TENTH RACE

Belmont

MAY 28, 2012

1 MILE. (1.32[1]) 119TH RUNNING OF THE METROPOLITAN HANDICAP. Grade I. Purse $750,000 A HANDICAP FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD.

Value of Race: $750,000 Winner $450,000; second $150,000; third $75,000; fourth $37,500; fifth $22,500; sixth $15,000. Mutuel Pool $879,027.00 Exacta Pool $504,712.00 Trifecta Pool $269,195.00 Superfecta Pool $114,674.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
5May12 7CD[1]	Shackleford	L	4	119	2	1	1½	11½	11	12	1no	Velazquez J R	3.40
7Apr12 10Aqu[2]	Caleb's Posse	L	4	121	3	6	6	6	6	3½	23	Maragh R	1.95
28Apr12 9Bel[1]	To Honor and Serve	L	4	120	1	4	2½	3½	2hd	2½	35	Lezcano J	1.65
14Apr12 12CT[1]	Caixa Eletronica	L b	7	117	5	3	54	55	3½	4hd	4½	Castellano J J	18.20
7Apr12 10Aqu[1]	Jackson Bend	L	5	121	6	2	31½	2hd	41	55	515¾	Nakatani C S	6.40
19May12 9Bel[1]	Saginaw	L b	6	118	4	5	42	42	51½	6	6	Cohen D	13.40

OFF AT 5:48 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :22[3], :44[3], 1:08[2], 1:33[1] (:22.77, :44.73, 1:08.52, 1:33.30)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

2 – SHACKLEFORD	8.80	4.80	3.10
3 – CALEB'S POSSE		3.70	2.50
1 – TO HONOR AND SERVE			2.30

$2 EXACTA 2–3 PAID $30.20 $2 TRIFECTA 2–3–1 PAID $59.00

$2 SUPERFECTA 2–3–1–5 PAID $324.00

Ch. c, (Feb), by Forestry – Oatsee, by Unbridled. Trainer Romans Dale. Bred by Mike Lauffer & Bill Cubbedge (Ky).

SHACKLEFORD came away in good order, was guided over towards the inside, but took up residence from a slight distance from off the rail, cut the pace with JACKSON BEND in close attendance from the two path and TO HONOR AND SERVE making his presence felt from the pocket, continued on the front end during the run around the bend, under some coaxing by this stage, led a tightly-bunched group into the stretch and got cut loose, drew out to his biggest advantage during the ensuing furlong, but with CALEB'S POSSE full of run and bearing down hard, was given six hard shots from the left side and steadily drifted out towards the middle of the strip after each one, had the runner up draw alongside in deep stretch, but showed all heart to stave off that one's stiff challenge and preserve the decision. CALEB'S POSSE lagged behind for just over a half, was set down coming to the three-eighths pole and picked up interest instantly to close the gap, spun three wide into the stretch, continued onward having lost none of his momentum, drew abreast of the errant winner, inched his way up, but got denied. TO HONOR AND SERVE was taken in hand briefly as the top one was settling closer to the rail, tracked the pacesetter from the pocket, while sitting in somewhat tight quarters, was eased back slightly nearing the end of the backstretch for better breathing room, stayed within range around the turn, paused from a slight distance off the winner approaching the quarter pole, went a few strides down the stretch before altering course outward in the vicinity of the three-sixteenths pole, failed to fire when called upon, then inexplicably shadowed the top one to the outside in the late stages. CAIXA ELETRONICA was taken in hand off heels just before reaching the backstretch, raced from off the inside, unleashed a four wide burst from the three-eighths pole, but could not sustain the move after entering the stretch. JACKSON BEND attended the pacesetter from the outside, got asked for a response by the five-sixteenths pole, backed away after going on a little father, then drifted inward in upper stretch while tiring. SAGINAW underwent a three wide pursuit, folded.

Owners– 1, Lauffer Michael Cubbedge WD and Phillps Racing Partnership; 2, McNeill Stables and Cheyenne Stables LLC; 3, Live Oak Plantation; 4, Repole Stable; 5, LaPenta Robert V and Brei Fred J; 6, Drawing Away Stable and Jacobson David

Trainers– 1, Romans Dale; 2, Von Hemel Donnie K; 3, Mott William I; 4, Pletcher Todd A; 5, Zito Nicholas P; 6, Jacobson David

$2 Daily Double (1–2) Paid $35.60 ; Daily Double Pool $161,705 .
$2 Pick Three (4–1–2) Paid $123.50 ; Pick Three Pool $225,642 .
$2 Pick Four (1–4–1–2) Paid $993.00 ; Pick Four Pool $776,389 .

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