EIGHTH RACE

Belmont

SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

6 FURLONGS. (Inner Turf) STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING . Purse $75,000 INNER TURF (UP TO $13,050 NYSBFOA) FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF $55,000 OR LESS AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR CLAIMING $45,000 WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 123 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non–winners Of A Race In 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $45,000 (State Bred Starters Not Considered For Eligibility Purposes) (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (Rail at 36 feet).

Value of Race: $75,000 Winner $41,250; second $15,000; third $9,000; fourth $4,500; fifth $3,000; sixth $563; seventh $563; eighth $563; ninth $561. Mutuel Pool $355,541.00 Exacta Pool $278,400.00 Trifecta Pool $126,952.00 Grand Slam Pool $43,947.00 Superfecta Pool $87,126.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds $1
22Aug26 ^{8}Sar^{1}	Fairy Godmother	L b	3	123	1	9	9	$8^{2}\frac{1}{2}$	8^{4}	1^{1}	Prat F		2.26
20Aug26 ^{8}Sar^{3}	Midnightloveaffair	L	4	126	2	6	5^{hd}	5^{hd}	4^{hd}	$2\frac{1}{2}$	Castellano J J		4.24
19Sep26 ^{2}Bel^{7}	So Sophia-GB	L b	4	124	7	3	6^{2}	6^{2}	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{3}{4}$	Davis K	45000	22.35
29Aug26 ^{7}Sar^{9}	Samartina-FR	L	3	123	3	7	$8^{1}\frac{1}{2}$	7^{2}	7^{hd}	4^{nk}	Lezcano J		16.76
31Jly26 ^{10}Sar^{2}	Emerald Ember	L b	3	123	6	5	2^{1}	$2\frac{1}{2}$	2^{hd}	$5\frac{1}{2}$	Marin S		6.47
18Aug26 ^{3}FL^{3}	Oscar Bound	L	3	123	4	4	1^{1}	$1\frac{1}{2}$	1^{hd}	$6\frac{3}{4}$	Zayas E J	45000	37.58
29Aug26 ^{14}Sar^{5}	Mermaid	L	3	123	5	2	$4^{1}\frac{1}{2}$	3^{1}	$3^{1}\frac{1}{2}$	$7^{2}\frac{1}{4}$	Santana R Jr		5.24
25Jly26 ^{11}Sar^{1}	Oklahoma Smoke	L	4	126	9	1	3^{hd}	4^{1}	$6^{1}\frac{1}{2}$	$8^{3}\frac{1}{2}$	Franco M		2.84
31Mar26 ^{9}Prx^{6}	Caitlin the Great	L b	4	124	8	8	7^{hd}	9	9	9	Davis D	45000	70.46

OFF AT 5:21 Start Good For All But CAITLIN THE GREAT. Won driving. Course firm.

TIME : 21^{4}, :44^{4}, :56^{2}, 1:08^{2} (:21.93, :44.86, :56.53, 1:08.58)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

1 – FAIRY GODMOTHER	**6.52**	**3.34**	**3.30**
3 – MIDNIGHTLOVEAFFAIR		**4.88**	**4.08**
9 – SO SOPHIA–GB			**7.44**

$1 EXACTA 1–3 PAID $14.15 50 CENT TRIFECTA 1–3–9 PAID $81.07 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 1–3–9–4 PAID $98.33

Gr/ro. f, (May), by Cairo Prince – Lyrical Tale , by Tale of the Cat . Trainer Handal Raymond. Bred by Merrylegs Farm North LLC (NY).

FAIRY GODMOTHER away at the tail of the field without incident, chased along the inside coming under a ride just inside five-sixteenths remaining, angled four wide into upper stretch, tipped out an additional path or two with three-sixteenths to go and closed well outside to overthrow the front inside the final seventy yards and inched away to the finish under her momentum to the wire. MIDNIGHTLOVEAFFAIR coaxed from the gate, chased along the inside down the backstretch and then just off the inside through the turn patiently handled until roused taking the two path into upper stretch, rallied to issue a challenge inside the final furlong, seized narrow and brief command inside the sixteenth marker and then got overtaken in the late stages and was forced to settle for the place honors at the end. SO SOPHIA (GB) three wide in pursuit, came under coaxing three furlongs out, tipped four wide into upper stretch, dug in under a drive running on willingly through to the finish to secure the show honors. SAMARTINA (FR) chased just off the inside and then along the inside near the rear of the field, got set down spinning three wide into upper stretch, kicked on belatedly to the wire. EMERALD EMBER coaxed from the gate, raced just off the inside in closest aim of the leader, came under a ride three furlongs from home, spun just off the inside into upper stretch, dug in under a drive battling for command through to the sixteenth pole, then got out-finished inside that station. OSCAR BOUND coaxed from the start, established the front five and a half furlongs out and showed the way in hand along the inside patiently handled until roused taking the inside route into upper stretch, dug in under threat from a pair through to the eighth pole before being under assault from a host of rivals and yielded command a sixteenth from home, then weakened in the late stages. MERMAID tracked the pace along the inside, got let out taking the inside route into upper stretch, dug in scraping the paint inside the aforementioned foe a furlong out, then weakened in the late going. OKLAHOMA SMOKE three wide in pursuit, came under coaxing at the three-eighths marker, continued three wide for home and weakened in the stretch. CAITLIN THE GREAT struck the off side stall at the start, chased four then three wide under urging from three furlongs out, angled four to five wide into upper stretch and came up empty.

Owners– 1, Merrylegs Farm; 2, Two Tone Farms; 3, Next Level Stables; 4, Lerman Roy S; 5, Kantarmaci Ilkay Goldfarb Sanford J America's Pastime Stables and Speranza Steve; 6, Giddings Melanie; 7, Kantarmaci Ilkay and Perdikis Dimitrios; 8, NY Final Furlong Racing Stable; 9, Downey Walter

Trainers– 1, Handal Raymond; 2, Levine Bruce N; 3, Arriaga Antonio; 4, Lerman Roy S; 5, Kantarmaci Ilkay; 6, Giddings Melanie; 7, Kantarmaci Ilkay; 8, Rice Adam; 9, Allard Edward T

Scratched– Carolina Smokeshow (07Aug26 ^{11}Sar^{7}), Donna Romano (30Aug26 ^{7}Sar^{7}), Celestial Express (04Sep26 ^{11}Sar^{10})

$1 Pick Three (5–12–1) Paid $21.73 ; Pick Three Pool $35,518 .
$1 Grand Slam (2/6/7–4/5/8–3/12/14–1) Paid $18.06 ; Grand Slam Pool $43,947 .
$1 Daily Double (12–1) Paid $7.09 ; Daily Double Pool $64,375 .
$1 Consolation Pick 3 (5–4–1) Paid $10.67 .
$1 Consolation Pick 3 (5–12–2/5) Paid $6.71 .
$1 Consolation Pick 3 (5–4–2) Paid $3.14 .
$1 Consolation Daily Double (12–2/5) Paid $1.80 .