

BELMONT AT THE BIG A - June 28, 2026 - Race 2

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD FOALD IN NEW YORK STATE AND APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE-BRED REGISTRY. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of \$55,000 Or Less In The Last 3 Starts Preferred). (S)

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

Purse: \$80,000

Available Money: \$80,000

Value of Race: \$80,000 1st \$44,000, 2nd \$16,000, 3rd \$9,600, 4th \$4,800, 5th \$3,200, 6th \$2,400

Weather: Clear, 80° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 1:51 **Start:** Good for all except 3,5 **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
9May26 ¹ BAQ ²	4	Close the Loop (Franco, Manuel)	120	L b	3	2	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}	0.48*	in hand 2p, edged clr
4Jun26 ⁶ SAR ²	1	Into the Unknown (Elliott, Christopher)	120	L	1	5	6	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	4.21	chased inside, ran on
4Jun26 ⁶ SAR ⁷	6	Gotta Gun Runner (Rodriguez, Jaime) <small>VA CERTIFIED</small>	120	L	5	3	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{3 3/4}	10.92	4-3w pursuit, kept on
6Feb26 ¹¹ AQU ⁷	3	My First Dinah (Gutierrez, Reylyu)	120	L b	2	4	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	4 ⁴	4 ¹⁰	4 ^{12 3/4}	27.66	bobble st, wknd late
11Jun26 ¹ BAQ ⁴	7	Big Jackie (Zayas, Edgard)	120	b	6	1	5 ^{1/2}	6	6	5 ¹	5 ^{7 3/4}	18.73	chased 6-5w, tired
---	5	Tactically (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	121	L	4	6	3 ¹	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	6	6	5.44	lunged st, eased

Fractional Times: 23.20 46.15 1:11.04 1:23.75

Final Time: 1:36.75 **Time from Gate:** 1:38.88

Split Times: (22:95) (24:89) (12:71) (13:00)

Run-Up: 45 feet

Winner: Close the Loop, Dark Bay or Brown Filly, by [Yaupon](#) out of Ignite, by Jump Start. Foaled Apr 15, 2023 in New York.

YAUPON SPENDTHRIFT Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift Farm

Breeder: The New Hill Farm

Owner: Klaravich Stables, Inc.

Trainer: Brown, Chad

Scratched Horse(s): Bounding Along (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$252,666

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Close the Loop	2.96	2.24	2.10	\$1.00 Daily Double	3-4	5.59	66,308
1	Into the Unknown		2.88	2.20	\$1.00 Exacta	4-1	3.62	128,832
6	Gotta Gun Runner			3.04	\$1.00 Quinella	1-4	2.61	6,452
					\$0.10 Superfecta	4-1-6-3	3.62	38,063
					\$0.50 Trifecta	4-1-6	4.71	63,351

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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4	Close the Loop	2	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}
1	Into the Unknown	5	6 ^{2 1/4}	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{3 1/2}
6	Gotta Gun Runner	3	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2 ¹	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ⁴
3	My First Dinah	4	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ²	4 ⁴	4 ⁵	4 ^{7 3/4}
7	Big Jackie	1	5 ^{1 3/4}	6 ^{2 1/4}	6 ^{8 1/2}	5 ¹⁵	5 ^{20 1/2}
5	Tactically	6	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	5 ⁸	6 ¹⁶	6 ^{28 1/4}

Trainers: 4 - Brown, Chad; 1 - Sells, Rachel; 6 - Abreu, Jorge; 3 - Jones, Eduardo; 7 - Ferraro, James; 5 - Morley, Thomas

Owners: 4 - Klaravich Stables, Inc.; 1 - Sells, Rachel, Lieberman, Jay A., Orangio, Guy and Peacock, Lisa; 6 -Albert Fried, Jr.; 3 -Eduardo E. Jones; 7 -Louis P. Ferrari; 5 - Franklin Ave Equine, LLC and BAG Racing Stables;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

CLOSE THE LOOP broke out a step at the start filling the space left vacant by TACTICALLY, established the front after the start and showed the way in hand just off the inside patiently handled until set down spinning just off the inside into upper stretch, then edged clear to the finish to prevail. INTO THE UNKNOWN chased along the inside under a ride from three furlongs out, spun just off the inside into upper stretch, ran on to secure the place honors. GOTTA GUN RUNNER four then three wide in pursuit, came under coaxing three furlongs out, swung four wide into upper stretch and kept on to procure the show honors. MY FIRST DINAH bobbed at the break, chased three wide under a ride from three furlongs out, angled six wide into upper stretch and weakened in the late stages. BIG JACKIE six paths off the inside down the backstretch, went five wide through the turn under coaxing from the seven-sixteenths marker, angled out nine wide into upper stretch and tired. TACTICALLY lunged at the start getting away a beat slow and losing her lane to CLOSE THE LOOP, chased five then four wide under prolonged urging from the half mile pole, went eight wide into upper stretch and was eased home to the finish.

VA CERTIFIED Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred