

BELMONT AT THE BIG A - November 2, 2025 - Race 5

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD FOALD IN NEW YORK STATE AND APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE-BRED REGISTRY. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price \$30,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (S) **Claiming Price: \$30,000**
Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Kelly Kip - 1:07.54 - April 10, 1999)
Purse: \$38,000
Available Money: \$38,000
Value of Race: \$38,000 1st \$20,900, 2nd \$7,600, 3rd \$4,560, 4th \$2,280, 5th \$1,520, 6th \$285, 7th \$285, 8th \$285, 9th \$285
Weather: Clear, 57° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 1:26 **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
31Aug25 ¹¹ SAR ⁴	7	Vibrant Express (Prat, Flavien)	121	L	7	5	1 ^{1/2}	1 ²	1 ⁶	1 ^{8 1/4}	1.55*	2p turn,kept to task
10Oct25 ³ BAQ ³	6	Liberty Rising (Hernandez Moreno, Omar)	121	L	6	2	4 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	3 ¹	2 ¹	4.32	2-4path turn,no match
10Oct25 ⁵ BAQ ⁶	4	Hello Newman (Rodriguez, Jaime)	121	L	b	4	7	7 ¹	5 ²	4 ^{1/2}	8.92	3-5path turn,up show
23Jul25 ⁹ SAR ⁴	9	Rout (Franco, Manuel)	121	L	9	3	3 ¹	2 ¹	2 ¹	4 ^{3 1/4}	2.20	out,4-3p turn,weakened
10Oct25 ³ BAQ ²	5	Army Proud (Elliott, Christopher)	121	L	b	5	4	6 ^{1 1/2}	8 ^{4 1/2}	7 ^{1/2}	9.30	lug out2-4p trn,6p3/16
10Oct25 ³ BAQ ⁴	1	Aetherium (Gomez, Jose)	121	L	b	1	6	8 ⁶	7 ¹	6 ^{1 1/2}	22.66	stdy ins5/8,ins-3p,5p
10Oct25 ³ BAQ ⁵	8	Eighty Gold (Rivera, Jr., Luis)	121	L	b	8	1	2 ^{1/2}	3 ²	5 ^{3 1/2}	70.44	ins foe,3-2p trn,tired
---	2	Soul Makossa (Luzzo, Lane)	121	L	f	2	8	9	9	8 ^{1 1/4}	31.95	ins-2p turn,no factor
28Sep25 ⁵ DEL ⁸	3	Dr. Merciless (Mitchell, Richard)	124	L	b	3	9	5 ^{1/2}	6 ¹	8 ^{2 1/2}	69.79	bit awkward brk,ins

Fractional Times: 22.50 45.85 57.97 **Final Time:** 1:10.51
Split Times: (23:35) (12:12) (12:54)
Run-Up: 50 feet

Winner: Vibrant Express, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by [Vekoma](#) out of The Funky Express, by Freud. Foaled Apr 10, 2022 in New York.

VEKOMA Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

Breeder: Brooklyn Boyz Stable & MEB Stables LLC
Owner: R. A. Hill Stable
Trainer: Weaver, George

Claiming Prices: 7 - Vibrant Express: \$30,000; 6 - Liberty Rising: \$30,000; 4 - Hello Newman: \$30,000; 9 - Rout: \$30,000; 5 - Army Proud: \$30,000; 1 - Aetherium: \$30,000; 8 - Eighty Gold: \$30,000; 2 - Soul Makossa: \$30,000; 3 - Dr. Merciless: \$30,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Let's Get Weird (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$196,361

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Vibrant Express	5.10	2.82	2.50	\$1.00 Pick 3	7-5-7 (3 correct)	14.67	46,031
6	Liberty Rising		3.82	3.00	\$0.50 Pick 4	5-7-5-7 (4 correct)	16.27	98,018
4	Hello Newman			4.02	\$0.50 Pick 5	3-5-7-5-7 (5 correct)	27.28	363,369
					\$1.00 Daily Double	5-7	4.30	31,903
					\$1.00 Exacta	7-6	7.83	191,919
					\$0.10 Superfecta	7-6-4-9	10.07	70,902
					\$0.50 Trifecta	7-6-4	23.56	113,114

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
7	Vibrant Express	5	1 ^{1/2}	1 ²	1 ⁶	1 ^{8 1/4}
6	Liberty Rising	2	4 ²	4 ⁵	3 ⁷	2 ^{8 1/4}
4	Hello Newman	7	7 ^{4 1/2}	5 ⁶	4 ⁸	3 ^{9 1/4}
9	Rout	3	3 ¹	2 ²	2 ⁶	4 ¹²
5	Army Proud	4	6 ³	8 ¹⁰	7 ^{13 1/2}	5 ^{15 1/4}
1	Aetherium	6	8 ^{5 1/2}	7 ⁹	6 ¹²	6 ^{17 1/2}
8	Eighty Gold	1	2 ^{1/2}	3 ³	5 ^{8 1/2}	7 ^{18 1/2}
2	Soul Makossa	8	9 ^{11 1/2}	9 ^{14 1/2}	9 ^{16 1/2}	8 ^{18 3/4}
3	Dr. Merciless	9	5 ^{2 1/2}	6 ⁸	8 ¹⁴	9 ²⁰

Trainers: 7 - Weaver, George; 6 - Quick, Patrick; 4 - Morley, Thomas; 9 - Brown, Chad; 5 - Potts, Wayne; 1 - Martin, Carlos; 8 - Donk, David; 2 - Lugovich, Lisa; 3 - Richards, Marvin

Owners: 7 - R. A. Hill Stable; 6 - Thummps Racing Stable LLC, Jacoutot, Peter and Paradise Farms Corp.; 4 - Newman Racing; 9 - Klaravich Stables, Inc.; 5 -Craig Benoit; 1 - Blue Devil Racing Stable (Holliday); 8 - Mendham Racing Stable; 2 -Lisa L. Lugovich; 3 -Marvin Richards;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

VIBRANT EXPRESS moved in while going to the front then showed way, went around the turn in the two path, responded well when put to a drive in upper stretch and drew off while kept to the task. LIBERTY RISING chased the pace, moved from the two path to the four path on the turn, turned into upper stretch under a drive and earned the place while no match for the winner. HELLO NEWMAN dropped back while ridden along, moved from the three path to the five path on the turn and was along for the show. ROUT chased the pace on the outside, traveled around most of the turn in the four path then dropped to the three path and weakened. ARMY PROUD was urged along off the pace, dropped back leaving the backstretch, lugged out from the two path to the four path on the turn, floated into upper stretch in the six path and came up empty. AETHERIUM was urged along early, steadied in tight against the rail inside the five-eighths pole, moved from the rail to the three path on the turn, turned into upper stretch in the five path and failed to threaten. EIGHTY GOLD chased the pace on the inside of a foe, went around most of the turn in the three path then dropped to the two path and tired. SOUL MAKOSSA dropped well behind the rest of the field, moved from the rail to the two path on the turn and was no factor. DR. MERCILESS broke a bit awkwardly and was last away, moved under urging, dropped back while saving ground on the turn and faltered.

