

**BELMONT AT THE BIG A - May 17, 2026 - Race 4**

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(UP TO \$8,178 NYSBFOA) FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE SINCE MAY 17, 2025. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price

\$35,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). ( C ) **Claiming Price:** \$35,000

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

**Purse:** \$47,000

**Available Money:** \$47,000

**Value of Race:** \$47,000 1st \$25,850, 2nd \$9,400, 3rd \$5,640, 4th \$2,820, 5th \$1,880, 6th \$1,410

**Weather:** Clear, 83° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 2:38 **Start:** Good for all except 7 **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 <sup>6</sup> AQU <sup>3</sup>	4	Brzina (Silvera, Ruben)	126	L b	3	5	3 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>4 1/2</sup>	0.97*	ease out btw foes 5/16
17Apr26 <sup>1</sup> AQU <sup>5</sup>	7	Malu (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	126	L	6	1	4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>5</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>2 3/4</sup>	1.77	bumped st, kept on
8May26 <sup>6</sup> BAQ <sup>4</sup>	3	Sabby Sunset (Gonzalez, Silvestre)	126	L	2	3	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>6</sup>	28.07	dueled, vied, wknd lte
8May26 <sup>6</sup> BAQ <sup>5</sup>	2	Short Shift (Franco, Manuel)	126	L b	1	4	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>5</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	11.29	dueled, vied, tired
30Apr26 <sup>4</sup> BAQ <sup>4</sup>	5	Shadyside (Carmouche, Kendrick)	126	--	4	2	5 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>Neck</sup>	4.21	4w upper, no impact
26Apr26 <sup>4</sup> AQU <sup>5</sup>	6	Santagata (Villa Pino, Favinho)	126	L bf	5	6	6	6	6	6	58.21	trailed throughout

**Fractional Times:** 22.49 45.25 1:10.68

**Final Time:** 1:24.11 **Time from Gate:** 1:25.87

**Split Times:** (22:76) (25:43) (13:43)

**Run-Up:** 50 feet

**Winner:** Brzina, Bay Mare, by Great Notion out of Barouchka, by Not For Love. Foaled May 09, 2019 in Maryland.

**Breeder:** Ann Biggs Jackson

**Owner:** Scuderi, Vincent S., Imperio Michael, Rodriguez, Rudy R.

**Trainer:** Rodriguez, Rudy

**1 Claimed Horse(s):** Brzina

New Trainer: Linda Rice

New Owner: Linda Rice

**Claiming Prices:** 4 - Brzina: \$35,000; 7 - Malu: \$35,000; 3 - Sabby Sunset: \$35,000; 2 - Short Shift: \$35,000; 5 - Shadyside: \$35,000; 6 - Santagata: \$35,000;

**Scratched Horse(s):** Cararra (PrivVet-Illness)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$186,032

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Brzina	3.94	2.34	2.10	\$1.00 Pick 3	2-2-4 (3 correct)	83.66	23,665
7	Malu		2.38	2.40	\$1.00 Daily Double	2-4	39.08	31,316
3	Sabby Sunset			5.72	\$1.00 Exacta	4-7	4.58	116,629
					\$1.00 Quinella	4-7	2.95	5,417
					\$0.10 Superfecta	4-7-3-2	6.02	36,383
					\$0.50 Trifecta	4-7-3	12.32	58,072

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
4	Brzina	5	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>4 1/2</sup>
7	Malu	1	4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	2 <sup>4 1/2</sup>
3	Sabby Sunset	3	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>7 1/4</sup>
2	Short Shift	4	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>4</sup>	4 <sup>13 1/4</sup>
5	Shadyside	2	5 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>7 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>9</sup>	5 <sup>13 3/4</sup>
6	Santagata	6	6 <sup>3 1/4</sup>	6 <sup>9</sup>	6 <sup>12</sup>	6 <sup>14</sup>

**Trainers:** 4 - Rodriguez, Rudy; 7 - Rodriguez, Gustavo; 3 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay; 2 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay; 5 - Atras, Rob; 6 - Bhigroog, Chetram

**Owners:** 4 - Scuderi, Vincent S., Imperio Michael, Rodriguez, Rudy R.; 7 - Frank Carolei; 3 - America's Pastime Stables and Kantarmaci, Ilkay; 2 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay, Mandal, Abdool J. and Five Horsemen Stables; 5 - Michael Dubb; 6 - Kevin Prince;

**Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)**

BRZINA coaxed from the gate, got coaxed along briefly while three paths off the inside before advancing to vie between barn mates from the nine-sixteenths pole through to the three-eighths marker, had the outside rival's rider peer inwards at that station and began to tuck in to take over the two path in front, eased out from between foes near the five-sixteenths pole and came under urging, angled four to five wide into upper stretch, took over the front with three-sixteenths to go and drew clear under a drive to prevail. MALU got bumped at the start by SANTAGATA, chased five then four wide under a ride from three furlongs out, angled six wide into upper stretch, proved no match for the top one while keeping on to secure the place honors. SABBY SUNSET coaxed from the gate, ended up knocking heads with her barn mate SHORT SHIFT early on and came under a hard hold four paths off the inside, had the top one advance between and was given a notch to work with and vied outside that pair to the three-eighths pole, had the rider peer inwards and steadily tucked in to take away the two path forcing BRZINA to head outside with five-sixteenths to go, spun three wide into upper stretch, held narrow command briefly straightened away before being displaced by the eventual winner and weakened in the late stages while along for the show honors. SHORT SHIFT coaxed from the gate, knocked heads with her barn mate before being engaged by BRZINA with nine-sixteenths to go, vied inside pair of foes coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, took the inside route into upper stretch, yielded the front straightened away and tired. SHADYSIDE coaxed from the start, chased four paths off the inside until tucked to the two path with nine-sixteenths to go, tucked inside through the turn coming under encouragement at the three-eighths marker, swung four wide into upper stretch and made no impact. SANTAGATA broke out at the start bumping MALU, chased five to six paths off the inside down the backstretch before tucking to two path into the turn, came under coaxing with seven-sixteenths to run, angled six to seven wide into upper stretch and trailed throughout.