

BELMONT AT THE BIG A - June 26, 2026 - Race 1

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(UP TO \$10,440 NYSBFOA) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs.

Claiming Price \$75,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (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.). **Claiming Price:**

\$75,000

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

Purse: \$60,000

Available Money: \$60,000

Value of Race: \$60,000 1st \$33,000, 2nd \$12,000, 3rd \$7,200, 4th \$3,600, 5th \$2,400, 6th \$900, 7th \$900

Weather: Cloudy, 80° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 1:13 **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
23May26 ⁶ BAQ ⁸	1	DQ-Mortal Lock (Franco, Manuel)	126	L	bf	1 3	3 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2.31	ins,mvd out1/4,bmp foe
19Jun26 ⁵ BAQ ⁶	6	Fateful Lightning (Carmouche, Kendrick)	126	L		6 5	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{6 1/2}	2 ^{Neck}	10.49	2p,4p1/4,bmpd3/16,bid
1May26 ⁵ CD ⁹	5	Executive (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	126	L	b	5 4	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 3/4}	1.62*	buckled brk,2-3p,led
23May26 ⁶ BAQ ⁶	2	Chester Boy (Rodriguez, Jaime)	120	L	b	2 6	6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{3/4}	6.02	stdy out1/16,bmp,alter
17Aug25 ⁶ ELP ⁸	3	Cederberg (Prat, Flavien)	120	L		3 1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	5 ⁶	6.62	2p-ins,bmp ins1/8,wknd
12Jun26 ⁸ BAQ ³	7	Chess Match (Davis, Katie)	120	L	b	7 2	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	6 ¹	7	6 ^{Nose}	43.84	3p turns,5p into lane
---	4	Rebalancing (Davis, Dylan)	120	L		4 7	7	7	7	6 ^{1/2}	7	7.00	taken back,2p,no rally

Fractional Times: 24.42 48.58 1:12.13 1:24.12

Final Time: 1:36.04 **Time from Gate:** 1:38.75

Split Times: (24:16) (23:55) (11:99) (11:92)

Run-Up: 65 feet

Winner: Fateful Lightning, Bay Gelding, by Tapit out of Gamble's Ghost, by Ghostzapper. Foaled Feb 26, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Tall Oaks Farm & Tapit Syndicate

Owner: Dimitrios Perdikis

Trainer: Rodriguez, Gustavo

Claiming Prices: 1 - Mortal Lock: \$75,000; 6 - Fateful Lightning: \$75,000; 5 - Executive: \$75,000; 2 - Chester Boy: \$75,000; 3 - Cederberg: \$75,000; 7 - Chess Match: \$75,000; 4 - Rebalancing: \$75,000;

Disqualification(s): # 1 Mortal Lock from 1 to 2

Total WPS Pool: \$186,481

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Fateful Lightning	22.98	9.70	3.84	\$1.00 Exacta	6-1	48.09	132,150
1	Mortal Lock		3.80	2.72	\$0.10 Superfecta	6-1-5-2	36.86	30,234
5	Executive			2.34	\$0.50 Trifecta	6-1-5	67.18	52,225

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1	Mortal Lock	3	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ¹	1 ^{Head}
6	Fateful Lightning	5	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ²	5 ^{1 1/4}	2 ^{Head}
5	Executive	4	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Neck}
2	Chester Boy	6	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{4 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	3 ¹	4 ²
3	Cederberg	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	5 ^{2 3/4}
7	Chess Match	2	5 ³	5 ³	6 ⁵	7 ^{8 1/4}	6 ^{8 3/4}
4	Rebalancing	7	7 ⁵	7 ⁵	7 ⁶	6 ^{7 3/4}	7 ⁹

Trainers: 1 - Weaver, George; 6 - Rodriguez, Gustavo; 5 - De Paz, Horacio; 2 - Clement, Miguel; 3 - Brown, Chad; 7 - DeLauro, Edward; 4 - Brown, Chad

Owners: 1 - Daigneault Thoroughbreds, LLC; 6 -Dimitrios Perdikis; 5 - Saratoga Dreams Racing LLC; 2 - DATTT Stable; 3 - Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck), Thirty Year Racing, Rodeo Creek Racing, LLC and Tanglewood Thoroughbreds LLC; 7 - DLM Stables LLC; 4 - Klaravich Stables, Inc.;

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MORTAL LOCK saved ground while rated just off the pace under a tight hold, was asked near the five-sixteenths pole, came out under a left-handed crop into upper stretch then bumped FATEFUL LIGHTNING and leaned on that opponent, made a bid between horses inside the furlong marker, continued to fight between horses into the final sixteenth and got up under strong urging to narrowly prevail un-officially on the line. FATEFUL LIGHTNING settled in the two path, was urged along late on the backstretch, chased in the two path on the far turn, gained in the four path into the stretch, was bumped by MORTAL LOCK outside the three-sixteenths pole, made a bid on the outside of the leader while coming in a tad near the eighth-pole, fought outside of two rivals to the finish and just missed while narrowly able to get the un-official second place position. EXECUTIVE lost his footing in the hindquarters at the start but broke with the body of the field, established a forward position early, rounded the opening bend in the three path, prompted the pace on the outside, turned up the pressure in the two path on the far turn, was given his cue outside the quarter-pole, took the lead in the three path into upper stretch, came in outside the sixteenth-pole, led under a crop into the final sixteenth, battled inside of two foes late and was denied while clear for third position. CHESTER BOY was taken under a snug hold early then reserved on the inside, gained while cutting the corner into upper stretch then moved to the two path, raced in traffic behind the leaders into the final furlong, steadied while trying to get through a tight opening after EXECUTIVE came in outside the sixteenth-pole, bumped with CEDERBERG in the process, altered out into the final sixteenth and finished willingly but lost any chance. CEDERBERG went to the front, rounded the first turn in the two path, showed the way on the inside of an opponent, vied inside on the far turn, was asked near the five-sixteenths pole, lost the advantage in upper stretch, bumped with a foe while dropping back inside the furlong marker and weakened. CHESS MATCH broke out then was hustled, raced in the three path on the first turn, settled outside without cover, was urged along late on the backstretch, traveled around the far turn in the three path, dropped back in the five path into upper stretch and failed to rally. REBALANCING was taken back between horses under strong restraint then reserved in the two path, came under urging late on the backstretch, went around the far turn in the two path, turned into upper stretch under a drive and failed to threaten. FOLLOWING THE RACE, THE RIDER OF FATEFUL LIGHTNING CLAIMED FOUL AGAINST MORTAL LOCK ALLEGING INTERFERENCE IN THE STRETCH. AFTER THE STEWARDS' REVIEW, MORTAL LOCK WAS DISQUALIFIED FROM FIRST AND PLACED SECOND

