

1 MILE. ( Turf ) ( 1.31<sup>3</sup> ) 32ND RUNNING OF THE POKER. Grade III. Purse \$300,000 FOR FOUR-YEAR- OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$300 each which should accompany the nomination; \$1,500 to pass the entry box and an additional \$1,500 to start. A supplemental nomination fee of \$3,000 (in addition to the entry and starting fees) can be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. The purse to be divided 60% to the owner of the the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% divided equally amongst the remaining finishers. Weights, 124 lbs. Non-winners of \$120,000 twice 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 2016-17 allowed 6 lbs.; of two races other than maiden,claiming or starter at a mile or over in 2017 allowed 8 lbs. Atrophy will be presented to the winning owner. The New York Racing Association reserves the right to transfer this race to the Main Track. In the event that this race is taken off the turf it may be subject to downgrading upon review by the Graded Stakes Committee. Closed Saturday, June 3, 2017 with 29 Nominations. (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at One Mile on the main track.) (Rail at 9 feet).

**EIGHTH RACE**  
**Belmont**  
JUNE 18, 2017

Value of Race: \$294,000 Winner \$180,000; second \$60,000; third \$30,000; fourth \$15,000; fifth \$9,000. Mutuel Pool \$327,833.00 Exacta Pool \$160,348.00 Trifecta Pool \$83,993.00 Superfecta Pool \$33,376.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1	
6May17 11CD7	Ballagh Rocks	L	b	4	116	3	4	21	21	1 1/2	12	1nk	Lezcano J	3.10
20May17 12Pim2	Projected-GB	L		5	118	2	3	3 1/2	32	33	21	24	Rosario J	1.10
4May17 3Bel2	Night Prowler	L		5	116	1	1	5	5	5	42	3 3/4	Ortiz I Jr	4.10
20May17 12Pim4	Catapult	L	b	4	120	5	2	1 1/2	14 1/2	21	32	45 1/4	Ortiz J L	3.45
10May17 1BOR1	Bolting	L		4	116	4	5	4 1/2	42	4 1/2	5	5	Maragh R	15.70

**OFF AT 5:23 Start Good For All But BOLTING. Won driving. Course yielding.**

**TIME :23, :46, 1:10<sup>1</sup>, 1:34<sup>4</sup> ( :23.03, :46.12, 1:10.35, 1:34.98 )**

**\$2 Mutuel Prices:**

3 -BALLAGH ROCKS.....	8.20	3.20	2.30
2 -PROJECTED-GB.....		2.60	2.10
1 -NIGHT PROWLER.....			2.40

**\$2 EXACTA 3-2 PAID \$22.00 \$2 TRIFECTA 3-2-1 PAID \$49.60 \$2 SUPERFACTA 3-2-1-6 PAID \$77.00**

**B. c, (May), by Stormy Atlantic - Bells Are Ringing , by Sadler's Wells . Trainer Mott William I. Bred by Turner Breeders LLC (Ky).**

BALLAGH ROCKS took up the role of primary pursuer after springing from the gate, unleashed a three wide run after making it off the backstretch, teaming up with the runner up as they chopped away the deficit, got the jump on that opponent after it came under some trouble at the five-sixteenths marker, struck the front by the top of the lane, went about to the finish line in errant fashion, being as wide as the five path at one juncture, and then as near the rail as the right border of the inside route, dug in late to stay in the clear. PROJECTED (GB) kept watch on the leader from along the inside route, quickened soon after stepping off the backstretch and began to readily cut into the gap, with the winner likewise doing, only out in path three, got checked, temporarily put in tight off the leader's heels in the vicinity of the five-sixteenths pole, briefly lost both ground and momentum, bided time for the last few jumps leading up to the quarter pole before getting tipped to the outside, spun wider and wider heading home, winding up drafting behind the top one all the while during the early going of the stretch drive, with the one to catch himself taking a somewhat erratic course, was already altering to the inside prior to getting induced to remain at the task, only to go about it much more rapidly, past the sixteenth pole, as BALLAGH ROCKS shifted to the inside himself, rubbed shoulders with that opponent in the shadow of the wire while falling short. NIGHT PROWLER rode the rail to midpoint on the turn, got angled approximately six wide into the stretch, proved no match. CATAPULT quickly established control, inched his way into the three path proceeding along the backstretch while at the same time spurting away from the others, was worked over towards the rail in a steadfast manner during the run around the full turn, came under heavy pressure as he got put to a drive cutting the corner into the stretch, relinquished and backed away. BOLTING came away the tardiest after lunging at the start, appeared headstrong afterwards, rushing up to rejoin the others, cut over to the rail approaching the conclusion of the backstretch, fanned out into path four from upper to midlane, had no response. Following a Stewards' Inquiry focusing on the stretch drive, the result was allowed to stand and the race was declared official.

**Owners-** 1, Donegal Racing; 2, Juddmonte Farms Inc; 3, Pompa Paul P Jr; 4, Woodford Racing LLC; 5, Flaxman Holdings Ltd

**Trainers-** 1, Mott William I; 2, Brown Chad C; 3, Brown Chad C; 4, Brown Chad C; 5, Graffard Francis - Henri

**Scratched-** Weekend Hideaway ( 29May17 8Bel1 ) , Lubash ( 29May17 9Bel3 )

**\$2 Pick Three (7-8-3) Paid \$130.50 ; Pick Three Pool \$50,343 .**

**\$2 Daily Double (8-3) Paid \$14.00 ; Daily Double Pool \$48,559 .**