

BELMONT PARK - September 18, 2026 - Race 5

STAKES Jockey Club Gold Cup S. Grade 1 - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD.

Distance: One And One Fourth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (In Excess (IRE) - 1:58.33 - July 4, 1991)

Purse: \$1,000,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$1,000,000

Value of Race: \$935,000 1st \$555,000, 2nd \$200,000, 3rd \$120,000, 4th \$60,000

Weather: Clear, 76° Track: Fast

Off at: 4:17 Start: Good for all except 1 Timing Method: Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
28Mar26 MEY ²	7	Forever Young (JPN) (Sakai, Ryusei)	126	--	4	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{3 1/4}	0.48*	6w uppr,clear, drifted
13Aug26 ⁸ SAR ¹	2	Stars and Stripes (Velazquez, John)	126	--	2	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ⁴	3 ⁵	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{3 1/2}	2 ^{4 3/4}	15.84	4w upper, ran on
8Aug26 ¹² SAR ⁴	1	Baeza (Alvarado, Junior)	126	--	1	4	4	4	4	4	3 ^{6 3/4}	2.98	hesitated st, kept on
4Jul26 ⁸ SAR ¹	4	Phileas Fogg (Carmouche, Kendrick)	126	--	3	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	3 ⁶	3 ^{2 1/2}	4	3.79	in hand 3-4w, tired

Fractional Times: 25.04 48.34 1:11.96 1:36.03 Final Time: 2:01.23 Time from Gate: 2:02.63

Split Times: (23:30) (23:62) (24:07) (25:20)

Run-Up: 18 feet

Winner: Forever Young (JPN), Bay Horse, by =Real Steel (JPN) out of Forever Darling, by Congrats. Foaled Feb 24, 2021 in Japan.

Breeder: Northern Racing

Owner: Susumu Fujita

Trainer: Yahagi, Yoshito

Scratched Horse(s): Banishing (Stakes Scratch), Chunk of Gold (Stakes Scratch), Render Judgment (RegVet-Injured)

Total WPS Pool: \$832,765

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Forever Young (JPN)	2.96	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	7-2	11.47	395,133
2	Stars and Stripes		5.76	\$1.00 Pick 3	9-10-7 (3 correct)	21.87	76,835
1	Baeza			\$0.50 Pick 4	12-9-10-7 (4 correct)	41.56	295,865
				\$0.50 Pick 5	5-12-9-10-7 (5 correct)	1,006.40	796,172
				\$1.00 Daily Double	10-7	6.35	121,410

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin
7	Forever Young (JPN)	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{3 1/4}
2	Stars and Stripes	3 ³	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ³	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{3 1/2}	2 ^{3 1/4}
1	Baeza	4 ^{6 1/2}	4 ^{6 1/2}	4 ⁸	4 ⁹	4 ^{9 1/2}	3 ⁸
4	Phileas Fogg	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	3 ³	3 ⁷	4 ^{14 3/4}

Trainers: 7 - Yahagi, Yoshito; 2 - Mott, William; 1 - Mott, William; 4 - Rodriguez, Gustavo

Owners: 7 -Susumu Fujita; 2 - Frassetto Stables LLC; 1 - C R K Stable LLC and Grandview Equine; 4 - Jupiter Stable LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

FOREVER YOUNG (JPN) four paths off the inside through the dog legged turn from the chute, settled four to five paths off the inside down the backstretch in closest aim of the leader, advanced on that foe and had that rival carry him out half a path inside the five furlong marker into the far turn, advanced on PHILEAS FOGG through that bend steadily gaining lightly coaxed to take command with three furlongs to go, got set down angled six wide into upper stretch, edged clear under a drive on his left lead through the stretch to the finish drifting out slightly through the final sixteenth to the wire. STARS AND STRIPES chased just off the inside and then along the inside coming under encouragement at the five-sixteenths pole, swung four wide into upper stretch, ran on to chase the winner home clear of the rest for the place honors. BAEZA hesitated at the break getting away last and conceding four to five lengths to the front before settling into stride, chased along the inside and then just off the inside coming under a ride three furlongs out, spun two to three wide into upper stretch and kept on to the finish to procure the show honors. PHILEAS FOGG coaxed from the gate to establish the front from the get go, showed the way in hand three paths off the rail through the first turn and into the backstretch, had the rider take a peek back five and a half furlongs out and then tipped out slightly carrying FOREVER YOUNG out to the five path five furlongs from home into the far turn, went four then three wide through that turn coming under urging at the three-eighths marker when under threat to the outside, got displaced from command at that station and gave chase swinging five wide into upper stretch, then tired through to the finish.