

BELMONT AT THE BIG A - September 19, 2025 - Race 2

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(UP TO \$9,048 NYSBFOA) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs.
Claiming Price \$50,000 (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.) (Rail at 18 feet).
Claiming Price: \$50,000

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Turf Current Track Record: (Summer to Remember - 1:40.11 - December 3, 2021)

Purse: \$52,000

Available Money: \$52,000

Value of Race: \$52,000 1st \$28,600, 2nd \$10,400, 3rd \$6,240, 4th \$3,120, 5th \$2,080, 6th \$260, 7th \$260, 8th \$260, 9th \$260, 10th \$260, 11th \$260

Weather: Clear, 85° Track: Firm

Off at: 1:39 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	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
27Aug25 ⁶ SAR ²	5	Battle Drum (FR) (Velazquez, John)	120	L b	5	1	5 ²	5 ² 1/2	4 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1.97*	2p,bmp3p5/16,rallied
1Sep25 ⁵ SAR ³	9	No Merlot (Rivera, Jr., Luis)	120	L	9	9	9 ²	9 ⁴	8 1 1/2	5 1/2	2 ^{Neck}	25.69	ins-2p,3p1/4,mvd out
15Aug25 ⁵ SAR ⁸	1	Suspiciously Named (Maragh, Romero)	124	L b	1	3	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 ²	2 1/2	3 1 3/4	14.94	ins trns,headed out1/8
28Aug25 ¹¹ SAR ⁵	4	Billy White Shoes (IRE) (Silvera, Ruben)	120	L b	4	6	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 ²	6 ³ 1/2	4 ² 1/4	5.22	keen early,ins,2p1/4
27Feb25 ⁹ GP ²	8	Thorsness (Carmouche, Kendrick)	120	L b	8	8	7 ^{Head}	7 1 1/2	7 1/2	7 ¹	5 ^{Neck}	6.18	3path turns,improved
15Aug25 ⁵ SAR ³	10	Policy Change (Davis, Dylan)	120	L	10	2	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2 1/2	3 ¹	6 ² 1/4	6.44	out 2p,3p1/4,bid1/8
27Aug25 ⁶ SAR ³	3	Reteko (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	120	L b	3	7	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 ¹	7 ⁶ 1/4	4.18	ins turns,2p1/4,wknd
22Jun25 ⁹ BAQ ³	12	Ski Bum (Luzzi, Lane)	120	L b	11	5	4 1 1/2	3 ^{Head}	5 1 1/2	8 ³ 1/2	8 ^{3/4}	15.30	3-4p,bmpd5/16,empty
8Aug25 ¹ MTH ²	6	Winegold (Elliott, Christopher)	120	L b	6	10	10 ²	10 ^{Head}	11	11	9 ^{Neck}	60.52	inside turns,no threat
28Jul25 ² FL ⁴	7	Bright Angel (IRE) (Davis, Katie)	120	L	7	4	8 ³	8 1 1/2	9 ³ 1/2	9 1 1/2	10 ^{Nose}	61.37	2p-ins turns,no rally
14Aug25 ⁸ SAR ⁵	2	Nantz (Dettori, Lanfranco)	120	L b	2	11	11	11	10 ²	10 ²	11	29.16	2path turns,outrun

Fractional Times: 22.60 46.61 1:10.60 1:35.65 Final Time: 1:42.08

Split Times: (24:01) (23:99) (25:05) (6:43)

Run-Up: 205 feet Temporary Rail: 18 feet

Winner: Battle Drum (FR), Bay Ridgling, by =Siyouni (FR) out of =Over Reacted (FR), by Planteur (IRE). Foaled Feb 28, 2022 in France.

Breeder: Haras De Grandcamp Earl

Owner: Repole Stable

Trainer: Pletcher, Todd

Claiming Prices: 5 - Battle Drum (FR): \$50,000; 9 - No Merlot: \$50,000; 1 - Suspiciously Named: \$50,000; 4 - Billy White Shoes (IRE): \$50,000; 8 - Thorsness: \$50,000; 10 - Policy Change: \$50,000; 3 - Reteko: \$50,000; 12 - Ski Bum: \$50,000; 6 - Winegold: \$50,000; 7 - Bright Angel (IRE): \$50,000; 2 - Nantz: \$50,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Fiscal Drag (Main-Track-Only), Kavanaugh (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$200,658

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Battle Drum (FR)	5.94	3.60	2.88	\$1.00 Daily Double	4-5	8.54	73,151
9	No Merlot		14.92	8.92	\$1.00 Exacta	5-9	32.68	185,786
1	Suspiciously Named			6.42	\$1.00 Quinella	5-9	24.80	9,966
					\$0.10 Superfecta	5-9-1-4	301.92	64,542
					\$0.50 Trifecta	5-9-1	130.61	96,408

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	Battle Drum (FR)	1	5 ³ 1/2	5 ³	4 ³	1 1/2	1 1/2
9	No Merlot	9	9 ⁹ 1/4	9 ⁹	8 ⁷ 1/2	5 ³	2 1/2
1	Suspiciously Named	3	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 ²	2 1/2	3 ^{3/4}
4	Billy White Shoes (IRE)	6	6 ⁵ 1/2	6 ⁵ 1/2	6 ⁵	6 ³ 1/2	4 ² 1/2
8	Thorsness	8	7 ⁶	7 ⁶	7 ⁷	7 ⁷	5 ⁴ 3/4
10	Policy Change	2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ²	3 ¹	6 ⁵
3	Reteko	7	3 ¹ 1/2	4 ² 1/2	3 ² 1/2	4 ²	7 ⁷ 1/4
12	Ski Bum	5	4 ²	3 ² 1/2	5 ³ 1/2	8 ⁸	8 ¹³ 1/2
6	Winegold	10	10 ¹¹ 1/4	10 ¹³	11 ¹⁴ 1/2	11 ¹⁵	9 ¹⁴ 1/4
7	Bright Angel (IRE)	4	8 ⁶ 1/4	8 ⁷ 1/2	9 ⁹	9 ¹¹ 1/2	10 ¹⁴ 1/2
2	Nantz	11	11 ¹³ 1/4	11 ¹³ 1/4	10 ¹² 1/2	10 ¹³	11 ¹⁴ 1/2

Trainers: 5 - Pletcher, Todd; 9 - Kimmel, John; 1 - Pringle, Edmund; 4 - Morey, William; 8 - Pletcher, Todd; 10 - Maker, Michael; 3 - Morley, Thomas; 12 - Proctor, Thomas; 6 - Gyarmati, Leah; 7 - Davis, Edmund; 2 - Martin, Carlos

Owners: 5 - Repole Stable; 9 - Nedlaw Stable, Drazin, Dennis A., Whelihan, David, IEE Racing and Zaro, Jerold L.; 1 - Up and Up Racing; 4 -William E. Morey; 8 - Team Penney Racing; 10 -Charles C. Henderson; 3 - Ohonte Way Stables; 12 - Glen Hill Farm; 6 -Jeanne Liddy; 7 -John P. Mc Allen; 2 -John D'Amato;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

BATTLE DRUM (FR) was well placed towards the front in the two path, shifted to the three path while asked outside the five-sixteenths pole and bumped a foe, rallied into upper stretch, gained to get the lead outside the eighth-pole, drifted inward into the final furlong, moved clear coming to the sixteenth-pole and held under steady urging. NO MERLOT dropped from the two path to the rail on the first turn, settled towards the rear, was roused in the two path on the turn, turned into the stretch in the three path then moved further out and finished with good energy but missed while up for the place. SUSPICIOUSLY NAMED went to the front, showed the way on the inside, was asked near the quarter-pole then came under a drive in upper stretch, lost the advantage to the winner outside the eighth-pole, fought on well in the final furlong and just missed the place while clear for the show. BILLY WHITE SHOES (IRE) was keen under restraint early, saved ground on the first turn, settled more kindly on the backstretch, was roused with three furlongs to run, raced inside on the

far turn, turned into the stretch in the two path, chased in a good striking range in the drive but flattened out some and lacked the needed kick. THORSNESS raced in the three path on the first turn, settled on the outside, was roused in the three path on the far turn, turned into upper stretch under a drive and improved position. POLICY CHANGE tracked the pace on the outside in the two path, chased on the far turn, spun into the stretch in the three path, made a bid outside the furlong marker, dropped back into the final sixteenth and weakened. RETEKO was rated just off the pace on the inside, came under urging on the far turn, shifted to the two path into the stretch, chased under a drive into the final furlong and tired. SKI BUM traveled around the first turn in the three path, settled outside without cover, was roused in the three path early on the far turn then bumped into the four path outside the five-sixteenths pole, turned into upper stretch under a drive and came up empty. WINEGOLD settled on the inside, was urged along late on the backstretch, saved ground on the far turn and failed to threaten. BRIGHT ANGEL (IRE) rounded the first turn in the two path, settled off the pace, saved ground while roused on the far turn, turned into the stretch under the crop and failed to rally. NANTZ lagged near the back while racing in the two path on the turns and showed little.