

EIGHTH RACE
Charles Town
SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

4 1/2 FURLONGS. (.50) HENRY MERCER MEMORIAL S. Purse \$75,000 (plus \$1,300 Other Sources) FOR REGISTERED ACCREDITED WEST VIRGINIA BRED TWO YEAR OLDS. \$50 nominations close Wednesday, September 11, 2024. \$50 to enter with a purse of \$75,000 Added. Entries close Wednesday, September 18, 2024 by the usual time of closing. The added monies and all fees to be divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth, and 3% to fifth. Weight: 120 lbs. Field will be limited to ten starters with up to four alternates. Preference to those horses having accumulated the highest career earnings at the time of closing of entries. Trophy to the winning owner.

Value of Race: \$76,300 Winner \$45,780; second \$15,260; third \$8,393; fourth \$4,578; fifth \$2,289. Mutuel Pool \$128,140.00 Exacta Pool \$45,418.00 Trifecta Pool \$45,133.00 Superfecta Pool \$53,291.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A. Wt	PP	St	1/4	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1
12Sep24 5CT3	Im the Director	L f	2 122	4	2	11	1 1/2	1 1/2	Mendez M	6.20
13Sep24 3CT1	Annapolis Road	L	2 120	7	1	2hd	22	26 1/4	Bocachica A	0.20
9Aug24 3CT1	Juba's Heart	L b	2 120	1	7	4hd	34	3 1/2	Cruz A	13.00
30Aug24 1Cn14	This Juice B Loose	L bf	2 120	2	5	53	4 2 1/2	4 3 1/4	Chilo M	5.70
13Sep24 3CT7	Sapphirus	L b	2 122	6	3	6 3 1/2	61	5hd	Thorpe D	69.70
13Sep24 3CT3	Bold Desert	L	2 120	5	6	7	7	6 7 1/4	Schneider J	87.00
13Sep24 3CT5	Forbidden Spirit	L b	2 122	3	4	3 1 1/2	5hd	7	Batista J C	95.10

OFF AT 10:46 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :222, :46, :522 (:22.45, :46.09, :52.40)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

5 – IM THE DIRECTOR	14.40	3.00	2.20
8 – ANNAPOLIS ROAD		2.20	2.20
1 – JUBA'S HEART			3.60

\$1 EXACTA 5-8 PAID \$12.50 \$1 TRIFECTA 5-8-1

PAID \$44.70 \$1 SUPERFACTA 5-8-1-2 PAID \$48.90

Gr/ro. g, (Mar), by Redirect – Cat Thats Grey, by Fiber Sonde. Trainer McKee Cynthia E. Bred by John D McKee (WV).

IM THE DIRECTOR took the lead leaving the chute and set a pressured pace, contested the edge nearest the rail on the turn and was steadily handled to hold off ANNAPOLIS ROAD through the lane. The latter veered out leaving the gate then engaged in close chase through the backstretch, contested at a slim disadvantage off the rail on the turn and finished evenly at the outside girth of the winner. JUBA'S HEART was bumped leaving the gate then gave chase, raced at the rail on the turn then flattened in the lane. THIS JUICE B LOOSE ducked in and made contact with Juba's Heart leaving the gate, gave chase through the backstretch, rounded the turn off the rail and showed little in the lane. SAPPHIRUS ducked in and made contact with BOLD DESERT leaving the gate then gave chase, rounded the turn in the three and four paths and showed little more. The latter was bumped leaving the gate then saved ground. FORBIDDEN SPIRIT ducked in leaving the gate then pressured the pace, dropped back approaching the five sixteenths pole and weakened at the rail on the turn.

Owners– 1, Beau Ridge Farm LLC; 2, Coleswood Farm Inc; 3, Miller James F and Burnsworth Richard; 4, Lucas Anthony and Bageant Gary; 5, Rofe Jean L; 6, Johnson Dewayne C; 7, Clatterbuck Frederick M

Trainers– 1, McKee Cynthia E; 2, Runco Jeff C; 3, Fariior Anthony; 4, Lucas Anthony; 5, Rofe Jean L; 6, Johnson Dewayne C; 7, Clatterbuck Frederick

Scratched– My Father's Son (13Sep24 3CT 6)

\$1 Pick Three (2-6-5) Paid \$204.30 ; Pick Three Pool \$8,390 .
\$2 Daily Double (6-5) Paid \$224.80 ; Daily Double Pool \$8,740 .