernando; 3 - Pringle, Edmund; 8 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay; 5 - Sells, Rachel; 7 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay; 6 - DeLauro, Edward

Owners: 2 - TEC Racing (Elliott S. Logan); 4 - Photos Finish LLC; 1 - Paterpop Racing, Penn, John B. and Oh Happy Days Stable; 3 - F and F Stable (F. Garcia); 8 - Flying P Stable; 5 -Elmer Ramos; 7 -Ilkay Kantarmaci; 6 -Neal Hayias;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

OCEAN ATLANTIQUE along the inside through the first turn, tracked the leader from just off the inside just off the pace, tucked inside three furlongs out, got let out angled six wide into upper stretch, rallied to take command a furlong from home, dug in gamely to fend off the runner up to the wire. BELOUNI (FR) broke out brushing the off side stall and then bumping AMBITION, raced just off the inside through the first turn and then three paths off the rail down the backstretch, tucked inside through the far turn, went seven wide into upper stretch, rallied with good energy inside the final furlong latching on the top one a sixteenth out, but was ultimately rebuffed to the finish. PAROS raced just off the inside through the first turn and then three to four paths off the rail down the backstretch, tucked to the two path through the far turn and advanced on the leader taking command swinging five wide into upper stretch, dug in under threat and was caught a furlong out, then weakened in the late stages while along for the show honors. LIFE AND LIGHT showed the way in hand just off the inside and then along the inside, got let out spinning just off the inside into upper stretch and yielded the front straightened away, then weakened through to the finish. POLAR BEAR PLUNGE coaxed from the start, raced just off the inside through the first turn and then three paths off the inside down the backstretch, tucked to the two path through the far turn and came under urging with five-sixteenths to go, swung four wide for home and tired. AMBITION got bumped at the start by BELOUNI, who broke outwards, raced three wide through the first turn and then four then three wide thereafter, angled six to seven wide into upper stretch and tired. SHARP SPARK got bumped at the start by SMILENSAYCHEESE, who broke outwards, chased just off the inside coming under a ride with five-sixteenths to run, spun two to three wide into upper stretch, tired. SMILENSAYCHEESE broke out at the start bumping SHARP SPARK, raced four then three wide through the first turn before heading outside into the backstretch, steadily got out seven to eight paths

off the inside midway while growing detached at the tail of the field, got eased along well behind near the outside fence through the far turn and was pulled up with the aid of the outrider near the eighth pole and then walked off under his own power. Please note that due to a teletimer malfunction all splits and the final time were omitted pending review.

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