

# NINTH RACE Belmont at the Big A

MAY 4, 2024

**6 FURLONGS. ( Turf ) ELUSIVE QUALITY S. Purse \$150,000 OUTER TURF FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Lasix not allowed within 48 hours of post time pursuant to HISA Rule 4212. By subscription of \$150 each which should accompany the nomination; \$750 to pass the entry box and an additional \$750 to start. For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental payment of \$750 in addition to the entry and starting fees may be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. The purse to be divided 55% to the owner of the winner, 20% to second, 12% to third, 6% to fourth, 4% to fifth and 3% divided equally amongst the remaining finishers. Weight 124 lbs. Non-winners of a Graded sweepstakes in 2023-24 allowed 2 lbs.; of a sweepstake in 2023-24 other than State-bred allowed 4 lbs.; of two races other than maiden, claiming, starter or state bred allowance in 2024 allowed 6 lbs. The New York Racing Association reserves the right to transfer this race to the main track. A presentation will be made to the winning owner. Closed Saturday, April 20, 2024 with 22 Nominations. (Rail at 12 feet).**

**Value of Race: \$150,000 Winner \$82,500; second \$30,000; third \$18,000; fourth \$9,000; fifth \$6,000; sixth \$1,125; seventh \$1,125; eighth \$1,125; ninth \$1,125. Mutuel Pool \$403,086.00 Exacta Pool \$267,646.00 Superfecta Pool \$81,196.00 Trifecta Pool \$147,940.00**

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A. Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1	
9Mar24 7SA <sup>2</sup>	Dancing Buck	6	118	5	1	1½	1½	11½	11¼	Franco M	3.25	
9Feb24 2Aqu <sup>1</sup>	American Monarch	6	118	6	4	5½	6½	4½	2½	Lezcano J	4.00	
18Nov23 9Aqu <sup>3</sup>	Alogon	5	122	7	2	62½	4hd	2½	31½	Carmouche K	8.40	
7Oct23 6BAQ <sup>9</sup>	Yes and Yes	8	118	1	7	4hd	51	52	4½	Gomez J A	41.75	
18Nov23 9Aqu <sup>8</sup>	Thin White Duke	6	122	9	5	8 <sup>3</sup>	8 <sup>2</sup>	6½	5½	McCarthy T	19.70	
27Jan24 9OP <sup>6</sup>	Durante	5	124	8	3	31	2hd	3hd	6nk	Castillo I	29.00	
18Nov23 9Aqu <sup>1</sup>	Nothing Better	b	7	122	4	9	9	9	7¾	Davis D	2.10	
6Apr24 9Kee <sup>4</sup>	Our Shot	b	5	118	2	8	7hd	7hd	8hd	82¾	Maragh R R	4.30
20Apr24 8Aqu <sup>5</sup>	Bring Me a Check	bf	7	118	3	6	2hd	31	7hd	9	Cancel E	22.00

**OFF AT 5:12 Start Good For All But NOTHING BETTER. Won driving. Course firm.**

**TIME :22<sup>2</sup>, :44<sup>3</sup>, :55<sup>4</sup>, 1:07<sup>2</sup> ( :22.40, :44.60, :55.89, 1:07.58 )**

**\$2 Mutuel Prices:**

5 – DANCING BUCK	8.50	4.50	3.50
6 – AMERICAN MONARCH		4.90	3.50
7 – ALOGON			5.30

**\$1 EXACTA 5-6 PAID \$29.50 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 5-6-7-1  
PAID \$172.65 50 CENT TRIFECTA 5-6-7 PAID \$73.37**

**Dk. b or br. g, (Feb), by War Dancer – Frivolous Buck, by Catienus. Trainer Nevin Michelle. Bred by J & N Stables LLC (NY).**

DANCING BUCK vied for the lead on the inside and made a bid leaving the bend to shake clear, then responded well to remain clear to prove best. AMERICAN MONARCH was rated along and was between rivals on the turn, swung out five wide leaving the bend and finished well to gain the place award. ALOGON was between rivals early, then settled and shifted out and ranged up four wide off the turn to make a bid but hung in the final sixteenth. YES AND YES tracked the pace along the inside and lacked the needed kick in the lane. THIN WHITE DUKE was reserved early, three wide on the turn, came wide into the lane and had a belated rally on the outside. DURANTE pressed the early pace three wide and then vied for the lead three wide on the turn but faded in the drive. NOTHING BETTER reared up moments before the gated open and was at least ten lengths last, then saved ground on the turn and was not a threat. OUR SHOT shut off after the start, reserved on the inside, eased out on the turn and swung out seven wide leaving the bend and had no rally. BRING ME A CHECK pressed the pace two wide and in between rivals then weakened.

**Owners**–1, J and N Stables and Diamond M Stable; 2, Rutherford Mike G; 3, Matses Charles T; 4, Gleaves Philip A Straus Jr Joseph R and The Estate of Hugh A Fitzsimons Jr; 5, Gleaves Philip A Crist Steven deRegt Ken and Hilliard Bryan; 6, Jacobson David; 7, Colts Neck Stables LLC; 8, Gatsas Stables Schoenfeld Steven and Terranova II John P; 9, Hallas Charles

**Trainers**–1, Nevin Michelle; 2, Mott William I; 3, Allard Edward T; 4, Donk David; 5, Donk David; 6, Jacobson David; 7, Duarte Jorge Jr; 8, Terranova John P II; 9, Reynolds Patrick L

**\$1 Pick Three (6-1-5) Paid \$159.50; Pick Three Pool \$32,356.  
\$1 Daily Double (1-5) Paid \$21.20; Daily Double Pool \$39,683.**