

**BELMONT AT THE BIG A - May 25, 2026 - Race 5**

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

(UP TO \$14,790 NYSBFOA) FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of \$55,000 Or Less In The Last 5 Starts Preferred). (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at One Mile and One Quarter on the Main Track.) (Rail at 9 feet).

**Distance:** One And One Fourth Miles On The Dirt - Originally Scheduled For 1 3/8 Miles On Turf **Current Track Record:** (Damascus - 1:59.20 - July 20, 1968)

**Purse:** \$85,000

**Available Money:** \$85,000

**Value of Race:** \$82,450 1st \$46,750, 2nd \$17,000, 3rd \$10,200, 4th \$5,100, 5th \$3,400

**Weather:** Clear, 70° **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)

**Off at:** 3:09 **Start:** Good for all except 3 **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments	
25Mar26	5	TAM <sup>2</sup>	4	Trading Strategy (Davis, Dylan)	126	L	3	3 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>1</sup> /2	2 <sup>5</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup> /2	1 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	2.93 chased 4w, edged away
23Apr26	9	KEE <sup>2</sup>	2	Whitethorn (Franco, Manuel)	126	L	1	1 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>10</sup>	2 <sup>13</sup>	0.73* in hand 2p, 2nd best
4Apr26	11	AQU <sup>7</sup>	3	Baffle (Carmouche, Kendrick)	120	L	2	5	5	4 <sup>1</sup> /2	3 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup> /2	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	7.37 hit gate st, improved
26Oct25	5	BAQ <sup>5</sup>	5	Stand the Rain (Rodriguez, Jaime)	126	L	4	4 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>1</sup>	5	4 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>5</sup>	4 <sup>14</sup> 1/4	5.42 2-3w 1st turn, tired
28Mar26	1	AQU <sup>5</sup>	9	Collective Bargain (Lezcano, Jose)	120	L	5	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>1</sup>	5	5	5	10.74 2-3w in aim, eased

**Fractional Times:** 24.14 49.65 1:14.78 1:39.70 **Final Time:** 2:05.00 **Time from Gate:** 2:06.89

**Split Times:** (25:51) (25:13) (24:92) (25:30)

**Run-Up:** 40 feet

**Winner:** Trading Strategy, Bay Filly, by [Quality Road](#) out of Dothraki Sea, by Union Rags. Foaled May 03, 2022 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

**Breeder:** Band of Brothers

**Owner:** Klaravich Stables, Inc.

**Trainer:** Brown, Chad

**Scratched Horse(s):** Isadora Duncan (IRE) (Off-Turf), Lyn's Legacy (Off-Turf), Mary Lois (IRE) (Off-Turf), Pinch of Bourbon (Off-Turf)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$220,505

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Trading Strategy	7.86	3.28	2.66	\$1.00 Pick 3	1-1-4 (3 correct)	278.58	27,872
2	Whitethorn		2.22	2.10	\$0.50 Pick 4	1/2/4/5/6/9-1-1-4 (4 correct)	385.05	92,164
3	Baffle			2.78	\$0.50 Pick 5	1/2-1/2/4/5/6/9-1-1-4 (5 correct)	2,006.06	356,441
					\$1.00 Daily Double	1-4	74.49	33,651
					\$1.00 Exacta	4-2	7.88	106,404
					\$0.10 Superfecta	4-2-3-5	2.22	22,815
					\$0.50 Trifecta	4-2-3	8.24	44,951

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin
4	Trading Strategy	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup> /2	1 <sup>2</sup> 1/2
2	Whitethorn	1 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup> /2	2 <sup>2</sup> 1/2
3	Baffle	5 <sup>7</sup>	5 <sup>5</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>5</sup>	3 <sup>10</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>15</sup> 1/2
5	Stand the Rain	4 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>4</sup>	5 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>6</sup>	4 <sup>11</sup>	4 <sup>17</sup>
9	Collective Bargain	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>6</sup> 1/4	5 <sup>16</sup>	5 <sup>31</sup> 1/4

**Trainers:** 4 - Brown, Chad; 2 - Pletcher, Todd; 3 - Pletcher, Todd; 5 - Clement, Miguel; 9 - Brown, Chad

**Owners:** 4 - Klaravich Stables, Inc.; 2 - Repole Stable; 3 - Repole Stable; 5 - LJSS Thoroughbreds; 9 - Hit The Bid Racing Stable;

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

TRADING STRATEGY raced three paths off the rail past the stands the first time and then tucked to the two path nearing the first turn, raced just off the inside just off the top pair through that bend before taking to the four path down the backstretch, continued four wide through the far turn and advanced on the leader given some rein to work with before coming under coaxing nearing the quarter pole, swung seven wide into upper stretch as the leader went six wide, seized command just inside the three-sixteenths pole and edged away under a drive to prevail. WHITETHORN coaxed from the gate, raced along the inside and advanced to take over the front with one mile to run when into the first turn, showed the way in hand just off the inside down the backstretch and through the far turn coming under coaxing nearing the quarter pole, swung six wide into upper stretch, dug in under threat and was collared just inside the three-sixteenths pole, ran on well clear of the rest and was along second best. BAFFLE struck the near side stall at the start, chased just off the inside through the first turn and then two to three wide down the backstretch, tucked inside half a mile from home, came under urging three furlongs out, spun two to three wide into upper stretch, proved no match for the top pair while improving position to be along for the show honors. STAND THE RAIN three paths off the inside past the stands the first time, went two then three wide through the first turn, chased four wide down the backstretch and through the far turn coming under encouragement with seven-sixteenths to go, angled six to seven wide into upper stretch and tired. COLLECTIVE BARGAIN showed the way early on briefly before being displaced from command into the first turn, settled two then three wide in closest aim of the leader through to the half mile pole, went three wide through the far turn coming under a ride at the three-eighths marker and faded through the latter portion of the turn, tipped four wide into upper stretch, faltered and was eased home through the final furlong.