

BELMONT AT THE BIG A - September 13, 2025 - Race 9

ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred
(UP TO \$15,312 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON \$20,000 OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Other Than Claiming Since March 13, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. (NW1\$ X)
Distance: One And One Eighth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Riva Ridge - 1:47.00 - October 15, 1973)
Purse: \$88,000
Available Money: \$88,000
Value of Race: \$88,000 1st \$48,400, 2nd \$17,600, 3rd \$10,560, 4th \$5,280, 5th \$3,520, 6th \$1,320, 7th \$1,320
Weather: Cloudy, 72° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 5:23 **Start:** Good for all except 2,7 **Timing Method:** Electronic



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
13Jul25 ¹ SAR ¹	8	Classicist (Carmouche, Kendrick)	120 L	7	2	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Nose}	0.88*	2p, brush foe, held on
10Aug25 ¹⁰ SAR ³	6	Tuscan Gold (Franco, Manuel)	122 L b	5	3	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	2 ¹	3.49	4w1/4, brushd 2x, miss
17Aug25 ⁴ SAR ²	5	Valentinian (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	119 L b	4	5	5 ²	5 ^{5 1/2}	4 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	5.27	6-7w upper, ran on
10Aug25 ¹⁰ SAR ⁵	1	Mikealicious (Castellano, Javier)	122 L	1	7	7	7	7	6 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	12.78	chased 4-5w, late foot
16Aug25 ⁸ SAR ¹	3	Cut the Cord (Elliott, Christopher)	124 L	3	1	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	5 ⁵	5 ¹	5 ^{Neck}	11.16	chased ins, one paced
30Aug25 ¹³ SAR ⁸	2	Waitlist (Cancel, Eric)	122 L b	2	6	6 ^{2 1/2}	6 ⁵	6 ^{3 1/2}	7	6 ^{3 1/4}	20.02	bumped st, outkicked
23Aug25 ⁸ MTH ¹	7	Sturdy (Alvarado, Junior)	124 L b	6	4	3 ¹	3 ¹	3 ¹	4 ^{1 1/2}	7	12.37	bumped st, weakened

Fractional Times: 24.61 48.44 1:12.38 1:37.67 **Final Time:** 1:50.56
Split Times: (23:83) (23:94) (25:29) (12:89)
Run-Up: 85 feet

Winner: Classicist, Chestnut Colt, by Curlin out of Playtime, by Street Cry (IRE). Foaled Feb 07, 2022 in Kentucky.
Breeder: St. Elias Stables, LLC
Owner: St. Elias Stable
Trainer: Pletcher, Todd

Scratched Horse(s): Makes Sense (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$329,198

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Classicist	3.76	2.46	2.10	\$1.00 Pick 3	12-10-8 (3 correct)	21.23	50,023
6	Tuscan Gold		3.14	2.44	\$0.50 Pick 5	5-3-10/12/14-10/13/14/15-4/8	524.04	164,428
5	Valentinian			3.32		(5 correct)		
					\$1.00 Daily Double	10-8	11.00	48,374
					\$1.00 Exacta	8-6	5.82	213,276
					\$0.10 Superfecta	8-6-5-1	5.60	66,758
					\$0.50 Trifecta	8-6-5	7.21	105,344

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
8	Classicist	2	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Nose}
6	Tuscan Gold	3	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Nose}
5	Valentinian	5	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{1 3/4}	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹
1	Mikealicious	7	7 ⁷	7 ^{12 1/4}	7 ¹¹	6 ^{4 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}
3	Cut the Cord	1	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ³
2	Waitlist	6	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{7 1/4}	6 ^{7 1/2}	7 ⁵	6 ^{3 1/4}
7	Sturdy	4	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ²	7 ^{6 1/2}

Trainers: 8 - Pletcher, Todd; 6 - Brown, Chad; 5 - Pletcher, Todd; 1 - Martin, Carlos; 3 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay; 2 - Rice, Linda; 7 - Weaver, George

Owners: 8 - St. Elias Stable; 6 - Lawrence, William H., Walmac Farm and Stonestreet Stables LLC; 5 - Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Stonestreet Stables LLC; 1 - Nice Guys Stables; 3 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay and Gaiety Stables LLC; 2 - Alpha Phi Delta Racing; 7 - Repole Stable and R. A. Hill Stable;

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CLASSICIST a bit fractious in the gate prior to the start, raced three then two wide through the first turn showing the way before settling into a comfortably rhythm in hand just off the inside down the backstretch, remained just off the rail through the far turn coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, got set down spinning three wide into upper stretch, went to a left handed crop at the three-sixteenths and shied out two paths to the eighth pole, then shied out again two paths nearing the sixteenth marker and brushed with his main danger at that station, dug in head to head to the finish brushing strides from the wire before holding on on the line to prevail. TUSCAN GOLD broke out at the start bumping STURDY, raced three then two wide through the first turn, chased three then two wide in closest aim of the leader, came under urging three furlongs out, swung four wide into upper stretch, dug in under a drive herding out slightly when CLASSICIST shied out near the eighth pole, dug in getting on near even terms and had that foe shy out a sixteenth out and was brushed at that station, fought on to the finish getting brushed jumps from the line and missed at the end when unable to go by. VALENTINIAN coaxed from the gate, chased just off the inside under a ride from the five-sixteenths, angled out six to seven wide into upper stretch, ran on through to the finish. MIKEALICIOUS broke out at the start bumping WAITLIST, raced just off the inside through the first turn and then four paths off the inside down the backstretch, came under coaxing at the seven-sixteenths when four to five wide through the far turn, continued five wide into upper stretch and offered up late foot. CUT THE CORD chased along the inside coming under encouragement at the seven-sixteenths, spun just off the inside into upper stretch, stayed on one paced to the end. WAITLIST got bumped at the start by MIKEALICIOUS, raced along the inside through the first turn and then three to four wide thereafter, went eight wide at the head of the stretch, offered up a bid but was outkicked. STURDY got bumped at the start by TUSCAN GOLD, who broke outwards, raced four then three wide through the first turn, chased four wide coming under a ride at the five-sixteenths, tipped five wide for home and weakened in the stretch. There was a Stewards' Inquiry into the stretch run as well as a claim of foul by the rider of TUSCAN GOLD alleging interference against CLASSICIST in the stretch. After review, the objection was dismissed and the result was allowed to stand prior to the race being declared official.