

BELMONT AT THE BIG A - September 14, 2025 - Race 8

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(UP TO \$10,092 NYSBFOA) FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE SINCE SEPTEMBER 14, 2024. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Claiming Price \$50,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$50,000

Distance: Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Baby Yoda - 1:13.86 - June 13, 2025)
Purse: \$58,000

Available Money: \$58,000
Value of Race: \$58,000 1st \$31,900, 2nd \$11,600, 3rd \$6,960, 4th \$3,480, 5th \$2,320, 6th \$1,740

Weather: Clear, 77° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 4:44 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
31Jul25 ¹⁰ SAR ⁵	7	Always Practical (Carmouche, Kendrick)	120	L b	6	1	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	1.90*	6-7w uppr, inched clr
7Aug25 ³ SAR ⁵	1	I'm Buzzy (Rosario, Joel)	123	L b	1	6	5 ¹	5 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/4}	3.02	4w upper, mild kick
13Aug25 ⁷ SAR ¹	2	Melle Mel (Davis, Dylan)	120	L b	2	5	3 ³	4 ¹	4 ^{Head}	3 ⁴	4.70	chased inside, ran on
15Aug25 ⁷ SAR ³	6	Spun Size (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	120	L	5	2	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	4 ^{3/4}	3.16	3w pursuit, weakened
29Jun25 ⁶ BAQ ⁷	4	Amy's Light (Gonzalez, Melvis)	118	L b	4	3	6	6	6	5 ^{Neck}	19.79	chased 4w, weakened
31Jul25 ⁷ SAR ⁵	3	Moon Gate (Elliott, Christopher)	120	L	3	4	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	5 ^{1 1/2}	6	6.40	in hand 2p, weakened

Fractional Times: 22.37 45.55 1:10.05 **Final Time:** 1:16.40
Split Times: (23:18) (24:50) (6:35)
Run-Up: 53 feet

Winner: Always Practical, Dark Bay or Brown Filly, by Practical Joke out of Always Right, by Arch. Foaled May 10, 2022 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Dixiana Farms LLC
Owner: Linda Rice
Trainer: Rice, Linda

Claiming Prices: 7 - Always Practical: \$50,000; 1 - I'm Buzzy: \$50,000; 2 - Melle Mel: \$50,000; 6 - Spun Size: \$50,000; 4 - Amy's Light: \$50,000; 3 - Moon Gate: \$50,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Catchphrase (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$208,423

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Always Practical	5.80	3.36	2.54	\$1.00 Pick 3	1-8-7 (3 correct)	103.29	23,835
1	I'm Buzzy		3.46	2.50	\$1.00 Daily Double	8-7	24.76	39,039
2	Melle Mel			3.06	\$1.00 Exacta	7-1	9.28	134,577
					\$0.10 Superfecta	7-1-2-6	4.20	46,108
					\$0.50 Trifecta	7-1-2	10.89	76,142
					\$1.00 Grand Slam	4/6/7-1/3/6-1/3/8-5/7 (4 correct)	36.14	25,982

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
7	Always Practical	1	4 ^{4 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹
1	I'm Buzzy	6	5 ⁵	5 ^{2 1/2}	3 ²	2 ¹
2	Melle Mel	5	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ²	3 ^{2 1/4}
6	Spun Size	2	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{6 1/4}
4	Amy's Light	3	6 ⁶	6 ^{2 3/4}	6 ^{3 3/4}	5 ⁷
3	Moon Gate	4	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	5 ^{2 1/4}	6 ^{7 1/4}

Trainers: 7 - Rice, Linda; 1 - Baker, Charlton; 2 - Noda, Orlando; 6 - Brown, Bruce; 4 - Pringle, Edmund; 3 - Ryerson, James

Owners: 7 -Linda Rice; 1 -Saul J. Kupferberg; 2 - Final Turn Racing Stable LLC and PlayingTheField Racing; 6 - Three Crowns Farm; 4 - F and F Stable (F. Garcia); 3 - Stoneybrook Farm Trust and Potash, Edward C.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ALWAYS PRACTICAL chased three to four wide patiently handled until set down angled six to seven wide into upper stretch, rallied to take command just inside the three-sixteenths, inched clear under a drive to prevail. I'M BUZZY chased just off the inside coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, swung four wide into upper stretch, offered up a mild kick to secure the place honors. MELLE MEL coaxed from the gate, chased along the inside patiently handled until let out spinning two to three wide into upper stretch, ran on to procure the show honors. SPUN SIZE three wide in pursuit, came under coaxing near the quarter pole and continued three wide into upper stretch, weakened in the drive. AMY'S LIGHT broke out at the start, chased four wide under urging from the three-eighths marker, tipped six wide into upper stretch, weakened. MOON GATE coaxed from the gate, showed the way in hand just off the inside, got let out continuing in the two path at the quarter pole, dug in under threat and was collared just inside the three-sixteenths, weakened through to the finish.