

BELMONT AT THE BIG A - May 15, 2026 - Race 8

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

OUTER TURF (UP TO \$12,180 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$55,000 OR LESS AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR CLAIMING \$45,000 WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price \$45,000 State Bred Starters Not Considered for Starter Eligibility Purposes(1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (Rail at 24 feet). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$45,000

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Outer turf **Current Track Record:** (Outlaw Kid - 1:06.73 - July 4, 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 \$420, 7th \$420, 8th \$420, 9th \$420, 10th \$420

Weather: Clear, 68° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 5:18 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
16Apr26 ⁴ KEE ⁷	2	Bite and Strike (Castellano, Javier)	126	L b	2	7	6 ^{1/2}	7 ²	2 ¹	1 ^{3/4}	9.14	rail,bid2w,clear,drvng
19Apr26 ⁶ AQU ³	6	City of Oscars (Zayas, Edgard)	126	L	6	5	7 ² 1/2	6 ^{Head}	7 ¹	2 ^{3/4}	3.80	btw,5w upr,ang in,clsd
19Apr26 ⁶ AQU ⁷	3	Roar of the Crowd (Gutierrez, Reyту)	126	L b	3	6	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Neck}	78.01	2p,bid4w,xchngd bmp1/8
4Apr26 ⁸ AQU ⁵	5	Willintoriskitall (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	126	L b	5	3	4 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{Neck}	7.34	3p,bid5w,xchngd bmp1/8
19Apr26 ⁶ AQU ²	7	Rollin in Dough (Franco, Manuel)	126	L b	7	8	8 ^{1/2}	8 ^{1/2}	8 ¹	5 ^{3/4}	2.34*	bmpd,bothered,swung7w
27Mar26 ⁴ AQU ¹	10	Master Freud (Rivera, Dalila)	119	L b	10	2	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{Head}	6 ^{3/4}	5.01	4p tn,6w uppr,no punch
19Apr26 ⁶ AQU ⁶	4	Launch Control (Elliott, Christopher)	126	L	4	1	2 ¹	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	7 ¹	6.00	press2w,bid3w,wknd lte
14Nov25 ⁸ AQU ⁵	9	Oat Coutour (Rodriguez, Jaime)	126	L b	9	9	10	10	9 ² 1/2	8 ⁵ 3/4	20.88	bmp,bothered early,ins
17Apr26 ³ AQU ⁷	8	Go Irish (Davis, Dylan)	126	L f	8	10	9 ²	9 ¹	10	9 ²	16.65	bmp btw,bothered early
12Nov25 ⁸ AQU ⁸	1	Alexis Zorba (GB) (Civaci, Sahin)	126	L b	1	4	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	10	23.23	inside, empty stretch

Fractional Times: 23.17 45.65 57.24

Final Time: 1:08.69 **Time from Gate:** 1:09.23

Split Times: (22:48) (11:59) (11:45)

Run-Up: 22 feet **Temporary Rail:** 24 feet

Winner: Bite and Strike, Gray or Roan Gelding, by [Liam's Map](#) out of Bernadetta, by Bernardini. Foaled Apr 18, 2022 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Owner: Linda Rice

Trainer: Rice, Linda

Claiming Prices: 1 - Alexis Zorba (GB): \$45,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Boltage (Also-Eligible), Kid Billy (Main-Track-Only)

Total WPS Pool: \$321,605

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
2	Bite and Strike	20.28	9.12	5.54	\$1.00 Pick 3	6-3-2 (3 correct)	350.77	67,100	
6	City of Oscars		5.06	3.70	\$0.50 Pick 4	2-6-3-2 (4 correct)	1,124.87	107,676	
3	Roar of the Crowd			19.60	\$0.50 Pick 5	1-2-6-3-2 (5 correct)	9,343.60	142,958	
					\$1.00 Pick 6	3-1-2-6-3-2 (5 correct)	2,271.71	22,375	14,388
					\$1.00 Daily Double	3-2	29.33	92,558	
					\$1.00 Exacta	2-6	53.58	249,938	
					\$0.10 Superfecta	2-6-3-5	980.05	76,288	
					\$0.50 Trifecta	2-6-3	648.36	128,681	

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
2	Bite and Strike	7	6 ³ 1/4	7 ² 1/2	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{3/4}
6	City of Oscars	5	7 ³ 3/4	6 ² 1/4	7 ²	2 ^{3/4}
3	Roar of the Crowd	6	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹	4 ¹ 1/4	3 ¹ 1/2
5	Willintoriskitall	3	4 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹ 1/4	3 ¹	4 ¹ 3/4
7	Rollin in Dough	8	8 ⁶ 1/4	8 ⁴ 1/2	8 ³	5 ²
10	Master Freud	2	5 ³	5 ² 1/4	6 ¹ 3/4	6 ² 3/4
4	Launch Control	1	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	7 ³ 1/2
9	Oat Coutour	9	10 ⁸ 3/4	10 ⁶	9 ⁴	8 ⁴ 1/2
8	Go Irish	10	9 ⁶ 3/4	9 ⁵	10 ⁶ 1/2	9 ¹⁰ 1/4
1	Alexis Zorba (GB)	4	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	5 ¹ 3/4	10 ¹² 1/4

Trainers: 2 - Rice, Linda; 6 - Casse, Mark; 3 - DiPrima, Gregory; 5 - Dutrow, Jr., Richard; 7 - Green, Amelia; 10 - Arriaga, Antonio; 4 - Brion, Keri; 9 - Englehart, Chris; 8 - Antonucci, Jena; 1 - Brown, Bruce

Owners: 2 -Linda Rice; 6 -Gary Barber; 3 - Iglesias, Jesse and Abdala III, Albert P.; 5 -Michael Dubb; 7 - The Elkstone Group LLC (Stuart Grant); 10 -George Nyren; 4 - Three Diamonds Farm; 9 - Wachtel Stable and Begleiter, Steven; 8 -Isabelle de Tomaso; 1 -Ross Burdette;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

BITE AND STRIKE moved up the inside and rated along the rail, saved ground on the turn,cut the corner leaving the turn and then tipped out a path to make a two wide bid to go on even terms by the furlong marker and kicked clear and kept the fast closing CITY OF OSCARS safe to prove best under a drive. CITY OF OSCARS was settled early and raced in between rivals on the turn, swung out five wide leaving the turn and then lacked room leaving the three sixteenths and was in traffic and angled in for racing room and then closed well the final sixteenth but had to settle for being second best. ROAR OF THE CROWD tracked the early pace towards the inside, drafting in the two path on the turn behind the dueling leaders, came four wide off the turn to make a bid but exchanged bumps with WILLINTORISKITALL by the furlong marker and then ran on gamely for the show award. WILLINTORISKITALL tracked the pace and raced three wide on the turn, came five wide into the lane to make a bid and exchanged bumped by the furlong marker and kept on to the wire. ROLLIN IN DOUGH bumped at the start, then was bothered shortly after, reserved early and moved in to be two wide entering the turn, moved out to the

three path and swung out seven wide leaving the turn and had a belated rally. MASTER FREUD chased the pace from the outside, four wide on the turn and came six wide into the lane but had no punch in the drive while being one paced. LAUNCH CONTROL pressed the early pace and then went up to duel for command two wide on the turn, made a three wide bid leaving the turn to gain a short lead leaving the three sixteenths and then was headed by the furlong marker and weakened in the final sixteenth. OAT COUTOUR was bumped at the start and then bothered early, angled in and saved ground on the turn while trailing, cut the corner leaving the turn and improved late but was not a threat. GO IRISH bumped between at the break, then was bothered early to be near the back early, raced three to four wide on the turn and came eight wide into the lane and weakened in the drive. ALEXIS ZORBA (GB) set a pressured pace on the inside and then dueled for command on the inside on the turn then was empty in the drive.

Total Attendance: 0

Handle: \$5,040,205

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