

BELMONT PARK - September 25, 2026 - Race 8

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
INNER TURF (UP TO \$13,050 NYSBFOA) FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$55,000 OR LESS AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR CLAIMING \$45,000 WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 123 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race In 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$45,000 (State Bred Starters Not Considered For Eligibility Purposes)(1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (C)

Claiming Price: \$45,000

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Inner turf

Purse: \$75,000

Available Money: \$75,000

Value of Race: \$75,000 1st \$41,250, 2nd \$15,000, 3rd \$9,000, 4th \$4,500, 5th \$3,000, 6th \$563, 7th \$563, 8th \$563, 9th \$561

Weather: Cloudy, 68° Track: Firm

Off at: 5:21 Start: Good for all except 11 Timing Method: Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
22Aug26 ⁸ SAR ¹	1	Fairy Godmother (Prat, Flavien)	123	L b	1	9	9	8 ² 1/2	8 ⁴	1 ¹	2.26*	4w upp,closed well, up
20Aug26 ⁸ SAR ³	3	Midnightloveaffair (Castellano, Javier)	126	L	2	6	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	4.24	2w 1/4,led late,caught
19Sep26 ² BEL ⁷	9	So Sophia (GB) (Davis, Katie)	124	L b	7	3	6 ²	6 ²	5 ^{1/2}	3 ^{3/4}	22.35	3w pursuit, willingly
29Aug26 ⁷ SAR ⁹	4	Samartina (FR) (Lezcano, Jose)	123	L	3	7	8 ¹ 1/2	7 ²	7 ^{Head}	4 ^{Neck}	16.76	3w upper, belatedly
31Jul26 ¹⁰ SAR ²	8	Emerald Ember (Marin, Samuel)	123	L b	6	5	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	6.47	2w 1/4p, out-finished
18Aug26 ³ FL ³	6	Oscar Bound (Zayas, Edgard)	123	L	4	4	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	6 ^{3/4}	37.58	in hand ins, wknd late
29Aug26 ¹⁴ SAR ⁵	7	Mermaid (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	123	L	5	2	4 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹	3 ¹ 1/2	7 ² 1/4	5.24	tracked ins, wknd late
25Jul26 ¹¹ SAR ¹	12	Oklahoma Smoke (Franco, Manuel)	126	L	9	1	3 ^{Head}	4 ¹	6 ¹ 1/2	8 ³ 1/2	2.84	3w pursuit, weakened
31Mar26 ⁹ PRX ⁶	11	Caitlin the Great (Davis, Dylan)	124	L b	8	8	7 ^{Head}	9	9	9	70.46	hit gate st, empty

Fractional Times: 21.93 44.86 56.53

Final Time: 1:08.58 Time from Gate: 1:12.95

Split Times: (22:93) (11:67) (12:05)

Run-Up: 150 feet Temporary Rail: 36 feet

Winner: Fairy Godmother, Gray or Roan Filly, by Cairo Prince out of Lyrical Tale, by Tale of the Cat. Foaled May 11, 2023 in New York.

Breeder: Merrylegs Farm North LLC

Owner: Merrylegs Farm

Trainer: Handal, Raymond

Claiming Prices: 9 - So Sophia (GB): \$45,000; 6 - Oscar Bound: \$45,000; 11 - Caitlin the Great: \$45,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Carolina Smokeshow (RegVet-Unsound), Celestial Express (PrivVet-Illness), Donna Romano (RegVet-Unsound)

Total WPS Pool: \$355,541

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Fairy Godmother	6.52	3.34	3.30	\$1.00 Exacta	1-3	14.15	278,400
3	Midnightloveaffair		4.88	4.08	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-3-9	81.07	126,952
9	So Sophia (GB)			7.44	\$1.00 Pick 3	5-12-1 (3 correct)	21.73	35,518
					\$1.00 Grand Slam	2/6/7-4/5/8-3/12/14-1 (4 correct)	18.06	43,947
					\$1.00 Daily Double	12-1	7.09	64,375
					\$1.00 Consolation Pick 3 5-12-2/5 (3 correct)		6.71	0
					\$1.00 Consolation Pick 3 5-4-1 (3 correct)		10.67	0
					\$1.00 Consolation Pick 3 5-4-2 (3 correct)		3.14	0
					\$0.10 Superfecta	1-3-9-4	98.33	87,126
					\$1.00 Consolation Double	12-2/5	1.80	0

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
1	Fairy Godmother	9	9 ⁷ 1/4	8 ⁷	8 ⁴	1 ¹
3	Midnightloveaffair	6	5 ³ 1/2	5 ³	4 ¹ 3/4	2 ¹
9	So Sophia (GB)	3	6 ³ 3/4	6 ³	5 ¹ 3/4	3 ¹ 1/2
4	Samartina (FR)	7	8 ⁵ 3/4	7 ⁵	7 ³ 3/4	4 ² 1/4
8	Emerald Ember	5	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	5 ² 1/2
6	Oscar Bound	4	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	6 ³
7	Mermaid	2	4 ²	3 ¹	3 ^{Head}	7 ³ 3/4
12	Oklahoma Smoke	1	3 ²	4 ²	6 ² 1/4	8 ⁶
11	Caitlin the Great	8	7 ⁵ 3/4	9 ⁹ 1/2	9 ⁸	9 ⁹ 1/2

Trainers: 1 - Handal, Raymond; 3 - Levine, Bruce; 9 - Arriaga, Antonio; 4 - Lerman, Roy; 8 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay; 6 - Giddings, Melanie; 7 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay; 12 - Rice, Adam; 11 - Allard, Edward

Owners: 1 - Merrylegs Farm; 3 - Two Tone Farms; 9 - Next Level Stables; 4 -Roy S. Lerman; 8 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay, Goldfarb, Sanford J., America's Pastime Stables and Speranza, Steven; 6 -Melanie Giddings; 7 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay and Perdikis, Dimitrios; 12 - NY Final Furlong Racing Stable; 11 -Walter Downey;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

FAIRY GODMOTHER away at the tail of the field without incident, chased along the inside coming under a ride just inside five-sixteenths remaining, angled four wide into upper stretch, tipped out an additional path or two with three-sixteenths to go and closed well outside to overthrow the front inside the final seventy yards and inched away to the finish under her momentum to the wire. MIDNIGHTLOVEAFFAIR coaxed from the gate, chased along the inside down the backstretch and then just off the inside through the turn patiently handled until roused taking the two path into upper stretch, rallied to issue a challenge inside the final furlong, seized narrow and brief command inside the sixteenth marker and then got overtaken in the late stages and was forced to settle for the place honors at the end. SO SOPHIA (GB) three wide in pursuit, came under coaxing three furlongs out, tipped four wide into upper stretch, dug in under a drive running on willingly through to the finish to secure the show honors. SAMARTINA (FR) chased just off the inside and then along the

inside near the rear of the field, got set down spinning three wide into upper stretch, kicked on belatedly to the wire. EMERALD EMBER coaxed from the gate, raced just off the inside in closest aim of the leader, came under a ride three furlongs from home, spun just off the inside into upper stretch, dug in under a drive battling for command through to the sixteenth pole, then got out-finished inside that station. OSCAR BOUND coaxed from the start, established the front five and a half furlongs out and showed the way in hand along the inside patiently handled until roused taking the inside route into upper stretch, dug in under threat from a pair through to the eighth pole before being under assault from a host of rivals and yielded command a sixteenth from home, then weakened in the late stages. MERMAID tracked the pace along the inside, got let out taking the inside route into upper stretch, dug in scraping the paint inside the aforementioned foe a furlong out, then weakened in the late going. OKLAHOMA SMOKE three wide in pursuit, came under coaxing at the three-eighths marker, continued three wide for home and weakened in the stretch. CAITLIN THE GREAT struck the off side stall at the start, chased four then three wide under urging from three furlongs out, angled four to five wide into upper stretch and came up empty.