

FOURTH RACE

Laurel

DECEMBER 21, 2024

7 FURLONGS. (1.204) HOWARD AND SONDR A BENDER MEMORIALS. Purse \$75,000 FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD. (Registered MD-Bred or MD-Sired) Which have not been permitted Lasix within 48 hours of Post Time. By free subscription. \$375 to pass the entry box, \$375 additional to start with \$75,000 Guaranteed, of which 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 1% to sixth. Weights: Three-Year-Olds, 125 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners of an open Sweepstakes in 2024 allowed 2 lbs.; of a restricted Sweepstakes in 2024, 4 lbs.; non-winners of \$30,000 once in 2024, 6 lbs. (Maiden and claiming races not considered in estimating allowances). Trophy to the owner of the winner. Closed Saturday, December 7, 2024 with 20 nominations.

Value of Race: \$75,000 Winner \$45,000; second \$15,000; third \$7,500; fourth \$4,500; fifth \$2,250; sixth \$750. Mutuel Pool \$110,216.00 Exacta Pool \$107,505.00 Trifecta Pool \$58,626.00 Superfecta Pool \$41,147.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A. Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1	
30Nov24 8Lr12	Celtic Contender		3	123	3	2	1½	22½	1hd	11½	Carrasco V R	1.20
30Nov24 8Lr16	Circle P	b	3	121	4	4	4 1½	42	22	22	Chiappe R	9.10
27Nov24 7Prx4	Witty	b	5	126	7	6	62	61½	5 1½	3½	Rodriguez J	2.50
15Nov24 8Lr14	Brilliant Ice	bf	5	124	2	7	5 1½	52	41	41	Cruz A	6.60
30Nov24 3Lr13	Freeze the Fire	b	4	122	1	5	2½	1½	32	54¼	Villalobos I	34.00
1Nov24 8Lr14	Seven's Eleven	f	4	122	5	1	32	3hd	6½	6no	Sanchez M J	5.60
30Nov24 8Lr14	Play Like a Raven		3	121	6	3	7	7	7	7	Russell S	10.60

OFF AT 1:56 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :231, :463, 1:113, 1:242 (:23.26, :46.62, 1:11.74, 1:24.48)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

3 - CELTIC CONTENDER _____ 4.40 3.00 2.20
4 - CIRCLE P _____ 6.20 4.00
7 - WITTY _____ 3.00

\$1 EXACTA 3-4 PAID \$13.40 \$1 TRIFECTA 3-4-7 PAID \$31.80 \$1 SUPERFECTA 3-4-7-2 PAID \$134.10

Ch. c. (May), by Irish War Cry - Celtic Katie, by Posse. Trainer Smith Hamilton A. Bred by Fred T Lewis DVM (Md).

CELTIC CONTENDER prompt the early leader two deep from the outside, narrow learn between near the quarter pole, dug in deep stretch and proved best under strong encouragement. CIRCLE P rated along from the outside of rivals, made a three wide bid near the quarter pole and kept on gamely to the wire. WITTY unhurried early, advanced four to five wide around the far turn and moved up from the far outside to improve position. BRILLIANT ICE was off a step slow, raced from the inside around the far turn, angled out through the upper stretch and was even with no final bid. FREEZE THE FIRE was off a step slow, rushed up near the rail and faded in the drive. SEVEN'S ELEVEN was under a hard chase two deep early, raced four wide through the far turn and faded. PLAY LIKE A RAVEN trialed early on, saved ground and had no late rally.

Owners- 1, Lewis Family Racing Stable; 2, DeSales 85 LLC; 3, Qatar Racing LLC Detampel Marc and Merryman Elizabeth M; 4, Crystal Park Stables Inc; 5, Pepe Stable and J L M Jacona Stable; 6, The Cottonwood Stable LLC; 7, Wade Maureen and BTR Racing Inc

Trainers- 1, Smith Hamilton A; 2, Stites Flint W; 3, Merryman Elizabeth M; 4, Eubanks Annette M; 5, Magana Jose J; 6, Bailon Nesvil H; 7, Russell Brittany T

**50 CENT Pick Three (3-11-3) Paid \$136.90 ; Pick Three Pool \$4,794 .
 \$1 Daily Double (11-3) Paid \$15.30 ; Daily Double Pool \$9,951 .**

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