

1 1/8 MILES. (1.463) 64TH RUNNING OF THE MIDDLETOWN PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS. Grade I. Purse \$750,000 FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$750 each which should accompany the nomination; \$5,000 to pass the entry box and an additional \$6,250 to start. For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental payment of \$11,250 (along with the entry and starting fees) must be made before the close of entries. The guaranteed purse will be divided accordingly; \$400,000 to the winner, \$140,000 to second, \$75,000 to third, \$50,000 to fourth, \$30,000 to fifth, \$22,500 to sixth, \$17,500 to seventh and \$15,000 to eighth. Weights: Three-year-olds, 120 lbs.; older, 124 lbs. Non-winners of two Grade I races at a mile or over in 2016-17 allowed 2 lbs.; of such a race in 2016-17 allowed 4 lbs.; of \$60,000 at a mile or over in 2017 allowed 6 lbs. The estate of Mrs. William Woodward, Sr. to add the Woodward Challenge Cup, to be won three times, not necessarily consecutively, by the same owner before becoming his or her property. The owner of the winner will also receive a trophy for permanent possession and trophies will be presented to the winning trainer and jockey. Closed Saturday, August 19, 2017 with 9 Nominations.

ELEVENTH RACE
Saratoga
SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

Value of Race: \$735,000 Winner \$450,000; second \$150,000; third \$75,000; fourth \$37,500; fifth \$22,500. Mutuel Pool \$919,274.00 Exacta Pool \$412,207.00 Trifecta Pool \$217,844.00 Superfecta Pool \$130,366.00 Grand Slam Pool \$61,416.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds	\$1
5Aug17 9Sar1	Gun Runner	L	4	124	2	4	2 1/2	21	22 1/2	16	110 1/4	Geroux F	0.35	
6Aug17 3Sar1	Rally Cry	L	4	120	3	1	3 1/2	31 1/2	3 1/2	31 1/2	21 1/4	Velazquez J R	3.50	
5Aug17 11Sar1	Neolithic	L	b	4	118	1	3	12	12	1 1/2	21	32 1/4	Ortiz J L	6.30
5Aug17 9Sar4	War Story	L	5	120	4	2	4hd	4hd	41	4 1/2	4 3/4	Ortiz I Jr	12.60	
5Aug17 9Sar5	Discreet Lover	L	b	4	118	5	5	5	5	5	5	Franco M	37.25	

OFF AT 6:47 Start Good. Won ridden out. Track fast.

TIME :231, :462, 1:102, 1:343, 1:472 (:23.20, :46.56, 1:10.45, 1:34.78, 1:47.43)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

2 - GUN RUNNER.....	2.70	2.10	—
3 - RALLY CRY.....		2.70	—
1 - NEOLITHIC.....		—	—

**\$1 EXACTA 2-3 PAID \$2.50 50 CENT TRIFECTA 2-3-1
PAID \$2.27 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 2-3-1-4 PAID \$66**

Ch. c, (Mar), by Candy Ride-Arg - Quiet Giant, by Giant's Causeway. Trainer Asmussen Steven M. Bred by Besilou Stables LLC (Ky).

GUN RUNNER got bumped very lightly at the start by RALLY CRY who broke in a step at the start, rated just off the inside through the first turn before taking to the three path down the backstretch in closest aim of the leader, remained patiently handled tucking back to the two path half a mile from home and began to advance on NEOLITHIC latching on three furlongs from home under his own power, took over when ready nearing the quarter pole, spun just off the inside for home put to urging and went clear under a hand drive through to the finish switching leads briefly over the tracks of the gate placement before being taken in hand in the final strides to the wire, the outcome in no doubt. RALLY CRY broke in a step at the start coming together with the aforementioned foe lightly, raced three wide just off the pace through the first turn before settling four wide in pursuit down the backstretch, tucked three wide into the far turn coming under light coaxing seven-sixteenths from home before being put to a drive three furlongs out, swung three wide at the quarter pole, proved no match for the top one while along safe for the place honors. NEOLITHIC hustled from the gate, established the front and showed the way in hand along the inside through the first turn before taking to the three path briefly into the backstretch, tucked in to be just off the inside with six furlongs to go, remained patiently handled awaiting a challenge and got one nearing the midway point on the far turn, came under encouragement at that juncture, got displaced from the front nearing the quarter pole, cut the corner into upper stretch and weakened through the final furlong while clear for the show honors. WAR STORY brushed the near side stall at the start under coaxing, got stacked four wide into the first turn outside the top trio and remained four wide through the turn before chasing five wide down the backstretch, came under coaxing seven-sixteenths from home four wide before being put to a drive with three-eighths to go, went five wide into upper stretch, offered no response. DISCREET LOVER crossed directly to the two path after the start and saved ground through the first turn, shifted three wide down the backstretch at the rear albeit within range of the front, came under coaxing half a mile from home, tucked to be just off the inside through the far turn, cornered three wide into upper stretch and trailed throughout.

Owners- 1, Winchell Thoroughbreds and Three Chimneys Farm; 2, Pompa Paul P Jr; 3, Qatar Racing and Starlight Racing; 4, Looch Racing Stables Inc Ellis Glenn K and Imaginary Stables; 5, St Lewis Uriah

Trainers- 1, Asmussen Steven M; 2, Pletcher Todd A; 3, Pletcher Todd A; 4, Navarro Jorge; 5, St Lewis Uriah

\$1 Pick Three (5-3-2) Paid \$96.25; Pick Three Pool \$135,523.

\$1 Daily Double (3-2) Paid \$9.10; Daily Double Pool \$141,722.

\$1 Grand Slam (2/3/6/11-2/4/5/7-1/3/5-2) Paid \$4.95; Grand Slam Pool \$61,416.