FIFTH RACE

Belmont

OCTOBER 23, 2026

7 FURLONGS. (Turf) PERFECT STING S. Purse $175,000 FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Lasix not allowed within 48 hours of post time pursuant to HISA Rule 4212. By subscription of $175 each which should accompany the nomination; $875 to pass the entry box and an additional $875 to start. For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental nomination payment of $875 in addition to the entry and starting fees may be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. Three Year Olds: 123 lbs. Older: 126 lbs. Non–winners of a Graded Sweepstakes in 2025–26 allowed 2 lbs. A trophy to be presented to the winning owner. The New York Racing Association reserves the right to transfer this race to the Tapeta Track. Closed Thursday, October 8, 2026 with 33 Original Nominations and 2 Supplements. (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at Six Furlongs on the Tapeta Track.) (Rail at 48 feet).

Value of Race: $175,000 Winner $96,250; second $35,000; third $21,000; fourth $10,500; fifth $7,000; sixth $2,625; seventh $2,625. Mutuel Pool $296,977.00 Exacta Pool $205,304.00 Trifecta Pool $87,577.00 Superfecta Pool $49,273.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
19Sep26 ^{8}WO ^{1}	Epic Style		4	124	3	6	7	7	4 1½	1^{hd}	Fresu A	4.26
5Sep26 ^{4}Cby ^{1}	Cupids Crush	b	6	124	1	1	1½	11½	12½	22½	Hernandez J A	11.75
3Sep26 ^{3}KD ^{1}	Wind Flower	b	4	124	7	5	2½	2^{1}	2½	3^{nk}	Lezcano J	2.57
12Sep26 ^{6}Lrl ^{2}	Somnium	b	4	124	2	4	4½	3^{hd}	3^{hd}	44¾	Santana R Jr	21.15
29Aug26 ^{7}KD ^{6}	Spirited Boss	bf	4	126	5	2	5 1½	41½	5 1½	52½	Franco M	3.35
3Sep26 ^{3}KD ^{2}	Civetta	b	4	124	4	7	6 1½	5^{1}	6^{4}	6 12½	Castellano J J	11.20
17Apr26 ^{7}Aqu ^{2}	Oversubscribed-GB		5	124	6	3	3^{1}	6½	7	7	Prat F	2.49

OFF AT 3:26 Start Good. Won driving. Course firm.

TIME : 22^{3}, :45^{1}, 1:08, 1:20^{1} (:22.71, :45.24, 1:08.18, 1:20.20)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

3 – EPIC STYLE	**10.52**	**5.28**	**3.22**
1 – CUPIDS CRUSH		**9.64**	**6.02**
9 – WIND FLOWER			**3.70**

$1 EXACTA 3–1 PAID $50.76 50 CENT TRIFECTA 3–1–9 PAID $126.88 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 3–1–9–2 PAID $144.74

Dk. b or br. f, (Apr), by Good Magic – Final Mesa , by Sky Mesa . Trainer Stidham Michael. Bred by Tom Durant (Ky).

EPIC STYLE brushed with CIVETTA at the start, settled at the rear, moved from the inside to the three path on the turn, was roused outside the five-sixteenths pole, came out to the five path into upper stretch, rallied outside into the final furlong and closed strongly to get up in the final strides and narrowly prevail. CUPIDS CRUSH became restless in the gate when her outside neighbor was fractious, came away in good order and went straight to the front, was well rated on the inside, responded well when asked near the quarter-pole, was put to a right-handed crop outside the furlong marker, switched to a left-handed crop outside the sixteenth-pole, led until the final strides but was denied while clear for the place. WIND FLOWER stalked the pace on the outside without cover, went around the turn in the two path, was given her cue at the five-sixteenths pole, chased the leader under a drive in the stretch and was out-kicked while just able to get the show. SOMNIUM was fractious in the gate, established a good position just off the pace, was urged along outside the nine-sixteenths pole, saved ground on the turn, pursued the leader under a drive in the stretch and just missed the show. SPIRITED BOSS became restless in the gate when SOMNIUM was fractious, settled nicely off the pace, went around the turn in the three path, was roused outside the five-sixteenths pole, dropped back while remaining on her inside lead in upper stretch, swapped to the proper lead inside the three-sixteenths pole and lacked the needed response. CIVETTA brushed with EPIC STYLE at the start, was taken in hand early then reserved off the pace, went around the turn in the two then three path while roused and failed to threaten. OVERSUBSCRIBED (GB) tracked the leader on the outside of that foe without cover, dropped back near the nine-sixteenths pole, was roused in the two path on the turn and failed to respond.

Owners– 1, Speedway Stables LLC; 2, Xtreme Racing Stable; 3, Massey Cleber J; 4, Merryman Elizabeth M; 5, Tag Stables; 6, Godolphin LLC; 7, Klaravich Stables Inc

Trainers– 1, Stidham Michael; 2, Robertson McLean; 3, Mott William I; 4, Merryman Elizabeth M; 5, D'Angelo Jose F; 6, Walsh Brendan P; 7, Brown Chad C

Scratched– Fast Market (05Sep26 ^{9}KD ^{5}), New Rose (02Oct26 ^{9}Bel ^{3})

$1 Pick Three (5–2–3) Paid $119.27 ; Pick Three Pool $46,696 .
50 CENT Pick Four (1–5–1/2/5–3) Paid $651.76 ; Pick Four Pool $72,891 .
50 CENT Pick Five (4/5–1–5–1/2/5–3) 5 Correct Paid $1,231.06 ; Pick Five Pool $284,537 .
$1 Daily Double (2–3) Paid $22.28 ; Daily Double Pool $51,890 .