THIRD RACE
Belmont
OCTOBER 3, 2026

6 FURLONGS. (Inner Turf) MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT . Purse $100,000 INNER TURF FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES TWO YEARS OLD FOALED IN NEW YORK STATE AND APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE–BRED REGISTRY. Weight, 123 lbs. (Non–Starters For A Claiming Price Of $55,000 Or Less In The Last 3 Starts Preferred).

Value of Race: $100,000 Winner $55,000; second $20,000; third $12,000; fourth $6,000; fifth $4,000; sixth $429; seventh $429; eighth $429; ninth $429; tenth $429; eleventh $429; twelfth $426. Mutuel Pool $360,200.00 Exacta Pool $281,296.00 Superfecta Pool $63,847.00 Trifecta Pool $117,643.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
4Sep26 5Sar2	Forecheck		2	123	6	1	1½	11	13	1½	Franco M	1.67
30Aug26 5Sar6	Annotate		2	123	1	3	42	41	2½	2³¼	Santana R Jr	13.38
	Plum Island		2	123	8	9	9 1½	8½	42	3²½	Elliott C	23.96
	Slinging Slasher		2	123	10	10	82	73	7½	41	Fresu A	18.62
9Aug26 5Sar3	All Star Leigh		2	123	3	4	2½	21	3½	5no	Davis D	2.67
2Sep26 7Sar2	Comets Choice	b	2	123	7	2	52	51½	5hd	6½	Lezcano J	11.32
4Sep26 5Sar5	Night Sky	b	2	123	5	5	3½	3½	6hd	7¾	Zayas E J	5.68
21Aug26 5Sar5	Gnosis		2	123	9	7	7hd	9½	94	8½	Carmouche K	10.28
	Convincing		2	123	4	8	6 1½	62	8½	9²¼	Lopez P	29.40
	Margretfrances	b	2	123	2	12	11½	10 7½	10 10½	10 13½	Morelos J E	87.81
	Inflame		2	123	11	6	10hd	111	11 1½	111	Gutierrez R	100.26
	Brand Liam		2	123	12	11	12	12	12	12	Gomez J A	93.73

OFF AT 1:14 Start Good For All But MARGRETFRANCES. Won driving. Course firm.

TIME :22², :45², :57, 1:09¹ (:22.43, :45.42, :57.08, 1:09.24)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

7 – FORECHECK	**5.34**	**3.56**	**3.02**
1 – ANNOTATE		**11.00**	**7.52**
9 – PLUM ISLAND			**11.40**

$1 EXACTA 7–1 PAID $32.70 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 7–1–9–11 PAID $363.97 50 CENT TRIFECTA 7–1–9 PAID $173.28

Dk. b or br. f, (Apr), by Maxfield – Pammi Dearest , by Verrazano . Trainer Rice Linda. Bred by Fred W Hertrich III (NY).

FORECHECK angled in while going to the front then showed the way, vied inside on the turn, shook clear when set down into upper stretch then extended the advantage under a right-handed crop, switched to a left-handed crop inside the furlong marker, remained clear into the final sixteenth and held off the runner-up under strong urging. ANNOTATE was rated just off the pace, saved ground on the turn, was asked near the quarter-pole, moved out under a drive in upper stretch, pursued the winner into the final furlong, gained on that foe into the final sixteenth and closed with good courage but missed while clear for the place. PLUM ISLAND settled towards the rear, saved ground on the turn, moved out inside the furlong marker and was along for the show. SLINGING SLASHER was urged along on the outside, traveled around the turn in the three path and improved for the last spot in the superfecta. ALL STAR LEIGH tracked the pace on the inside of an opponent, made a bid near the half-mile pole, vied in the two path on the turn, was asked late on that bend, dropped back into upper stretch and weakened but was clear for the show. COMETS CHOICE brushed the outside of the gate at the start, tucked in while settling off the pace, was roused in the two path on the turn, dropped back under a drive in upper stretch, was carried out inside the furlong marker and also weakened. NIGHT SKY stalked the pace on the outside, was given her cue in the three path on the turn, chased into upper stretch then moved to the four path and tired. GNOSIS moved in while urged along, raced inside to the two path on the turn and failed to rally. CONVINCING was taken in hand briefly early, settled under some urging, was roused in the two path on the turn, shifted to the four path into the stretch and came up empty. MARGRETFRANCES was off slow and spotted the front a few lengths, raced well back in the field, moved from the inside to the three path on the turn, came out to the six path into upper stretch and was no factor. INFLAME settled on the outside, was roused in the three path on the turn and failed to respond. BRAND LIAM broke a half-step slow, raced well back while far out in the course without cover, went around the turn in the four path and showed little.

Owners– 1, Tic Stables; 2, Leland Ackerley Racing and Sherwood James; 3, Thienel Thomas; 4, Evans Robert M; 5, Sullivan III Daniel J; 6, Birddog Stable; 7, Arindel; 8, Phillips Stable BAG Racing Stables and Amarosa Anthony; 9, Bonnie Rye Stable and Stonelea Stable; 10, Robin Lane Thoroughbreds LLC Kelly Ryan and Kelly Meaghan; 11, Tee N Jay Stable and Hills Timothy A; 12, Patel Sandeep

Trainers– 1, Rice Linda; 2, Asmussen Steven M; 3, Englehart Jeremiah C; 4, Danner Kelsey; 5, Dutrow Anthony W; 6, Terranova John P II; 7, Delgado Jorge; 8, Handal Raymond; 9, Ryan Derek S; 10, Giddings Melanie; 11, Hills Timothy A; 12, Delgado Alexis

Scratched– Dream Spell

$1 Pick Three (7–4–7) Paid $309.11 ; Pick Three Pool $92,994 .
$1 Daily Double (4–7) Paid $47.59 ; Daily Double Pool $55,948 .
$1 Consolation Pick 3 (7–11–7) Paid $20.28 .