

BELMONT AT THE BIG A - June 14, 2026 - Race 5

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(UP TO \$7,134 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price \$30,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). New York Bred Claiming Price \$35,000. (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at One Mile on the Main Track.) (Rail at 18 feet). (NW2 L) **Claiming Price:** \$30,000

Distance: One Mile On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Spirit of St Louis - 1:33.57 - April 20, 2024)

Purse: \$41,000

Available Money: \$41,000

Value of Race: \$41,000 1st \$22,550, 2nd \$8,200, 3rd \$4,920, 4th \$2,460, 5th \$1,640, 6th \$410, 7th \$410, 8th \$410

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Weather: Clear, 81° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 3:11 **Start:** Good for all except 8 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
1May26 ¹ BAQ ¹	7	Hard Circle (Davis, Dylan)	126	L b	6	3	4 ¹ 1/2	3 ^{Head}	3 ¹	1 ¹	1 ⁴ 1/4	1.51*	2-3p turns,lead out1/8
25May26 ⁹ BAQ ⁶	1	Royal Browne (Silvera, Ruben)	126	L b	1	1	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ 1/2	2 ²	2 ² 3/4	7.02	ins trns,headed out1/8
23May26 ⁹ BAQ ⁴	2	Take a Stance (Gutierrez, ReyLu)	120	L b	2	2	3 ^{Head}	4 ²	2 ¹ 1/2	3 ⁵	3 ¹ 1/2	5.10	toss head3/4,ins,2p1/4
7May26 ⁸ BAQ ¹	6	Rules of the Road (Franco, Manuel)	120	L	5	5	6 ¹ 1/2	5 ^{Head}	5 ¹ 1/2	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{Neck}	3.35	2-3p turns,no threat
17May26 ⁸ MTH ³	8	Khetam (Carmouche, Kendrick)	120	L b	7	8	8	8	8	5 ¹	5 ⁸	8.70	stmbl'd brk,ins,4p1/4
7Mar26 ⁴ AQU ⁶	9	You're Lookin Good (Rodriguez, Jaime)	120	L b	8	6	7 ¹ 1/2	7 ¹ 1/2	6 ¹ 1/2	7 ⁴ 1/2	6 ⁶ 1/4	21.63	3-2path trns,no factor
25May26 ⁹ BAQ ⁴	3	Hong Kong Phooey (Elliott, Christopher)	120	L	3	4	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	4 ⁵	6 ²	7 ⁹ 1/2	13.17	bmp brk,2p turns,3p1/4
23May26 ³ BAQ ³	4	Raging Sea Captain (Zayas, Edgard)	120	L b	4	7	5 ^{Head}	6 ²	7 ¹ 1/2	8	8	16.64	ins turns,no response

Fractional Times: 23.72 47.43 1:11.45 1:23.40

Final Time: 1:35.43 **Time from Gate:** 1:38.59

Split Times: (23:71) (24:02) (11:95) (12:03)

Run-Up: 85 feet **Temporary Rail:** 18 feet

Winner: Hard Circle, Gray or Roan Colt, by Hard Spun out of Fierce for Sul, by Speightstown. Foaled Apr 01, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud

Owner: Three Diamonds Farm and Wycoff, Jordan V.

Trainer: Maker, Michael

2 Claimed Horse(s): **Hard Circle** New Trainer: Mertkan Kantarmaci New Owner: Mertkan Kantarmaci
Rules of the Road New Trainer: Michael J. Maker New Owner: David Staudacher

Claiming Prices: 7 - Hard Circle: \$30,000; 1 - Royal Browne: \$35,000; 2 - Take a Stance: \$35,000; 6 - Rules of the Road: \$30,000; 8 - Khetam: \$30,000; 9 - You're Lookin Good: \$35,000; 3 - Hong Kong Phooey: \$30,000; 4 - Raging Sea Captain: \$30,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Antietam (Main-Track-Only), Kulapat (RegVet-Unsound), Valentinian (Main-Track-Only)

Total WPS Pool: \$266,302

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Hard Circle	5.02	3.10	2.50	\$1.00 Pick 3	1-5-7 (3 correct)	9.11	33,993
1	Royal Browne		6.40	4.10	\$0.50 Pick 4	4-1-5/8-5/7/10/11 (4 correct)	11.18	85,104
2	Take a Stance			4.10	\$0.50 Pick 5	4/7-4-1-5/8-5/7/10/11 (5 correct)	32.46	401,602
					\$1.00 Daily Double	5-7	5.21	32,545
					\$1.00 Exacta	7-1	9.80	193,228
					\$1.00 Consolation Pick 3	1-5-5 (3 correct)	4.48	0
					\$0.10 Superfecta	7-1-2-6	9.63	52,076
					\$0.50 Trifecta	7-1-2	16.40	79,256
					\$1.00 Consolation Double	5-5	2.24	0

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
7	Hard Circle	3	4 ²	3 ²	3 ²	1 ¹	1 ⁴ 1/4
1	Royal Browne	1	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹	2 ⁴ 1/4
2	Take a Stance	2	3 ²	4 ²	2 ¹ 1/2	3 ³	3 ⁷
6	Rules of the Road	5	6 ³ 3/4	5 ⁴	5 ⁸	4 ⁸	4 ⁷ 1/2
8	Khetam	8	8 ⁶ 3/4	8 ⁶ 3/4	8 ⁹ 1/2	5 ⁸	5 ⁷ 3/4
9	You're Lookin Good	6	7 ⁵ 1/4	7 ⁶ 1/4	6 ⁸ 1/2	7 ¹¹	6 ¹⁵ 3/4
3	Hong Kong Phooey	4	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	4 ³	6 ⁹	7 ²²
4	Raging Sea Captain	7	5 ³ 1/2	6 ⁴ 1/4	7 ⁹	8 ¹⁵ 1/2	8 ³¹ 1/2

Trainers: 7 - Maker, Michael; 1 - Abreu, Fernando; 2 - Nevin, Michelle; 6 - Morey, William; 8 - Dini, Michael; 9 - Green, Amelia; 3 - Rodriguez, Rudy; 4 - Rodriguez, Rudy

Owners: 7 - Three Diamonds Farm and Wycoff, Jordan V.; 1 - Lioni Racing Stable LLC; 2 - Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons Racing; 6 - Donal Gavigan; 8 - Dini, Michael and Emerald Spring Stable LLC; 9 - JP Racing Stable and Paradise Farms Corp.; 3 - Rodriguez, Rudy R. and Imperio, Michael; 4 - Vitulli, Peter, Cotrone, Robert, Marano, Gary S. and Rodriguez, Rudy R.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

HARD CIRCLE went around the first turn in the two path, was rated towards the front on the outside, came under urging in the three path on the far turn, gained to make a bid in upper stretch, took the lead inside the three-sixteenths pole, shook off the runner-up into the final furlong and drew away under steady urging to prove much the best. ROYAL BROWNE went to the front, raced inside on the first turn, showed the way on the inside of rival, vied inside on the far turn, was asked near the quarter-pole then came under a drive in upper stretch, lost the advantage to the winner inside the three-sixteenths pole and proved no match while clear for the place. TAKE A STANCE bumped with an opponent at the start, was taken under a snug hold early, saved ground on the first turn, tossed his head while keen passing the three-quarter pole, was rated just off the pace on the inside, tracked the leader on the far turn, moved to the two path coming to the quarter-pole then made a bid, dropped back in upper stretch and weakened but held the show. RULES OF THE ROAD was

hustled from the gate, rounded the first turn in the two path, settled on the outside, was urged along in the three path on the far turn and failed to threaten. KHETAM stumbled at the start, angled in at the rear of the field, settled on the inside, waited at the rear behind a retreating RAGING SEA CAPTAIN near the five-sixteenths pole, was roused while moving out to the four path outside the quarter-pole and also failed to threaten. YOU'RE LOOKIN GOOD raced in the three path on the first turn, settled towards the rear, was roused in the two path on the far turn and was no factor. HONG KONG PHOOEY bumped with a rival at the start, established a forward position early, traveled around the first turn in the two path, prompted the pace on the outside, chased in the two path on the far turn, dropped back in the three path late on that bend and capitulated. RAGING SEA CAPTAIN darted to the rail early, settled on the inside, was urged along on the far turn, saved ground into the stretch and failed to respond.

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