

NINTH RACE Oaklawn

MARCH 18, 2023

1¹/₁₆ MILES. (1.401) ESSEX H. Grade III Purse \$500,000 FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. No nomination fee. \$2,500 to pass the entry box and \$2,500 additional to start. \$500,000 Guaranteed. After paying 15% of original purse to the owners of horses finishing 5th through last, 65% of the remaining purse will be paid to owner(s) of the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third and 5% to fourth. Supplementary nominations by Friday, March 10, 2023 at \$500. Weights to be announced Sunday, March 12, 2023. In Handicap Stakes starting preference will be given to high weights. Starters to be named through the entry box by the usual time of closing. The Owner of the winner to receive a trophy. Closed Friday, March 3, 2023 with 31 nominations.

Value of Race: \$500,000 Winner \$300,625; second \$92,500; third \$46,250; fourth \$23,125; fifth \$7,500; sixth \$7,500; seventh \$7,500; eighth \$7,500; ninth \$7,500. Mutuel Pool \$773,468.00 Exacta Pool \$404,391.00 Trifecta Pool \$252,781.00 Superfecta Pool \$161,023.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/E	Q	A	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1
18Feb23 90P1	Last Samurai	L	5	121	9	4	41	3hd	3hd	1hd	11	Torres C A	1.00	
29Oct22 8Kee6	Classic Causeway	L	4	119	5	1	11	11½	11½	23½	22¾	Prat F	3.80	
21Jan23 13FG3	Forza Di Oro	L	6	117	7	3	2½	21	41½	4hd	3no	Geroux F	8.00	
5Feb23 8GP2	Vittorio	L	5	117	2	2	3½	41½	2hd	5½	41¾	Garcia M	7.30	
18Feb23 10FG5	Tawny Port	L	4	117	8	9	9	9	8hd	73	51	Bejarano R	13.80	
11Feb23 70P1	Silver Prospector	L	b	6	118	1	7	5hd	6½	5hd	3hd	6nk	Santana R Jr	9.10
18Feb23 90P4	Rated R Superstar	L	b	10	118	3	5	61	51	62½	62	76	Cabrera D	27.90
17Feb23 80P3	Necker Island	L	6	118	6	6	8hd	71	7½	8½	8nk	Juarez N	36.60	
18Feb23 80P1	Call Me Fast	L	b	4	116	4	8	7hd	81	9	9	9	Arrieta F	14.20

OFF AT 5:08 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :24, :48¹/₂, 1:12³/₄, 1:37, 1:43 (:24.05, :48.28, 1:12.65, 1:37.07, 1:43.17)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

10 - LAST SAMURAI	4.00	2.80	2.40
5 - CLASSIC CAUSEWAY		4.20	3.60
7 - FORZA DI ORO			4.60

\$1 EXACTA 10-5 PAID \$12.20 50 CENT TRIFECTA 10-5-7

PAID \$32.70 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 10-5-7-2 PAID \$23.53

Ch. h, (Apr), by Malibu Moon - Lady Samuri, by First Samurai. Trainer Lukas D Wayne. Bred by Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (Ky).

LAST SAMURAI settled off the pace and the inside, four wide when beginning to advance in the four wide, raced the front while still in the four path into the lane, wore down the early leader under steady handling. CLASSIC CAUSEWAY broke on top, set a modest pace along the inside, responded when the winner challenged entering the stretch, gave ground grudgingly to the winner until late, clearly second best. FORZA DI ORO closest to the early leader off the inside, lost some position in the second turn, came three wide for the drive, came back to narrowly capture the show while not a threat to the top pair. VITTORIO within striking distance along the inside early, moved out and raced closest to the runner up in the two path into the far turn, lurked through that bend and into the lane, lacked a closing punch. TAWNY PORT off a step slow, void of speed for six furlongs, came four wide for the drive, improved position while well out in the strip, not a serious threat. SILVER PROSPECTOR in mid pack while saving ground, continued inside into the final turn, waited in traffic late in that bend, got through to improve through upper stretch then flattened out in the final furlong. RATED R SUPERSTAR in mid pack and off the inside, had little left for the drive. NECKER ISLAND back off the pace, steadied in traffic late first turn, remained back in failing to rally. CALL ME FAST off a step slow, also steadied in tight quarters in the back onto the backstretch, lacked response.

Owners-1, Willis Horton Racing LLC; 2, Kentucky West Racing LLC and Clarke M Cooper Family Living Trust; 3, Don Alber to Stable; 4, Kaleem Shah Inc; 5, Peachtree Stable; 6, Orr Ed and Orr Susie; 7, Caldwell Danny R; 8, The Scherr Boys; 9, Giddyup Stables LLC and Lambro Tom

Trainers-1, Lukas D Wayne; 2, McPeck Kenneth G; 3, Cox Brad H; 4, Mott William I; 5, Cox Brad H; 6, Asmussen Steven M; 7, Villafranco Martin; 8, Hartman Chris A; 9, Puhich Michael

Scratched- Keystone Field (18Feb23 90P 7)

50 CENT Pick Three (4-2-9/10) Paid \$14.30 ; Pick Three Pool \$80,505 .

\$1 Daily Double (2-10) Paid \$7.20 ; Daily Double Pool \$90,105 .