

# NINTH RACE Churchill

6 FURLONGS. ( 1.07<sup>2</sup> ) LOUISVILLE THOROUGHBRED SOCIETY S. Purse \$300,000  
( includes \$50,000 KTDF – Kentucky TB Devt Fund ) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

Value of Race: \$299,500 Winner \$181,900; second \$59,000; third \$29,500; fourth \$14,750; fifth \$8,850; sixth \$3,000; seventh \$2,500. Mutuel Pool \$329,223.00 Exacta Pool \$170,803.00 Trifecta Pool \$103,984.00 Superfecta Pool \$57,850.00 Super High Five Pool \$69,953.00

| Last Raced                 | Horse                | M/Eqt. | A. Wt | PP  | St | ¼ | ½              | Str | Fin | Jockey         | Odds \$1         |       |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------|-------|-----|----|---|----------------|-----|-----|----------------|------------------|-------|
| 21Jly24 8EIP <sup>3</sup>  | Happy Is a Choice    | b      | 4     | 121 | 4  | 5 | 4hd            | 31  | 1nk | Vazquez R A    | 14.09            |       |
| 27Jly24 6Sar <sup>2</sup>  | Skelly               | b      | 5     | 123 | 7  | 3 | 11½            | 11½ | 12½ | 21¼            | Santana R Jr     | 1.05  |
| 21Jly24 8EIP <sup>1</sup>  | Here Mi Song         | b      | 6     | 123 | 3  | 2 | 22½            | 2½  | 2hd | 33½            | Morales E        | 9.90  |
| 4Aug24 6Mnr <sup>1</sup>   | Necker Island        |        | 7     | 123 | 6  | 1 | 3½             | 4hd | 41  | 41¾            | Murrill M        | 32.37 |
| 28Aug24 7BtP <sup>3</sup>  | Manny Wah            | b      | 8     | 121 | 5  | 4 | 6 <sup>2</sup> | 62½ | 6½  | 5½             | Hernandez B J Jr | 46.83 |
| 3Aug24 3EIP <sup>1</sup>   | Cyclone Mischief     |        | 4     | 121 | 2  | 7 | 7              | 7   | 7   | 6 <sup>4</sup> | Lanerie C J      | 8.56  |
| 27Jly24 10Dmr <sup>2</sup> | Close the game Sugar | f      | 4     | 123 | 1  | 6 | 5 <sup>1</sup> | 51½ | 51½ | 7              | Ortiz I Jr       | 1.42  |

OFF AT 4:59 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :22, :44<sup>4</sup>, :56<sup>2</sup>, 1:08<sup>4</sup> ( :22.10, :44.99, :56.52, 1:08.97 )

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------|------|------|
| <b>\$2 Mutuel Prices:</b> | 7 – HAPPY IS A CHOICE | 30.18 | 8.08 | 5.74 |
|                           | 10 – SKELLY           |       | 2.86 | 2.38 |
|                           | 6 – HERE MI SONG      |       |      | 4.22 |

**\$2 EXACTA 7-10 PAID \$76.84 50 CENT TRIFECTA 7-10-6  
PAID \$80.61 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 7-10-6-9 PAID  
\$97.91 \$1 SUPER HIGH FIVE 7-10-6-9-8 PAID \$5,480.37**

B. g. ( Mar ), by Runhappy – Fast Alexia , by Afleet Alex . Trainer Ortiz John A. Bred by Builder's Mart Inc ( Ky ).

HAPPY IS A CHOICE pursued from midpack in the four path, fanned to the five path into the lane, rallied to take aim outside of the clear leader in the final furlong, sustained slow progress to offer a late bid and wore him down in the shadow of the wire. SKELLY dictated terms with a loose advantage in the three path around the turn, maintained a clear margin through midstretch, but could not contain an outer challenger in the closing stages and gave in willingly. HERE MI SONG stalked along the inside as the clear leader's closest pursuer into the turn, tipped out to the four path to take aim outside of that one at the five sixteenths pole, chased along with an outer foe through midstretch, shifted in at the sixteenth pole but needed more to complete a bid. NECKER ISLAND chased in the three path and between a pair of rivals around the turn, then lacked a bid. MANNY WAH saved ground off of the pace around the turn, altered course three wide in midstretch and failed to menace. CYCLONE MISCHIEF trailed in the two to three path, shifted to the four path into upper stretch and failed to factor. CLOSE THE GAME SUGAR pursued from midpack along the inside, lacked a bid and faded through the lane.

**Owners**– 1, Hooties Racing LLC WSS Racing LLC and 4G Racing LLC; 2, Red Lane Thoroughbreds LLC; 3, Hayden Nathan; 4, The Scherr Boys; 5, Moulton Susan; 6, Albaugh Family Stables LLC and Castleton Lyons; 7, Rice Adam and Sugar Diaz LLC

**Trainers**– 1, Ortiz John A; 2, Asmussen Steven M; 3, Stinson William Jr; 4, Hartman Chris A; 5, Ennis John; 6, Romans Dale; 7, Rice Adam

**Scratched**– Gulfstream Way ( 12Sep24 7CD ), My Buddy B ( 24Aug24 7Prx1 ), Disco Ball ( 22Aug24 8Sar1 )

**\$1 Daily Double (3-7) Paid \$154.81 ; Daily Double Pool \$51,288 .  
50 CENT Pick Three (1-3-7) Paid \$862.36 ; Pick Three Pool \$39,840 .**