

BELMONT AT THE BIG A - May 23, 2026 - Race 8

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(UP TO \$15,660 NYSBFOA) FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON \$20,000 TWICE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE SINCE FEBRUARY 23, 2025 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$80,000. Weight, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since November 23, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$80,000 (Allowance Horses Preferred)(1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (C) **Claiming Price: \$80,000**

Distance: One And One Eighth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Riva Ridge - 1:47.00 - October 15, 1973)

Purse: \$90,000

Available Money: \$90,000

Value of Race: \$90,000 1st \$49,500, 2nd \$18,000, 3rd \$10,800, 4th \$5,400, 5th \$3,600, 6th \$1,350, 7th \$1,350

Weather: Showery, 52° **Track:** Good

Off at: 4:47 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
4Apr26 ³ AQU ³	7	Classicist (Velazquez, John)	121 L	7	4	4 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Neck}	1.34*	4-3w 1st turn, safe
25Apr26 ⁶ AQU ²	4	Dreamlike (Carmouche, Kendrick)	123 L b	4	6	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/4}	3.38	3-4w upper, late surge
1May26 ⁷ BAQ ³	3	Otello (Franco, Manuel)	123 L	3	2	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	21.48	3w, led 1/4, kept on
1May26 ⁷ BAQ ⁴	2	Le Gris (Prat, Flavien)	123 L b	2	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ²	4 ^{3 1/4}	3.14	cut pace 2p, kept on
4Apr26 ⁴ AQU ¹	1	Waitlist (Silvera, Ruben)	123 L b	1	5	6 ¹	6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ³	5 ¹	16.08	6w upper, no response
3May26 ⁴ BAQ ¹	6	Kinetic (Davis, Dylan)	123 L b	6	3	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	5 ²	5 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{7 1/4}	6.65	chased 2p, wknd late
27Mar26 ⁷ AQU ⁴	5	Whittington Park (Lezcano, Jose)	121 L b	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	15.08	trailed throughout

Fractional Times: 24.20 48.89 1:13.34 1:38.35

Final Time: 1:51.28 **Time from Gate:** 1:54.18

Split Times: (24:69) (24:45) (25:01) (12:93)

Run-Up: 78 feet

Winner: Classicist, Chestnut Colt, by Curlin out of Playtime, by Street Cry (IRE). Foaled Feb 07, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: St. Elias Stables, LLC

Owner: St. Elias Stable

Trainer: Pletcher, Todd

1 Claimed Horse(s): Kinetic

New Trainer: Ilkay Kantarmaci

New Owner: Sanford J. Goldfarb

Claiming Prices: 3 - Otello: \$80,000; 2 - Le Gris: \$80,000; 6 - Kinetic: \$80,000; 5 - Whittington Park: \$80,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$395,812

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Classicist	4.68	2.88	2.56	\$1.00 Pick 3	7-3-7 (3 correct)	426.01	50,312
4	Dreamlike		3.38	2.60	\$1.00 Daily Double	3-7	7.55	75,176
3	Otello			6.80	\$1.00 Exacta	7-4	8.61	248,568
					\$0.10 Superfecta	7-4-3-2	18.37	69,977
					\$0.50 Trifecta	7-4-3	32.30	126,543

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
7	Classicist	4	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Neck}
4	Dreamlike	6	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ²	4 ^{1 1/4}	4 ^{2 1/4}	2 ^{Neck}
3	Otello	2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}
2	Le Gris	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	4 ²
1	Waitlist	5	6 ⁴	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{3 1/4}	6 ^{5 1/4}	5 ^{5 1/4}
6	Kinetic	3	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	5 ^{1 1/4}	5 ^{2 3/4}	6 ^{6 1/4}
5	Whittington Park	7	7 ⁵	7 ⁵	7 ^{7 3/4}	7 ^{8 1/4}	7 ^{13 1/2}

Trainers: 7 - Pletcher, Todd; 4 - Rice, Linda; 3 - Atras, Rob; 2 - Rodriguez, Rudy; 1 - Rice, Linda; 6 - Miceli, Michael; 5 - Rodriguez, Rudy

Owners: 7 - St. Elias Stable; 4 -Ronald P. Stewart; 3 - BellaBlue Racing Stable; 2 - Rodriguez, Rudy R. and Shapiro, Gary I.; 1 - Alpha Phi Delta Racing; 6 -George Anthony; 5 - Scuderi, Vincent S., Imperio Michael, Rodriguez, Rudy R.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

CLASSICIST went four then three wide through the first turn, chased four paths off the inside down the backstretch, tucked three wide through the far turn and came under coaxing with seven-sixteenths to go, angled five wide into upper stretch, rallied to take command a furlong out, edged away briefly before coming under late threat near the finish and held safe to prevail. DREAMLIKE coaxed from the gate, raced three then two wide through the first turn, chased three then two wide coming under coaxing at the three-eighths pole, swung three to four wide into upper stretch, dug in under a drive and surged late to miss at the finish. OTELLO coaxed from the start, raced three then two wide through the first turn, prompted the leader from the outside three wide coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, took over narrow command swinging three to four wide into upper stretch, dug in between foes and was collared a furlong out, kept on to preserve the show honors on the line. LE GRIS coaxed from the gate, cut the pace from the two path under the watchful eye of the aforementioned foe to the outside, came under encouragement with five-sixteenths to run, yielded the front spinning two to three wide at the head of the stretch, dug in heads apart to the eighth pole, then kept on knocking heads with OTELLO to the finish but was ultimately bested at the end for the show honors. WAITLIST two then three wide through the first turn, chased four to five wide under prolonged urging from the half mile pole, tipped six wide into upper stretch and offered no response. KINETIC chased just off the inside and then along the inside under a ride from three furlongs out, took the inside route into upper stretch, weakened in the late stages. WHITTINGTON PARK coaxed from the gate, chased just off the inside under encouragement with seven-sixteenths remaining, went four wide at the head of the stretch, trailed throughout.