

BELMONT PARK - October 3, 2026 - Race 8
STAKES Champagne S. Grade 1 - Thoroughbred
FOR TWO YEAR OLDS.

Distance: One Mile On The Dirt
Purse: \$500,000 Guaranteed
Available Money: \$500,000
Value of Race: \$500,000 1st \$275,000, 2nd \$100,000, 3rd \$60,000, 4th \$30,000, 5th \$20,000, 6th \$15,000
Weather: Clear, 72° Track: Fast
Off at: 3:55 Start: Good for all Timing Method: Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)
[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
5Sep26 ¹ SAR ¹	5	U. S. S. Valor (Franco, Manuel)	122 - -	5	6	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{6 1/2}	0.37*	3w pursuit, drew clear
8Aug26 ¹ SAR ¹	3	Gaudreau (Prat, Flavien)	122 - -	3	3	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ²	2.82	dueled 3-2w, ran on
29Aug26 ¹ SAR ¹	4	Club Reign (Zayas, Edgard) 	122 - -	4	2	3 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	2 ¹	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ¹	12.77	4-3w off duel, wkn lte
7Sep26 ⁶ MTH ¹	6	Earth Song (Santana, Jr., Ricardo) 	122 f	6	1	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{4 1/2}	4 ^{9 3/4}	24.11	bumped 2x 1/4, wkn lte
27Aug26 ⁸ SAR ⁵	1	Johnny Hockey (Davis, Katie)	122 b	1	4	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	5 ³	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{Neck}	36.00	dueled inside, tired
5Sep26 ⁶ MTH ²	2	Raku (Lopez, Paco)	122 - -	2	5	6	6	6	6	6	14.64	chased 2-3w, tired

Fractional Times: 23.19 46.08 1:10.18 1:22.48 Final Time: 1:34.84 Time from Gate: 1:36.43
Split Times: (22:89) (24:10) (12:30) (12:36)
Run-Up: 33 feet

Winner: U. S. S. Valor, Bay Colt, by [War of Will](#) out of Spangled Banner, by Tiz Wonderful. Foaled Feb 01, 2024 in Kentucky.

WAR OF WILL Winner's sire standing at Rockridge Stud

Breeder: Team Valor International
Owner: Team Valor International LLC 
Trainer: McGaughey III, Claude

Total WPS Pool: \$632,874

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	U. S. S. Valor	2.74	2.10	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	5-3	2.10	271,431
3	Gaudreau		2.44	2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-3-4	3.31	131,810
4	Club Reign			2.96	\$1.00 Pick 3	1-6-5 (3 correct)	8.41	101,929
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-5	3.43	72,430
					\$0.10 Superfecta	5-3-4-6	1.79	67,549

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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5	U. S. S. Valor	6	5 ^{3/4}	5 ^{1 1/4}	3 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{6 1/2}
3	Gaudreau	3	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{6 1/2}
4	Club Reign	2	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{8 1/2}
6	Earth Song	1	4 ^{3/4}	4 ^{1 1/4}	4 ^{1 1/4}	4 ⁴	4 ^{9 1/2}
1	Johnny Hockey	4	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 3/4}	5 ^{8 1/2}	5 ^{19 1/4}
2	Raku	5	6 ¹	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{4 3/4}	6 ¹⁰	6 ^{19 1/2}

Trainers: 5 - McGaughey III, Claude; 3 - Brown, Chad; 4 - Beckman, D. Whitworth; 6 - Delgado, Jorge; 1 - Arriaga, Antonio; 2 - Breen, Kelly

Owners: 5 - Team Valor International LLC; 3 - Tanglewood Thoroughbreds LLC, Thirty Year Racing, Bradley Thoroughbreds, Rodeo Creek Racing LLC, Laura Leigh Stable and Swift Thoroughbreds, Inc.; 4 - Ribble Farms, Three Brand Racing LLC and Walmac Farm; 6 - Amo Racing USA LLC; 1 - Next Level Stables; 2 - Conover Stable;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

U. S. S. VALOR got away narrowly last and was coaxed from the gate, raced three wide in pursuit from near the rear of the tightly packed field, remained patiently handled between and behind foes through to nearing the quarter pole, angled out at that station bumping and then nudging EARTH SONG out a path to make a lane swinging five wide into upper stretch, rallied with a quick turn of foot to collar the top pair a furlong out, then drew clear under a light drive before being geared down in the late stages to the finish, the outcome in no doubt. GAUDREAU coaxed from the start, advanced on the early leader CLUB REIGN before emerging with narrow, brief and sole command, then got engaged in head to head combat inside from JOHNNY HOCKEY with six and a half furlongs to go, knocked heads with that rival three paths off the inside down the backstretch and then just off the inside through the turn patiently handled, shook off that foe inside the five-sixteenths pole, spun just off the inside into upper stretch let out for the drive confronted by CLUB REIGN, dug in once more head to head and got overhauled in tandem with that rival by the top one a furlong out, proved no match and ran on to secure the place honors clear of the rest. CLUB REIGN led early on before being displaced from command seven furlongs out, settled four paths off the inside down the backstretch in close aim of the developing duel, tucked three wide through the turn and came under coaxing with five-sixteenths to go, continued three wide into upper stretch offering up a bid to challenge the aforementioned foe for command straightened away, dug in dueling for the front through to the eighth pole when overhauled by the top one in concert with GAUDREAU, then weakened in the late stages while safe for the show honors. EARTH SONG five paths off the inside down the backstretch, tucked four wide through the turn and came under encouragement with five-sixteenths to run, got bumped by U.S.S. VALOR to his inside at the quarter pole and just inside that station when attempting to keep that rival in behind the top pair, went six wide into upper stretch opening a lane and then weakened in the late going. JOHNNY HOCKEY broke in at the start and was corrected, advanced after the break just off the inside and issued a challenge for the front six and a half furlongs from home, dueled inside of GAUDREAU from the two path down the remainder of the backstretch before tucking inside through the turn, came under urging three furlongs out, faded and took the inside route into upper stretch, then tired in the drive. RAKU shied in at the start filling the space left vacant by JOHNNY HOCKEY and was corrected, chased two to three paths off the inside down the backstretch and then just off the inside through the turn coming under coaxing and tipping out near the quarter pole, went five to six wide into upper stretch and tired through to the finish.

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