

BELMONT AT THE BIG A - November 2, 2025 - Race 7

STAKES Red Smith S. Grade 2 - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Lasix not allowed within 48 hours of post time pursuant to HISA Rule 4212. By subscription of \$250 each which should accompany the nomination; \$1,250 to pass the entry box and an additional \$1,250 to start. For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental nomination payment of \$1,250 in addition to the entry and starting fees may be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. Three Year Olds: 122 lbs. Older: 126 lbs. Non-winners of a Grade One or Two in 2024-25 allowed 2 lbs.; of a Sweepstakes in 2025 allowed 4 lbs. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. The New York Racing Association reserves the right to transfer this race to the Main Track. In the event that this race is taken off the turf it may be subject to downgrading upon review by the Graded Stakes Committee. Closed Saturday, October 18, 2025 with 19 Nominations. (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at One Mile and One Quarter on the Main Track.) (Rail at 18 feet).

Distance: One And Three Eighth Miles On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (McKulick (GB) - 2:12.38 - September 17, 2022)

Purse: \$250,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$250,000

Value of Race: \$242,500 1st \$137,500, 2nd \$50,000, 3rd \$30,000, 4th \$15,000, 5th \$10,000

Weather: Clear, 58° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 2:25 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
1Sep25 ⁹ MTH ¹	5	Cugino (Prat, Flavien)	124	b	4	2 ²	2 ²	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ Head	1 ¹ Nose	1.18*	out 2p,3p1/4,duel,game
12Oct25 ⁵ KEE ¹	1	Common Defense (Elliott, Christopher)	122	--	1	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ²	1 ²	1 ¹ 1/2	2 ²	2 ²	4.92	ins trns,drft out,game
10Oct25 ⁹ KEE ¹	4	Desvio (Franco, Manuel) VA CERTIFIED	126	b	3	4 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹	4 ¹ 1/2	3 ³ Head	3 ³	3 ² 1/2	10.37	ins,4path3/16,chased
18Oct25 ⁶ FH ¹	2	Fleetfoot (IRE) (Carmouche, Kendrick)	124	--	2	5	5	5	5	5	4 ⁴ Neck	3.33	ins-2p turns,3path1/4
30Aug25 ⁷ KD ³	6	Limited Liability (Rosario, Joel)	122	b	5	3 ²	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹ 1/2	5	3.06	2p,3-4p3rd trn,5p3/16

Fractional Times: 24.31 50.90 1:17.01 1:41.64 2:05.26 **Final Time:** 2:17.13

Split Times: (26:59) (26:11) (24:63) (23:62) (11:87)

Run-Up: 230 feet **Temporary Rail:** 18 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): Dancin in Da'nile (Stakes Scratch)

Total WPS Pool: \$291,796

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Cugino	4.36	2.44	2.10	\$1.00 Pick 3	7-7-5 (3 correct)	8.45	32,444
1	Common Defense		3.72	2.72	\$0.50 Pick 4	1/5-7/10-7-3/5 (4 correct)	13.77	63,849
4	Desvio			4.34	\$0.50 Pick 5	7-1/5-7/10-7-3/5 (5 correct)	58.51	150,489
					\$1.00 Daily Double	7-5	5.47	44,724
					\$1.00 Exacta	5-1	5.94	233,712
					\$0.10 Superfecta	5-1-4-2	5.25	51,447
					\$0.50 Trifecta	5-1-4	14.24	86,892

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin
5	Cugino	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ²	2 ²	2 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ Head	1 ¹ Nose
1	Common Defense	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ²	1 ²	1 ¹ 1/2	2 ² Head	2 ² Nose
4	Desvio	4 ⁵ 1/2	4 ⁴ 1/2	4 ⁴	3 ²	3 ²	3 ²
2	Fleetfoot (IRE)	5 ⁷	5 ⁵ 1/2	5 ⁵ 1/2	5 ³ 1/2	5 ⁶ 1/2	4 ⁴ 1/2
6	Limited Liability	3 ³ 1/2	3 ⁴	3 ³ 1/2	4 ²	4 ⁵	5 ⁴ 3/4

Trainers: 5 - McGaughey III, Claude; 1 - McPeek, Kenneth; 4 - Meyers, Madison; 2 - Foley, Barry; 6 - McGaughey III, Claude

Owners: 5 - West Point Thoroughbreds and Jimmy Kahig LLC; 1 - David A. Bernsen LLC, Holmes, Tony, Holmes, Michael, Dooley, Leo and Dooley, Sarah; 4 - Bonnie Rye Stable and Stonelea Stable; 2 - Willis, Molly and Willis, Paul; 6 - Stuart S. Janney III;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

CUGINO stalked the pace on the outside in the two path, made a bid near the seven-sixteenths pole, spun into the stretch in the three path, dueled outside of the runner-up while being carried out in the drive and gamely prevailed under strong urging. COMMON DEFENSE went to the front, showed the way on the inside, was asked near the quarter-pole, dueled inside of the winner while drifting out in the stretch, fought gamely to the finish and was denied while clear for the place. DESVIO settled while saving ground, was roused on the final turn, swung out to the four path into upper stretch, chased the top two in the drive and lacked the needed kick while able to get the show. FLEETFOOT (IRE) dropped back early, moved from the rail to the two path late on the first turn, settled at the rear while off the inside, was roused near the seven-sixteenths pole, spun into the stretch in the three path and lacked the needed response. LIMITED LIABILITY was reserved in the two path, came under urging near the three-eighths pole, went around the final turn in the three then four path, turned into upper stretch under a drive and also lacked the needed response.

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