

**BELMONT AT THE BIG A - June 19, 2025 - Race 7**

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(UP TO \$16,008 NYSBFOA) FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON \$20,000 THREE TIMES OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON \$45,000 OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE SINCE DECEMBER 19, 2024 OR OPTIONAL CLAIMING PRICE OF \$100,000. Weight, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Other Than Claiming Or Starter Since June 19, 2024 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$100,000 (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 on the Main Track.). ( C ) **Claiming Price:** \$100,000

**Distance:** One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Summer to Remember - 1:40.11 - December 3, 2021)

**Purse:** \$92,000

**Available Money:** \$92,000

**Value of Race:** \$92,000 1st \$50,600, 2nd \$18,400, 3rd \$11,040, 4th \$5,520, 5th \$3,680, 6th \$1,380, 7th \$1,380

**Weather:** Clear, 85° **Track:** Firm

**Off at:** 4:07 **Start:** Good for all except 8 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
14Dec24 <sup>11</sup> GP <sup>1</sup>	2	Cugino (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	123	L b	2	2	3 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1.20*	tracked ins, inched cl
19Apr25 <sup>3</sup> TAM <sup>2</sup>	6	Exact Estimate (Prat, Flavien)	121	L	5	5	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>Nose</sup>	8.50	3w 1st turn, ran on
8May25 <sup>7</sup> BAQ <sup>4</sup>	1	Big Everest (GB) (Rosario, Joel)	123	L	1	1	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	5.40	rated ins, caught late
31May25 <sup>9</sup> WO <sup>8</sup>	7	Dataman (Franco, Manuel)	123	L b	6	7	6 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>1 1/4</sup>	2.90	tracked 2p, mild kick
3May25 <sup>10</sup> BAQ <sup>4</sup>	8	Master Piece (CHI) (Lezcano, Jose)	121	L b	7	6	7	7	7	6 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>2 1/4</sup>	14.70	bobbled st, wknd late
6Apr25 <sup>10</sup> KEE <sup>6</sup>	4	Strong Quality (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	121	L b	4	4	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>2</sup>	6 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	7.20	2p in aim, wknd late
9May25 <sup>8</sup> BAQ <sup>1</sup>	3	Noted (Alvarado, Junior)	123	L b	3	3	5 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup>	6 <sup>3</sup>	7	7	21.50	tracked ins, weakened

**Fractional Times:** 23.60 47.71 1:11.45 1:35.13

**Final Time:** 1:40.99

**Split Times:** (24:11) (23:74) (23:68) (5:86)

**Run-Up:** 125 feet

**Winner:** Cugino, Bay Colt, by [Twirling Candy](#) out of Adorable Miss, by Kitten's Joy. Foaled Apr 16, 2021 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

**Breeder:** Gage Hill Stables, LLC & W. S. Farish

**Owner:** West Point Thoroughbreds and Jimmy Kahig LLC

**Trainer:** McGaughey III, Claude

**Scratched Horse(s):** Forever Souper (Stewards), Magnolia Midnight (Main-Track-Only), Strapped (Main-Track-Only)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$374,165

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Cugino	4.40	2.40	2.20	\$1.00 Pick 3	3-5-2 (3 correct)	22.60	23,534
6	Exact Estimate		4.40	3.40	\$1.00 Daily Double	5-2	10.50	56,026
1	Big Everest (GB)			4.10	\$1.00 Exacta	2-6	7.60	303,897
					\$0.10 Superfecta	2-6-1-7	7.27	73,491
					\$0.50 Trifecta	2-6-1	14.62	126,901
					\$1.00 Grand Slam	1/2/5-1/3/5-5/6/7-2 (4 correct)	11.80	23,227

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
2	Cugino	2	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>
6	Exact Estimate	5	4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>
1	Big Everest (GB)	1	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>
7	Dataman	7	6 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>4</sup>	5 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>
8	Master Piece (CHI)	6	7 <sup>5</sup>	7 <sup>6 1/2</sup>	7 <sup>6 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>5</sup>	5 <sup>2 3/4</sup>
4	Strong Quality	4	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>3</sup>	6 <sup>5</sup>
3	Noted	3	5 <sup>2</sup>	5 <sup>3</sup>	6 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	7 <sup>5 1/4</sup>	7 <sup>8 1/2</sup>

**Trainers:** 2 - McGaughey III, Claude; 6 - Brown, Chad; 1 - Clement, Miguel; 7 - Motion, H.; 8 - Dutrow, Jr., Richard; 4 - Casse, Mark; 3 - Rodriguez, Gustavo

**Owners:** 2 - West Point Thoroughbreds and Jimmy Kahig LLC; 6 - Drown, Jeffrey and Rachel, Don; 1 - Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Rocco, Steven and Branch, William; 7 - Wertheimer and Frere; 8 - Argano, Frank, Iavarone, Julia C., Iavarone, Michael and Zoumas, Nicholas; 4 - Barber, Gary and Kinsman Stable; 3 - Jupiter Stable LLC and Albano, Dr. John;

**Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)**

CUGINO tracked the pace along the inside patiently handled until roused taking the inside route into upper stretch, tipped to the two path nearing the eighth pole, rallied to collar the leader just inside the sixteenth marker, then inched clear to the finish to prevail. EXACT ESTIMATE three wide through the first turn, settled just off the inside in pursuit from mid pack patiently handled until called upon spinning three wide into upper stretch, dug in under a drive and ran on to secure the place honors in the final jumps to the wire. BIG EVEREST (GB) under a firm hold showing the way early on along the inside, was given a notch to work with while leading the way under a rating hold down the backstretch, remained on hold taking the inside route into upper stretch, got asked for run just outside the eighth pole, had rivals latching on outside soon after, got collared just inside the sixteenth pole and then nailed on the wire for the place and was forced to settle for the show honors. DATAMAN tracked along the inside and then just off the inside coming under encouragement with five-sixteenths remaining, angled four wide into upper stretch, offered up a mild kick. MASTER PIECE (CHI) bobbled at the break, saved ground at the tail of the field, came under coaxing with five-sixteenths to go, angled five wide into upper stretch and weakened in the late stages. STRONG QUALITY settled just off the inside in closest aim of the leader, came under coaxing nearing the quarter pole and continued in the two path into upper stretch, then weakened in the late going. NOTED tracked the pace along the inside from mid pack, came under encouragement nearing the quarter pole and spun just off the inside into upper stretch at that station, then weakened in the drive.

