

BELMONT AT THE BIG A - May 1, 2026 - Race 8

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
 OUTER TURF FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD FOALD IN NEW YORK STATE AND APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE-BRED REGISTRY WHICH HAVE NOT WON \$40,000 SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2025 OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$45,000. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price \$45,000 (Allowance Horses Preferred)(1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (S C) **Claiming Price:** \$45,000

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Outer turf **Current Track Record:** (Battle of Blenheim - 1:39.91 - April 14, 2018)

Purse: \$83,000

Available Money: \$83,000

Value of Race: \$83,000 1st \$45,650, 2nd \$16,600, 3rd \$9,960, 4th \$4,980, 5th \$3,320, 6th \$1,245, 7th \$1,245

Weather: Clear, 55° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 5:24 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
20Nov25 ⁸ AQU ³	2	Midnight Concerto (Gutierrez, Reylu)	126	L	2	2	6 ² 1/2	6 ¹ 2	1 ^{Head}	1 ² 1/2	1 ²	5.78	2-3p trns,lead5/16,clr
6Nov25 ⁸ AQU ⁷	4	Can't Fool Me (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	126	L	b	4	6	7	7	6 ¹ 2	2 ³ 4	21.70	ins1st,4p2nd,5p1/4
15Nov25 ⁷ AQU ⁶	7	National Archive (Rodriguez, Jaime)	126	L	6	4	2 ¹ 2	2 ¹	3 ²	2 ¹	3 ¹ 1/4	3.48	3-2p,bid7/16,btwn,wknd
7Mar26 ⁹ TAM ⁶	1	Scythian (Franco, Manuel)	126	L	1	1	5 ¹	5 ¹ 2	5 ¹ 2	3 ¹ 2	4 ²	0.58*	ins1st,2-3p2nd,5p1/4
23Apr26 ² AQU ⁶	8	Snowy Evening (Zayas, Edgard)	126	L	b	7	3	4 ¹ 2	4 ¹	5 ¹ 1/2	5 ² 1/2	17.64	2p turns,4p1/4,empty
2Apr26 ³ AQU ¹	6	Hello Beauty (Lezcano, Jose)	126	L	5	7	1 ¹	1 ¹	2 ¹ 2	4 ¹ 2	6 ¹ 1/2	13.89	2p-ins,headed5/16,wknd
19Mar26 ³ AQU ⁴	3	Higher Force (Silvera, Ruben)	126	L	3	5	3 ¹	3 ¹ 2	6 ³	7	7	39.99	rated inside,empty

Fractional Times: 25.05 50.67 1:15.02 1:39.59

Final Time: 1:46.09 **Time from Gate:** 1:47.45

Split Times: (25:62) (24:35) (24:57) (6:50)

Run-Up: 16 feet

Winner: Midnight Concerto, Dark Bay or Brown Mare, by Mendelssohn out of Midnight in Giada, by Midnight Lute. Foaled Apr 17, 2021 in New York.

Breeder: Sequel Thoroughbreds LLC & ValerieDailey

Owner: Harold Lerner LLC, AWC Stables and Nehoc Stables

Trainer: McPeek, Kenneth

Claiming Prices: 3 - Higher Force: \$45,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Princess Becca (Main-Track-Only), Royal Bobbie (Main-Track-Only), Trail of Gold (RegVet-Injured)

Total WPS Pool: \$216,884

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Midnight Concerto	13.56	8.66	14.70	\$1.00 Pick 3	3-4-2 (3 correct)	36.89	17,550
4	Can't Fool Me		25.12	29.16	\$1.00 Daily Double	4-2	24.45	25,379
7	National Archive			12.02	\$1.00 Exacta	2-4	105.33	122,700
					\$0.10 Superfecta	2-4-7-1	86.08	47,481
					\$0.50 Trifecta	2-4-7	192.22	65,693
					\$1.00 Grand Slam	1/4/6-2/3/6-4/5/6-2 (4 correct)	13.06	27,244

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
2	Midnight Concerto	2	6 ⁴	6 ⁴	1 ^{Head}	1 ² 1/2	1 ²
4	Can't Fool Me	6	7 ⁶ 1/2	7 ⁴ 1/2	7 ⁶ 1/4	6 ⁶	2 ²
7	National Archive	4	2 ¹	2 ¹	3 ¹ 2	2 ² 1/2	3 ² 3/4
1	Scythian	1	5 ³	5 ³ 1/2	5 ² 3/4	3 ³ 1/2	4 ⁴
8	Snowy Evening	3	4 ² 1/2	4 ² 1/2	4 ² 1/2	5 ⁴ 1/2	5 ⁶
6	Hello Beauty	7	1 ¹	1 ¹	2 ^{Head}	4 ⁴	6 ⁸ 1/2
3	Higher Force	5	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ²	6 ³ 1/4	7 ⁶ 1/2	7 ¹⁰

Trainers: 2 - McPeek, Kenneth; 4 - Abreu, Fernando; 7 - Clement, Miguel; 1 - Mott, William; 8 - Donk, David; 6 - Quick, Patrick; 3 - Rodriguez, Rudy

Owners: 2 - Harold Lerner LLC, AWC Stables and Nehoc Stables; 4 - Paterpop Racing and Penn, John B.; 7 - Oak Bluff Stables; 1 -Lawrence Goichman; 8 - Crist, Steven, deRegt, Ken and Gleaves, Philip A.; 6 - Gallagher's Stud; 3 - Imperio, Michael, Rodriguez, Rudy R. and Nassau CC Stables;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MIDNIGHT CONCERTO was taken back between horses before the first turn, raced in the two path on that bend, was reserved off the pace with some cover, gained late on the backstretch after being let out with a half-mile to run, made a bid at the seven-sixteenths pole, took the lead in the three path on the far turn, shook clear into upper stretch, drifted out under a left-handed crop near the furlong marker then was quickly switched to a right-handed crop, remained well clear into the final sixteenth and held while kept to the task under a hand-ride while flagged with the crop late. CAN'T FOOL ME saved ground on the first turn, was reserved at the rear, moved out late on the backstretch, was roused in the four path on the far turn, came five wide into the stretch and finished with good energy to garner the place. NATIONAL ARCHIVE established a forward position early, dropped from the three path to the two path early on the first turn, stalked the pace on the outside, made a bid leaving the backstretch, vied between foes in the two path on the far turn, dropped back into upper stretch, chased the winner into the final furlong and weakened while able to get the show. SCYTHIAN saved ground on the first turn, was reserved near the back, went around the far turn in the two then three path while roused, came into the stretch in the five path and lacked the needed kick while able to get the last spot in the superfecta. SNOWY EVENING tucked into the two path for the run around the first turn, was rated with cover, traveled around the far turn in the two path while asked, was driven into the stretch in the four path and lacked the needed response. HELLO BEAUTY went to the front, dropped from the two path to the inside early on the first turn, showed the way in hand, was asked along the rail while inside of foes on the far turn, lost the lead at the five-sixteenths pole, dropped back into upper stretch and tired. HIGHER FORCE was hustled from the gate then rated on the inside, continued to save ground while asked on the far turn and came up empty.