NINTH RACE

Belmont at the Big A

MAY 3, 2026

1⅛ MILES. (Turf) ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING. Purse $88,000 (UP TO $15,312 NYSBFOA) FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON $20,000 OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE $55,000. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price $55,000 (Allowance Horses Preferred) (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at One Mile and One Eighth on the Main Track.) (Rail at 18 feet).

Value of Race: $88,000 Winner $48,400; second $14,080; second $14,080; fourth $5,280; fifth $3,520; sixth $880; seventh $880; eighth $880. Mutuel Pool $481,202.00 Exacta Pool $290,267.00 Superfecta Pool $96,708.00 Trifecta Pool $157,010.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds $1
18Apr26 ^{5}Lrl^{3}	Protective Custody	L b	4	126	8	3	2½	21½	21½	1½	13½	Lezcano J		3.44
6Dec25 ^{4}GP^{3}	DH Getting Serious		3	120	2	8	5^{1}	52½	5^{2}	3^{hd}	2	Prat F		3.19
28Mar26 ^{5}Tam^{6}	DH Soul Dance-GB	L	4	126	6	1	11½	1½	1½	23½	2½	Franco M		6.61
12Nov25 ^{6}Aqu^{1}	Salt Princess	L b	3	120	7	4	4½	4½	3^{hd}	41½	41¾	Velazquez J R		6.83
29Sep25 LBS^{11}	Swiss Moon-FR	L	3	120	4	5	61½	6½	71½	6^{hd}	5¾	Ortiz I Jr		1.95
24Apr26 ^{1}Aqu^{4}	Patty Cakes	L	7	126	5	7	8	8	8	7^{hd}	6^{nk}	Kocakaya G	55000	18.21
15Nov25 ^{5}Lrl^{4}	Hidden Rose	L b	3	120	3	6	7½	7^{1}	6^{hd}	8	7^{2}	Rodriguez J		15.57
4Apr26 ^{7}Aqu^{8}	Hauntress	L b	5	119	1	2	3^{1}	3^{hd}	4^{hd}	51½	8	Rivera D A^{7}	55000	55.66

DH–Dead Heat.

OFF AT 5:25 Start Good. Won driving. Course firm.

TIME :25^{2}, :51^{1}, 1:15^{3}, 1:39^{2}, 1:51 (:25.40, :51.27, 1:15.60, 1:39.40, 1:51.11)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

9 – PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	8.88	3.60	3.04
2 – DH GETTING SERIOUS		2.46	2.80
7 – DH SOUL DANCE–GB		3.64	4.40

$1 EXACTA 9–2 PAID $10.21 $1 EXACTA 9–7 PAID $12.38

10 CENT SUPERFECTA 9–2–7–8 PAID $11.57 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 9–7–2–8 PAID $16.59 50 CENT TRIFECTA 9–2–7 PAID $17.38 50 CENT TRIFECTA 9–7–2 PAID $21.06

Ch. f, (Feb), by Ghostzapper – Hold Harmless, by Blame. Trainer McGaughey III Claude R. Bred by Stuart S Janney III LLC (Ky).

PROTECTIVE CUSTODY was hustled from the gate, traveled around the first turn in the two path, stalked the pace on the outside, turned up the pressure on the leader in the two path on the far turn, was asked outside the quarter-pole, gained a short lead under a drive inside the three-sixteenths pole, battled outside of the runner-up into the final furlong and powered away under strong urging to prove much the best. GETTING SERIOUS lunged at the start and was last away while breaking relatively with the body of the field, raced in the two path while rated off the pace, was asked at the quarter-pole then came under a drive in upper stretch, chased the winner to the finish and shared the place. SOUL DANCE (GB) went to the front, showed the way on the inside while in hand, was given her cue outside the quarter-pole, came under a drive in upper stretch, lost the advantage to the winner outside the furlong marker, battled with that foe into the final furlong and weakened then just held a share of the place. SALT PRINCESS was taken under a snug hold early, raced in the three path on the first turn, settled outside towards the front without cover, chased in the three path on the far turn and lacked the needed response. SWISS MOON (FR) bumped with a rival at the start, raced in the two path on the first turn, settled off the pace, was roused in the two then three path on the far turn and failed to rally. PATTY CAKES threw her head at the start and broke near the back but with the body of the field, rounded the first turn in the two path, raced at the rear under reserve, was urged along while moving from the two path to the four path on the far turn, spun into the stretch in the five path and failed to threaten. HIDDEN ROSE broke out and brushed the gate, saved ground on the turns, was roused outside the quarter-pole and was no factor. HAUNTRESS was taken under a tight hold early then rated just off the pace on the inside, continued to save ground while asked on the far turn and came up empty.

Owners– 1, Janney III Stuart S; 2, Janney III Stuart S; 3, Cayton Park Stud; 4, Bucci Joseph; 5, Madaket Stables LLC Kisber Michael E and Strauss William; 6, Kantarmaci Ilkay; 7, Adelphi Racing Club and Cold Press Racing; 8, Arriaga Coco and Salinas Gerardo

Trainers– 1, McGaughey III Claude R; 2, McGaughey III Claude R; 3, Motion H Graham; 4, Donk David; 5, Clement Miguel; 6, Kantarmaci Ilkay; 7, Clement Miguel; 8, Arriaga Antonio

Scratched– Creative Stuff (07Dec25 ^{7}Lrl^{6}), Romantic Dancer (18Apr26 ^{3}Aqu^{2}), I'm Buzzy (19Apr26 ^{4}Aqu^{3})

$1 Pick Three (3–2–9) Paid $98.49; Pick Three Pool $61,156.

50 CENT Pick Four (4–3–2–9) Paid $129.00; Pick Four Pool $90,783.

50 CENT Pick Five (6/8/14/15–4–3–2–9) 5 Correct Paid $508.10; Pick Five Pool $202,922.

$1 Daily Double (2–9) Paid $18.52; Daily Double Pool $52,341.

$1 Consolation Pick 3 (3–2–5) Paid $16.32.

$1 Consolation Daily Double (2–5) Paid $3.62.