EIGHTH RACE

Belmont at the Big A

MAY 2, 2026

6 FURLONGS. (Turf) (1.06[3]) ELUSIVE QUALITY S. Purse $150,000 OUTER TURF FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Lasix not allowed within 48 hours of post time pursuant to HISA Rule 4212. By subscription of $150 each which should accompany the nomination; $750 to pass the entry box and an additional $750 to start. For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental payment of $750 in addition to the entry and starting fees may be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. 124 lbs. Non–winners of a Graded Sweepstakes in 2025–26 allowed 2 lbs.; of a Sweepstakes in 2025–26 allowed 4 lbs. Main track only entrants are not eligible for weight allowances. Preference to start will be determined by Graded Stakes winners, Graded Stakes placed runners, non–restricted Stakes winners, condition eligibility. Any ties will be broken by total earnings. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. The New York Racing Association reserves the right to transfer this race to the main track. Closed Saturday, April 18, 2026 with 18 Original Nominations and 6 Supplements.

Value of Race: $145,500 Winner $82,500; second $30,000; third $18,000; fourth $9,000; fifth $6,000. Mutuel Pool $360,946.00 Exacta Pool $143,615.00 Superfecta Pool $29,317.00 Trifecta Pool $57,691.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
25Oct25 [3]BAQ[2]	Waralo	b	7	120	1	3	1[1]	1½	1½	1[nk]	Santana R Jr	6.63
25Oct25 [3]BAQ[1]	Twenty Six Black	b	6	122	3	2	3[hd]	3[hd]	2[hd]	2[nk]	Rodriguez J	1.79
4Apr26 [10]Kee[6]	Clock Tower		4	122	5	1	2[1]	2[1]	3 1½	3 1½	Davis D	1.33
3Apr26 [9]SA[3]	Son of a Birch		6	120	2	4	5	5	4[3]	4 6½	Carmouche K	5.57
3Apr26 [3]Kee[2]	Spiced Up	b	4	124	4	5	4 1½	4[1]	5	5	Lezcano J	7.16

OFF AT 5:00 Start Good For All But SPICED UP. Won driving. Course firm.

TIME :22[1], :45[2], :57, 1:09[1] (:22.37, :45.49, :57.13, 1:09.23)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

1 – WARALO	**15.26**	**5.24**	**2.70**
3 – TWENTY SIX BLACK		**3.04**	**2.10**
6 – CLOCK TOWER			**2.28**

$1 EXACTA 1–3 PAID $18.99 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 1–3–6–2 PAID $7.08 50 CENT TRIFECTA 1–3–6 PAID $20.22

Dk. b or br. g, (May), by War Dancer – I Drink Alone , by Intidab . Trainer Englehart Chris. Bred by Casey Newick LLC (NY).

WARALO coaxed from the gate, established the front near the five and a half furlong marker and showed the way in hand just off the inside and then along the inside, got set down taking the inside route into upper stretch, dug in under a drive under challenge from flanking rivals through the stretch despite leaving a tight seam to his inside and held stubbornly to the finish coming off the inside late under a left handed crop to alleviate the tight seam TWENTY SIX BLACK was in through the final furlong. TWENTY SIX BLACK chased just off the inside and then along the inside coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, cut the corner into upper stretch in behind the aforementioned foe, had a tight seam to move into straightened away, had that seam close down and continued on into it without pause and unfazed, dug in scraping the paint a furlong out and then a sixteenth from home when nearly bouncing off the rail when balking in very tight, had the top one come off the inside late and was along for the place honors, missing for it all on the wire. CLOCK TOWER prompted the pace three then two wide patiently handled until set down spinning two to three wide into upper stretch, dug in latched on and fought on to the finish and was along for the show honors. SON OF A BIRCH chased along the inside and then just off the inside down the backstretch, briefly tucked back inside into the turn before tipping out midway back to the two path, got placed to coaxing with five-sixteenths remaining, spun three wide for home and stayed on one paced to the finish. SPICED UP lost his rear footing at the break and was away last, chased four then three wide under a ride with five-sixteenths to go, cornered four wide into upper stretch, weakened.

Owners– 1, My Purple Haze Stables; 2, Cimbora Roger Jr; 3, Hay Mrs Fitriani; 4, Lambe Robert; 5, Juddmonte

Trainers– 1, Englehart Chris; 2, De Paz Horacio; 3, Ward Wesley A; 4, Falcone Robert N Jr; 5, Mott William I

Scratched– Dancing Buck (01Nov25 [9]BAQ[1]), Acoustic Ave (04Apr26 [6]Aqu[5]), Ignite the Light (26Apr26 [7]Aqu[1]), Willintoriskitall (04Apr26 [8]Aqu[5]), Shoot the Nickel (28Mar26 [7]Aqu[4])

$1 Pick Three (5–9–1) Paid $32.63 ; Pick Three Pool $34,129 .
$1 Daily Double (9–1) Paid $16.77 ; Daily Double Pool $30,434 .