

BELMONT AT THE BIG A - May 7, 2026 - Race 1

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR FILLIES AND MARES FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$10,000 OR LESS SINCE JANUARY 7, 2025 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$16,000. Weight, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since November 7, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$16,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (C)

Claiming Price: \$16,000

Distance: Seven Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Artax - 1:20.04 - May 2, 1999)

Purse: \$40,000

Available Money: \$40,000

Value of Race: \$40,000 1st \$22,000, 2nd \$8,000, 3rd \$4,800, 4th \$2,400, 5th \$1,600, 6th \$1,200

Weather: Clear, 61° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 1:11 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
12Apr26 ⁶ AQU ⁴	6	Despo's Dream (Prat, Flavien)	121	L b	6	3	2 ¹	¹ Head	¹ Head	¹ Head	1.93	out,3p,6p3/16,dueled
17Apr26 ² AQU ¹	1	Coquito (Franco, Manuel)	123	L bf	1	2	4 ³ 1/2	3 ²	2 ⁶	2 ⁷ 1/2	0.66*	4-5p trn,8p3/16,dueled
26Apr26 ⁴ AQU ²	4	Curlin's Magic (Castellano, Javier)	121	L b	4	6	5 ¹ 1/2	5 ²	3 ²	3 ¹	12.86	bmp btwn brk,5p,3p3/16
26Apr26 ⁴ AQU ³	3	Floge (Rivera, Dalila)	116	L bf	3	5	6	6	4 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹¹ 1/4	25.79	bmp brk,2-3p trn,4p1/4
9Apr26 ⁷ AQU ³	5	Jackie the Joker (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	123	L b	5	4	1 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹	5 ³ 1/2	5 ⁴ 1/2	7.26	bmp brk,ins turn,tired
26Apr26 ⁴ AQU ⁸	2	Troubled Luck (Gutierrez, Reylu)	121	L bf	2	1	3 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹	6	6	57.97	2p turn,angled out 1/8

Fractional Times: 23.39 47.17 1:11.62

Final Time: 1:23.65 **Time from Gate:** 1:25.74

Split Times: (23:78) (24:45) (12:03)

Run-Up: 49 feet

Winner: Despo's Dream, Dark Bay or Brown Mare, by [Mitole](#) out of Pointe Class, by Arch. Foaled Feb 19, 2021 in Kentucky.



Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

Breeder: Tim Thornton

Owner: Dream Racing Stables

Trainer: Rice, Linda

1 Claimed Horse(s): Despo's Dream

New Trainer: Rudy R. Rodriguez

New Owner: Rudy R. Rodriguez

Claiming Prices: 6 - Despo's Dream: \$16,000; 3 - Floge: \$16,000; 2 - Troubled Luck: \$16,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$152,887

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Despo's Dream	5.86	2.34	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	6-1	4.78	86,334
1	Coquito		2.10	2.10	\$0.10 Superfecta	6-1-4-3	1.79	36,966
4	Curlin's Magic			2.80	\$0.50 Trifecta	6-1-4	5.51	60,113

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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6	Despo's Dream	3	2 ¹ 1/2	¹ Head	¹ Head	¹ Head
1	Coquito	2	4 ²	3 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}
4	Curlin's Magic	6	5 ⁵ 1/2	5 ⁴	3 ⁶	3 ⁷ 1/2
3	Floge	5	6 ⁷	6 ⁶	4 ⁸	4 ⁸ 1/2
5	Jackie the Joker	4	1 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	5 ⁹ 1/2	5 ¹⁹ 3/4
2	Troubled Luck	1	3 ¹ 1/2	4 ³	6 ¹³	6 ²⁴ 1/4

Trainers: 6 - Rice, Linda; 1 - Schauer, Steven; 4 - Potts, Wayne; 3 - Arriaga, Antonio; 5 - Ferraro, James; 2 - DeLauro, Edward

Owners: 6 - Dream Racing Stables; 1 -Steven I. Schauer; 4 -Joseph Kowalski; 3 -Coco Arriaga; 5 - Citarella, Diana and Citarella, James; 2 -Edward J. DeLauro;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

DESPO'S DREAM was hustled from the gate, pressed the pace on the outside of the leader, took the lead in the three path midway through the turn, was challenged to the outside while asked late on that bend, floated out to the six path into upper stretch then came out a bit further, dueled inside of the runner-up to the finish and out-nodded that foe to narrowly prevail under strong urging. COQUITO was hustled from the gate, angled out with six furlongs to run, was urged along on the outside, chased in the four path for most of the turn then moved to the five path while making a bid, came out to the eight path into upper stretch, dueled outside of the winner while a bit further out in the track in the drive, fought while bobbing heads with that foe to the finish and just missed but was well clear for the place. CURLIN'S MAGIC bumped with rivals on both sides at the start, was urged along on the outside while well off the pace, traveled around the turn in the five path, dropped to the three path into upper stretch and lacked the needed response while able to get the show. FLOGE broke out and bumped with a rival then was corrected with the left-rein, dropped back then was urged along near the rear, went around the turn in the two then three path, was driven into the stretch in the four path and failed to rally. JACKIE THE JOKER bumped with a rival at the start, showed the way on the inside of a foe, vied along the rail under pressure on the turn, lost the advantage with three furlongs to run, dropped back outside the quarter-pole and tired. TROUBLED LUCK was hustled from the gate then taken in hand briefly outside the five-eighths pole, raced off the pace, was urged along in the two path on the turn, dropped back while remaining on her inside lead in upper stretch, angled out near the furlong marker and failed to respond.