

NINTH RACE

Belmont

JUNE 10, 2017

1 MILE. (1.321) 124TH RUNNING OF THE MOHEGAN SUN METROPOLITAN HANDICAP. Grade I. Purse \$1,200,000 A HANDICAP FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD.

Value of Race: \$1,200,000 Winner \$650,000; second \$220,000; third \$120,000; fourth \$80,000; fifth \$45,000; sixth \$33,000; seventh \$28,000; eighth \$24,000. Mutuel Pool \$2,242,319.00 Exacta Pool \$1,549,053.00 Trifecta Pool \$1,015,065.00 Superfecta Pool \$512,968.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1	
7May17 8LS ¹	Mor Spirit	L	b	4	120	9	1	2½	21½	1½	12	16¼	Smith M E	2.55
25Mar17 11Mey ³	Sharp Azteca	L	b	4	122	5	3	11	1½	2 ³	23½	23¼	Lopez P	3.00
8Apr17 9Aqu ³	Tommy Macho	L		5	116	11	8	7hd	71½	42	3 ³	31	Saez L	15.60
6May17 10CD ²	Awesome Slew	L		4	118	12	9	10½	11½	10hd	41½	41¾	Rosario J	4.70
23Apr17 3Aqu ³	Economic Model	L		4	115	7	5	6hd	81½	51	5½	53¼	Ortiz I Jr	16.20
30Apr17 1Bel ¹	Rally Cry	L		4	114	2	4	41	31	3hd	6½	6no	Velazquez JR	7.70
6May17 10CD ³	Tom's Ready	L		4	117	8	10	91½	9½	71	72	7¾	Castellano JJ	11.30
6May17 10CD ⁴	Solid Wager	L	b	6	117	4	11	111	101	9hd	8½	82¼	Espinoza V	49.25
6May17 10Bel ²	Virtual Machine	L	b	4	114	10	7	3½	4hd	8½	91½	9½	Franco M	50.00
6May17 10CD ⁷	Denman's Call	L		4	117	3	2	51	6½	114	114½	10no	Baze T C	17.00
6May17 10Bel ⁴	Mohaymen	L		4	117	6	6	83½	51	6hd	10hd	116¼	Ortiz J L	16.50
15Apr17 9OP ¹	Inside Straight	L		4	117	1	12	12	12	12	12	12	Arroyo A S	38.50

OFF AT 4:41 Start Good For All But INSIDE STRAIGHT. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :231, :46, 1:10, 1:33³ (:23.20, :46.05, 1:10.10, 1:33.71)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

9 – MOR SPIRIT	7.10	4.10	3.30
5 – SHARP AZTECA		4.40	3.50
11 – TOMMY MACHO			7.20

\$2 EXACTA 9-5 PAID \$27.80 \$2 TRIFECTA 9-5-11 PAID

\$299.50 \$2 SUPERFECTA 9-5-11-12 PAID \$1,065.00

Dk. b or br. r, (Apr), by Eskendereya – Im a Dixie Girl, by Dixie Union. Trainer Baffert Bob. Bred by Elkstone Group LLC (Pa).

MOR SPIRIT away quickly from the gate, contended for command just about from the get-go, was rated along vying to the outside of SHARP AZTECA, continued along under the same set up for six furlongs, was already in the clear when roused in the vicinity of the three-sixteenths marker, responded to take charge during the next furlong, lengthened away in the last eighth, under a hard drive to the wire. SHARP AZTECA took up position in the three path with the advantage soon after the start, carved out the fractions with the top one in accompaniment to the outside, got put to a drive as three-quarters was being completed, yielded nevertheless to a more confidently-riden rival, steadily fell back but continued onward in a worthy manner to garner the place. TOMMY MACHO raced in midpack during the opening phases, got set down a furlong shy of the half mile pole, began the run around the bend three to four wide, gradually moved up, split rivals coming to the five-sixteenths pole, shifted over closer to the rail afterwards, impeding MAHAYMEN, got angled back into path three early during the stretch run and was outfinished. AWESOME SLEW quickly tucked into the three path after the start, gradually worked its way into path five traversing around the bend, fanned out into path seven during the initial portion of the stretch, lacked a solid late response. ECONOMIC MODEL remained at a considerable distance from off the rail after the start, departed the backstretch from the four path, was given some taps in the area of the right shoulder and asked to pick it up at the five-sixteenths marker, got ridden out into path six a furlong later, mustered up a mild response while never posing a threat. RALLY CRY secured a forward position after the break, sat in the four path, taking up the chase while loosely drafting behind the top one, settled into upper stretch before switched over to stronger handling and gave way. TOM'S READY was the first to venture over to the rail, and would wind up the only one to spend significant time along the inside route, got set down speeding past the three-eighths pole, angled to the outside and around an opponent with little left, that is MOHAYMEN, turning for home, dove back to the inside route in midlane, made no impact thereafter. SOLID WAGER broke open the gate, underwent a three wide journey to the head of the stretch and failed to menace. VIRTUAL MACHINE underwent a five wide pursuit on the turn, swung into path six at the top of the lane, lacked the needed response. DENMAN'S CALL popped open the gate, came away well once the field was sent on its way, stepped onto the turn from the three path, got called upon for more soon afterwards, was staided when temporarily in tight leaving the three-eighths pole, got floated four wide by a maneuvering TOM'S READY as they headed home, straightened away then failed to fire appreciably when asked to again. MOHAYMEN took up the chase from the two path, got asked to pick up at the three-eighths pole, was checked when cut off by a shifting TOMMY MACHO nearing the quarter pole, never regained interest and retreated down the lane not asked for his best. INSIDE STRAIGHT got checked ducking into the gap at the start, made it back onto the main course in time to rejoin the race, steadily shifted outward making his way on the backstretch, was stacked five wide entering the turn, got gradually worked closer to the inside route after leaving the midway point, commenced the stretch two to three wide and had no offering.

Owners– 1, Petersen Michael L; 2, Rodriguez Ivan; 3, Pompa Jr Paul P and J Stables; 4, Live Oak Plantation; 5, Klaravich Stables Inc and Lawrence William H; 6, Pompa Paul P Jr; 7, G M B Racing; 8, Barber Gary; 9, Serjeant Equine; 10, W C Racing Verge Mark W and Gilman Milton; 11, Shadwell Stable; 12, Howg Randy

Trainers– 1, Baffert Bob; 2, Navarro Jorge; 3, Pletcher Todd A; 4, Casse Mark; 5, Brown Chad C; 6, Pletcher Todd A; 7, Stewart Dallas; 8, Miller Peter; 9, Cannizzo David A; 10, O'Neill Doug; 11, McLaughlin Kiaran P; 12, Diodoro Robertino

\$2 Daily Double ((NY-MET DOUBLE) 5-9) Paid \$174.50 ; Daily Double Pool \$182,901 .

\$2 Daily Double (7-9) Paid \$36.20 ; Daily Double Pool \$217,040 .

\$2 Pick Three (8-7-9) Paid \$174.00 ; Pick Three Pool \$460,359 .
