SECOND RACE

Belmont at the Big A

MAY 22, 2026

1⅛ MILES. CLAIMING . Purse $37,000 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE SINCE MAY 22, 2025. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price $20,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void).

Value of Race: $37,000 Winner $20,350; second $7,400; third $4,440; fourth $2,220; fifth $1,480; sixth $555; seventh $555. Mutuel Pool $197,122.00 Exacta Pool $103,582.00 Quinella Pool $5,380.00 Superfecta Pool $37,724.00 Trifecta Pool $62,308.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds $1
3May26 ^{4}BAQ^{5}	Apalta	L b	4	126	3	6	6 3½	6 2½	6 3	2 2	1 nk	Prat F	20000	0.42
30Apr26 ^{2}BAQ^{3}	Shipsational	L b	7	126	7	1	2 1	2 1	1 1	1 1½	2 7	Gonzalez S	20000	8.29
4Apr25 ^{1}Aqu^{1}	Petrolo	L b	6	119	4	5	3½	3½	2 hd	3½	3 1	Rivera D A^{7}	20000	13.19
2May26 ^{9}BAQ^{1}	Natural Hunk	L b	5	126	5	7	7	7	7	6 1½	4½	Zayas E J	20000	46.19
30Apr26 ^{2}BAQ^{4}	Bourbon Chase	L f	6	126	6	2	5 1½	5 hd	5 hd	4 1	5 1	Davis K	20000	8.34
24Apr26 ^{2}Aqu^{2}	Grand Commander	L b	4	126	2	4	4½	4 1	4 2	5 3½	6 7¼	Franco M	20000	6.53
24Apr26 ^{2}Aqu^{3}	Airborne Elite	L	6	126	1	3	1½	1½	3½	7	7	Castellano J J	20000	19.34

OFF AT 1:41 Start Good For All But PETROLO. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :24^{3}, :50, 1:14, 1:38^{4}, 1:51^{3} (:24.76, :50.02, 1:14.16, 1:38.98, 1:51.76)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

3 – APALTA	2.84	2.30	2.10
7 – SHIPSATIONAL		4.52	3.00
4 – PETROLO			3.48

$1 EXACTA 3–7 PAID $6.37 $1 QUINELLA 3–7 PAID $4.76 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 3–7–4–5 PAID $25.79 50 CENT TRIFECTA 3–7–4 PAID $16.86

Dk. b or br. g, (Apr), by Authentic – Southern Ring , by Speightstown . Trainer Rice Linda. Bred by 2500 Determined Stud (Ky).

APALTA was bumped on both sides at the start then checked while pinched back badly, rounded the first turn in the two path, settled off the pace, was roused in the three path on the far turn, moved to the four path late on that bend, rallied outside in upper stretch, closed well to get the lead inside the sixteenth-pole, fought outside of the runner-up to the finish and narrowly prevailed under good handling. SHIPSATIONAL broke alertly from the outside post, moved in while established a forward position early, raced in the two path on the first turn, prompted the pace on the outside, took the lead leaving the backstretch, moved to a solo advantage in the two path on the far turn, came under a left-handed crop in upper stretch, led into the final sixteenth then was headed by the winner, battled with that foe to the finish and just missed while well clear for the place. PETROLO stumbled at the start then bumped with rivals on both sides, traveled around the first turn in the three path, stalked the pace on the outside, was asked late on the backstretch, chased in the three path on the far turn, dropped back while remaining on his inside lead in the stretch and weakened but held the show. NATURAL HUNK bumped soundly with foes on both sides at the start then was squeezed back and moved out, dropped from the three path to the inside early on the first turn, settled at the back, was urged along while inside to the two path on the far turn, came well out into upper stretch and failed to threaten while up for the last spot in the superfecta. BOURBON CHASE bumped soundly with an opponent at the start, went around the first turn in the four path, was reserved on the outside, came under urging late on the backstretch, navigated most of the far turn in the four path then moved to the five path and lacked the needed response. GRAND COMMANDER was carried out at the start then bumped with a foe, saved ground while rated just off the pace, chased inside on the far turn and came up empty. AIRBORNE ELITE broke out then was hustled, showed the way on the inside, lost the advantage leaving the backstretch, dropped back with three furlongs to run and faded.

Owners– 1, Rice Linda; 2, Kantarmaci Ilkay; 3, Bond Racing Stable; 4, Five C's Stable and S and P Stables; 5, Schauer Steven I; 6, Kantarmaci Ilkay; 7, Benoit Craig

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Apalta was claimed by Kantarmaci Ilkay; trainer, Kantarmaci Ilkay.

$1 Daily Double (1–3) Paid $12.13 ; Daily Double Pool $41,593 .