

BELMONT AT THE BIG A - June 12, 2026 - Race 8

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(UP TO \$7,482 NYSBFOA) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs.

Claiming Price \$35,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). New York Bred Claiming

Price \$45,000. **Claiming Price:** \$35,000

Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Easy Goer - 1:32.40 - April 8, 1989)

Purse: \$43,000

Available Money: \$43,000

Value of Race: \$43,000 1st \$23,650, 2nd \$8,600, 3rd \$5,160, 4th \$2,580, 5th \$1,720, 6th \$645, 7th \$645

Weather: Clear, 93° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:45 **Start:** Good for all except 2 **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 |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|------|----|-------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 28Apr26 ⁹ PRX ⁵ | 6 | Ghost Army (Rodriguez, Jaime) | 126 | L b | 6 | 3 | 3 ¹ | 3 ^{Head} | 3 ⁴ | 2 ^{Head} | 1 ^{1/2} | 3.90 | out,3p,4p1/4,bid1/16 |
| 23May26 ² BAQ ⁵ | 5 | Mr R T (Zayas, Edgard) | 126 | L | 5 | 2 | 2 ^{1/2} | 2 ^{1 1/2} | 1 ^{1/2} | 1 ¹ | 2 ^{2 1/4} | 4.66 | out,2path,led 1/4-1/16 |
| 14May26 ⁴ BAQ ⁴ | 4 | Chess Match (Davis, Katie) | 120 | L b | 4 | 5 | 6 ² | 6 ^{Head} | 5 ² | 4 ² | 3 ^{3/4} | 18.18 | 4p turn,5p1/4,improved |
| 16Apr26 ³ AQU ⁷ | 3 | Dixie Hex (Davis, Dylan) | 120 | L bf | 3 | 1 | 1 ^{Head} | 1 ^{1/2} | 2 ^{1 1/2} | 3 ⁴ | 4 ^{1 3/4} | 13.77 | ins trn,headed ins5/16 |
| 7May26 ⁸ BAQ ⁴ | 2 | Dare Defying (Elliott, Christopher) | 120 | L b | 2 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5 ^{1 1/2} | 5 ^{7 1/2} | 4.43 | stmbld bad st,svd grnd |
| 11Apr26 ⁴ AQU ² | 1 | Restless Renegade (Franco, Manuel) | 126 | L r | 1 | 4 | 4 ^{1/2} | 4 ⁴ | 4 ^{1/2} | 6 ^{3 1/2} | 6 ^{7 3/4} | 1.10* | 2path turn,empty |
| --- | 7 | Bourbon Hangover (Harkie, Heman) | 120 | -- | 7 | 6 | 5 ³ | 5 ^{1/2} | 6 ¹ | 7 | 7 | 29.98 | 2-3p turn,5p into lane |

Fractional Times: 23.41 46.88 1:12.74 1:26.35

Final Time: 1:40.47

Time from Gate: 1:42.37

Split Times: (23:47) (25:86) (13:61) (14:12)

Run-Up: 41 feet

Winner: Ghost Army, Gray or Roan Gelding, by Volatile out of Lexington Girl, by Storm Cat. Foaled May 07, 2022 in New York.

Breeder: Hidden Lake Farm LLC

Owner: Cash is King, LLC and LC Racing, LLC

Trainer: Ness, Jamie

Claiming Prices: 6 - Ghost Army: \$45,000; 5 - Mr R T: \$35,000; 4 - Chess Match: \$35,000; 3 - Dixie Hex: \$35,000; 2 - Dare Defying: \$35,000; 1 - Restless Renegade: \$35,000; 7 - Bourbon Hangover: \$35,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Ruby's Trouble (PrivVet-Injured)

Total WPS Pool: \$198,379

| Pgm | Horse | Win | Place | Show | Wager Type | Winning Numbers | Payoff | Pool |
|-----|-------------|------|-------|------|---------------------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| 6 | Ghost Army | 9.80 | 5.86 | 4.04 | \$1.00 Pick 3 | 6-6-6 (3 correct) | 30.60 | 31,304 |
| 5 | Mr R T | | 5.66 | 4.54 | \$1.00 Daily Double | 6-6 | 24.33 | 33,916 |
| 4 | Chess Match | | | 6.40 | \$1.00 Exacta | 6-5 | 23.02 | 137,188 |
| | | | | | \$0.10 Superfecta | 6-5-4-3 | 60.25 | 40,554 |
| | | | | | \$0.50 Trifecta | 6-5-4 | 82.76 | 73,365 |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | 3/4 | Str | Fin |
|-----|-------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 6 | Ghost Army | 3 | 3 ^{1/2} | 3 ² | 3 ² | 2 ¹ | 1 ^{1/2} |
| 5 | Mr R T | 2 | 2 ^{Head} | 2 ^{1/2} | 1 ^{1/2} | 1 ¹ | 2 ^{1/2} |
| 4 | Chess Match | 5 | 6 ⁵ | 6 ^{6 1/2} | 5 ^{6 1/2} | 4 ⁵ | 3 ^{2 3/4} |
| 3 | Dixie Hex | 1 | 1 ^{Head} | 1 ^{1/2} | 2 ^{1/2} | 3 ¹ | 4 ^{3 1/2} |
| 2 | Dare Defying | 7 | 7 ⁷ | 7 ^{6 3/4} | 7 ^{9 1/2} | 5 ⁷ | 5 ^{5 1/4} |
| 1 | Restless Renegade | 4 | 4 ^{1 1/2} | 4 ² | 4 ⁶ | 6 ^{8 1/2} | 6 ^{12 3/4} |
| 7 | Bourbon Hangover | 6 | 5 ² | 5 ⁶ | 6 ^{8 1/2} | 7 ¹² | 7 ^{20 1/2} |

Trainers: 6 - Ness, Jamie; 5 - Jimenez, Jose; 4 - DeLauro, Edward; 3 - Handal, Raymond; 2 - McPeek, Kenneth; 1 - Rice, Linda; 7 - Keithan, Rachael

Owners: 6 - Cash is King, LLC and LC Racing, LLC; 5 - R.T Racing Stable; 4 - DLM Stables LLC; 3 - West Paces Racing LLC; 2 - David A. Bernsen, LLC, Chambers, James and Lewis, Tommie M.; 1 - Linda Rice; 7 - Irace, Joseph and Noll, Alfred;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

GHOST ARMY stalked the pace on the outside, chased in the three path on the turn, was driven into the stretch in the four path, pursued the runner-up into the final furlong, gained to make a bid coming to the sixteenth-pole and got up to prevail. MR R T pressed the pace on the outside, drew even with the leader in the two path midway through the turn, gained the advantage inside the five-sixteenths pole, inched away under a left-handed crop while remaining on his inside lead in upper stretch, led while drifting out into the final sixteenth but was caught then continuing on his inside lead to the finish while clear for the place. CHESS MATCH settled well off the pace, was urged along in the four path on the turn, spun into the stretch in the five path and improved for the show. DIXIE HEX showed speed then set the pace, vied inside on the turn, was headed inside the five-sixteenths pole, chased under a drive in upper stretch and tired. DARE DEFYING stumbled badly at the start, settled at the rear under some urging, saved ground on the turn and failed to threaten. RESTLESS RENEGADE climbed some early then was well placed, raced under urging late on the backstretch, chased in the two path on the turn and came up empty. BOURBON HANGOVER leaned out and brushed the gate, was urged along on the outside, went around most of the turn in the two path then shifted to the three path, turned into the stretch in the five path, remained on his inside lead until inside the three-sixteenths pole then swapped to the proper lead and failed to respond.