

EIGHTH RACE
Oaklawn
MARCH 18, 2017

1^{1/16} MILES. (1.40¹) 9TH RUNNING OF THE ESSEX HANDICAP. Purse \$250,000 FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. No nomination fee. \$1,000 to pass the entry box and \$1,500 additional to start, with \$250,000 Guaranteed of which 60% to the Owner of the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% to be divided equally between remaining starters. Weights to be announced Sunday, March 12, 2017. In Handicap Stakes starting preference will be given to high weights. Starters to be named through the entry box by the usual time of closing. The Owner of the winner to receive a trophy. Closed Friday, March 10, 2017 with 36 nominees.

Value of Race: \$250,000 Winner \$150,000; second \$50,000; third \$25,000; fourth \$12,500; fifth \$7,500; sixth \$2,500; seventh \$2,500. Mutuel Pool \$465,595.00 Exacta Pool \$203,332.00 Trifecta Pool \$118,644.00 Superfecta Pool \$65,353.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1	
4Feb17 8SA ²	Mor Spirit	L	b	4	121	2	3	2½	2½	21	1 ^{hd}	12½	Smith M E	0.50
20Feb17 70P ³	Domain's Rap	L	f	9	116	6	1	55½	55½	53	42½	2 ^{no}	Vazquez R A	15.50
28Jan17 5GP ³	Madefromlucky	L		5	117	7	2	33	33	31½	22	32¼	Castellano J J	4.80
25Feb17 8FG ³	Dazzling Gem	L		4	116	3	6	41	41½	41½	3½	43¼	Bridgmohan S X	10.30
26Feb17 80P ¹	Secret Passage	L		4	117	5	5	7	7	7	7	51¼	Rocco J S Jr	27.40
20Feb17 80P ¹	Shotgun Cowboy	L	f	5	117	1	4	1 ^{hd}	1½	1 ^{hd}	54	63¾	Birzer A E	5.80
4Feb17 8SA ⁶	Dalmore	L		4	118	4	7	6 ^{hd}	6¾	6½	7		Espinoza V	18.20

OFF AT 4:58 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :232, :46³, 1:104, 1:352, 1:41³ (:23.48, :46.63, 1:10.81, 1:35.44, 1:41.62)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

2 –MOR SPIRIT.....	3.00	2.80	2.40
7 –DOMAIN'S RAP.....		6.40	3.20
8 –MADEFROMLUCKY.....			3.00

\$1 EXACTA 2-7 PAID \$17.10 50 CENT TRIFECTA 2-7-8

PAID \$27.65 10 CENT SUPERFACTA 2-7-8-3 PAID \$22.40

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 pressed the leader from the outside in the two path, put a head in front turning for home, drove steadily clear under pressure. DOMAIN'S RAP broke on top, took back to be unhurried while racing off the inside early, two path far turn, tilted out to be four wide into the lane, rallied outside and was up late for the place. MADEFROMLUCKY away in good order, prompted the pace in the three path, continued to apply pressure into the far turn, lodged a brief bid three wide exiting the final bend, could not match the winner to the wire, nipped in the final strides for the place. DAZZLING GEM broke out, moved up to be closest to the first flight soon after the start while off the inside, ranged up into prominence in the four path turning for home, failed to sustain that advance through the stretch to flatten out. SECRET PASSAGE void of speed, trailed in the two path, picked up a couple of tiring rivals while never a threat. SHOTGUN KOWBOY moved up the inside to take command along the inside into the first turn, set a legitimate pace up the backstretch and into the far turn, began to weaken when headed by the winner a quarter out, continued to falter in the drive. DALMORE shuffled back at the start, raced well back, swung four wide into the lane, failed to make an impact in the drive.

Owners- 1, Peterson Michael L; 2, Caldwell Danny R; 3, Cheyenne Stables LLC and Nichol Mac; 4, Steve Landers Racing LLC; 5, Pin Oak Stable; 6, Trout C R; 7, Big Chief Racing LLC Head of Plains Partners LLC Rocker O Ranch LLC et al

Trainers- 1, Baffert Bob; 2, Villafranco Federico; 3, Pletcher Todd A; 4, Cox Brad H; 5, Von Hemel Donnie K; 6, Trout C R; 7, Desormeaux J Keith

Scratched- Fear the Cowboy (25Feb17⁷Hou²)

50 CENT Pick Three (9-7-2/6) Paid \$773.75 ; Pick Three Pool \$56,735.