

1 1/2 MILES. (1.47) 138TH RUNNING OF THE WITHERS. Grade III. Purse \$250,000 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS. By subscription of \$250 each which should accompany the nominations; \$1,250 to pass the entry box and an additional \$1,250 to start. For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental nomination payment of \$2,500 along with the entry and starting fees may be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. Certain finishing positions in this race will earn points to qualify for the 2018 Kentucky Derby, pursuant to the official rules for the Road to the Kentucky Derby published by Churchill Downs Incorporated. The Withers has also been selected as one of the races in the Kentucky Derby Championship Series Prep Season. The winner of the Withers will be awarded 10 points, the second place finisher 4 points, the third place finisher 2 points and the fourth place finisher 1 point. The purse is to be divided 60% to the owner of the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% divided equally among the remaining finishers. 122 lbs. Non-winners of a Graded Sweepstake at a mile or over allowed 2 lbs.; of \$60,000 other than State-Bred allowed 4 lbs. of a race other than maiden, claiming or starter allowed 6 lbs. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. Closed Saturday, January 20, 2018 with 17 Nominations.

EIGHTH RACE
Aqueduct
FEBRUARY 3, 2018

Value of Race: \$245,000 Winner \$150,000; second \$50,000; third \$25,000; fourth \$12,500; fifth \$7,500. Mutuel Pool \$430,892.00 Exacta Pool \$223,588.00 Trifecta Pool \$107,863.00 Grand Slam Pool \$31,254.00 Superfecta Pool \$47,596.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1	
2Dec17 9Aqu2	Avery Island	L	3	122	4	2	24	2 1/2	21	12 1/2	12	Bravo J	1.15	
13Jan18 8Aqu1	Firenze Fire	L	3	122	1	4	44	3 1/2	31	2 1/2	2 1/2	McCarthy T	2.90	
15Dec17 3Aqu1	Marconi	L	b	3	116	2	5	5	5	4 1/2	38	318 3/4	Franco M	2.60
13Jan18 8Aqu3	Coltandmississippi	L	b	3	118	5	3	1 1/2	11	1hd	43	41 1/4	Alvarado J	34.25
6Jan18 10GP2	Bal Harbour	L	3	118	3	1	31	41 1/2	5	5	5	Carmouche K	4.70	

OFF AT 4:35 Start Good For All But MARCONI, BAL HARBOUR. Won driving. Track fast.
TIME :231, :47, 1:112, 1:372, 1:51 (:23.32, :47.08, 1:11.57, 1:37.48, 1:51.01)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:
4 - **VERY ISLAND**..... 4.30 2.80 2.10
1 - **FIRENZE FIRE**..... 3.40 2.20
2 - **MARCONI**..... 2.30

\$1 EXACTA 4-1 PAID \$5.60 50 CENT TRIFECTA 4-1-2 PAID \$6.00 10 CENT SUPERFACTA 4-1-2-5 PAID \$3.67

B. c, (Apr), by Street Sense - Kinda Spicy, by A.P. Indy. Trainer McLaughlin Kiaran P. Bred by Godolphin (Ky).
AVERY ISLAND coaxed from the gate, raced forwardly placed inside with COLTANDMISSISSIPPI latched on to the outside, had that rival take command nearing the seven-eighths and allowed that foe to go by to tip out to the three path into the backstretch, attended the leader three then two wide into the far turn beginning to advance outside to get on near even terms three furlongs from home, took over command and got placed to coaxing with five-sixteenths to go, spun just off the inside for home, edged away to the eighth pole, drifting slightly under a near sided stick at that station and again a sixteenth out, saw some of his margin cut into while holding well to the finish. FIRENZE FIRE broke out at the start taking over the lane of MARCONI and forcing that rival to be briefly taken in hand, raced inside through the first turn before tracking the leader from the two path down the backstretch, remained patiently handled through the far turn just off the top pair, came under coaxing nearing the quarter pole as the top rival was shaking away, got set down angled three wide into upper stretch, offered up a mild kick to cut into the winner's margin slightly while chasing him home in tandem with MARCONI latched on to the outside. MARCONI off half a beat slow, was forced to be taken in hand as the aforementioned rival broke outwards and took over the lane in front, got a bit outrun in the early going growing detached just off the inside at the tail of the field into the backstretch, closed the gap to striking range with five furlongs to go given some rein to do so, came under coaxing slipping three wide at the three-eighths as BAL HARBOUR floated to the scenic route, swung four wide at the quarter pole, offered up a mild kick to latch on FIRENZE FIRE and finish as a team with that rival, chasing the winner home while well clear of the rest for the show honors. COLTANDMISSISSIPPI hustled from the gate, raced just off the inside forwardly placed into the first turn advancing to take command with seven furlongs remaining, shook away briefly into the backstretch and showed the way settling in hand just off the inside into a comfortable rhythm through solid splits, had AVERY ISLAND advance into the far turn and tucked inside awaiting the challenge, came under urging three furlongs from home under direct pressure for the initial time, yielded the front five-sixteenths out, cornered just off the inside into upper stretch shaken off and faltered in the drive. BAL HARBOUR hit the off side stall at the start, chased just off the inside through the opening bend before taking to the four path down the backstretch, tucked three wide with half a mile to run, came under urging at the seven-sixteenths, floated four wide at the three-eighths opening a seam for MARCONI to slip by inadvertently, went three wide into upper stretch and tired.

Owners- 1, Godolphin LLC; 2, Mr Amore Stable; 3, Bridlewood Farm Magnier Mrs John Smith Derrick and Tabor Michael B; 4, Teresa Viola Racing Stables and St Elias Stable; 5, Red Oak Stable (Brunetti)

Trainers- 1, McLaughlin Kiaran P; 2, Servis Jason; 3, Pletcher Todd A; 4, Pletcher Todd A; 5, Pletcher Todd A

Scratched- California Night (10Dec17 3Aqu1)

\$1 Daily Double (1-4) Paid \$22.10; Daily Double Pool \$74,447.
\$1 Pick Three (5-1-4) Paid \$96.75; Pick Three Pool \$30,001.
\$1 Grand Slam (1/2/6-1/3/5-1/2/4/6-4/6) Paid \$16.20; Grand Slam Pool \$31,254.
\$1 Consolation Pick 3 (5-2-4) Paid \$10.60.