

# NINTH RACE Churchill

1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> MILES. ( Turf ) ( 1.39<sup>4</sup> ) ARLINGTON S. Grade III. Purse \$275,000 ( includes\$50,000 KTDF – Kentucky TB Devt Fund ) FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD.

MAY 31, 2025

Value of Race:\$273,500 Winner \$168,105;second \$54,550;third \$27,275;fourth \$13,638;fifth \$6,682;sixth \$3,250. Mutuel Pool \$656,25200 Exacta Pool \$428,154.00 Trifecta Pool \$193,317.00 Superfecta Pool \$111,381.00 Super High Five Pool \$41,831.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A. Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1	
3May25 11CD2	Mercante	bf	5	118	6	2	21½	2½	21	1hd	1nk	Ramos J D	3.45
1May25 10CD1	Brilliant Berti		4	120	7	3	11	11½	1hd	22	2½	Hernandez B J Jr	1.91
1May25 10CD2	Lagynos		4	120	3	5	62	62	53	3hd	3½	Prat F	6.27
29Apr25 8CD2	Event Detail	b	5	118	1	6	3½	31	42	42½	45¾	Rosario J	19.98
3May25 11CD9	Gigante	b	5	118	2	7	7	7	6	6	5hd	Ortiz J L	12.09
11Apr25 9Kee7	Silent Heart	b	4	118	5	1	41	42	31	52½	6	Saez L	6.20
29Apr25 8CD1	Call Protection		4	118	4	4	51½	51½	—	—	—	Ortiz I Jr	3.09

OFF AT 4:56 Start Good For All But GIGANTE. Won driving. Course firm.

TIME :24<sup>2</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, :48<sup>2</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, 1:11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>3</sub>, 1:34<sup>3</sup>/<sub>3</sub>, 1:40<sup>3</sup>/<sub>3</sub> ( :24.43, :48.42, 1:11.72, 1:34.67, 1:40.69 )

**\$2 Mutuel Prices:**  
8 – MERCANTE \_\_\_\_\_ 8.90 4.30 3.16  
9 – BRILLIANT BERTI \_\_\_\_\_ 3.42 2.60  
5 – LAGYNOS \_\_\_\_\_ 2.94

**\$2 EXACTA 8-9 PAID \$23.58 50 CENT TRIFECTA 8-9-5**

**PAID \$23.18 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 8-9-5-1 PAID**

**\$36.62 \$1 SUPER HIGH FIVE 8-9-5-1-3 PAID \$1,069.60**

Dk. b or br. g, (Apr), by Gun Runner – Caressing, by Honour and Glory. Trainer Knippenberg Brian. Bred by CFP Thoroughbreds LLC (Ky).

MERCANTE stalked two wide, vied around the far turn, wrestled a narrow advantage entering the lane, battled with his inner game counterpart through the final furlong and held firm. BRILLIANT BERTI moved forward to show the way along the inside into the first turn, vied with an outer bidder around the far turn, got subtly headed by that one entering the lane, dug in and dueled through upper stretch, fought on doggedly to sustain the battle through the final furlong but was fended off. LAGYNOS bumped with an inner rival at the start, settled well back along the inside, then in the two path around the far turn, picked up stride while swinging out to the five path entering the lane, rallied to gradually close in on the top pair through the final furlong but needed more. EVENT DETAIL tracked along the inside, chased in the two to three path and along with an outer foe into the final furlong and ran on evenly. GIGANTE bumped with an outer rival while put to tight quarters between horses at the start, trailed along the inside and made little impact. SILENT HEART tracked three path, crept into striking range three wide into the far turn, but lacked further progress and weakened between rivals in upper stretch. CALL PROTECTION laid off of the pace along the inside, but went wrong passing the half mile pole, was pulled up and transported off of the track in an equine ambulance.

**Owners**– 1, Pollard Carl F; 2, Klein Racing; 3, HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud; 4, OXO Equine LLC; 5, L and N Racing LLC and Brewster Clark O; 6, Hamilton Terry and Koo canusa Ventures; 7, Wycoff Jordan V

**Trainers**– 1, Knippenberg Brian; 2, DeVaux Cherie; 3, Asmussen Steven M; 4, Walden William; 5, Asmussen Steven M; 6, Lynch Brian A; 7, Maker Michael J

**Scratched**– Cameo Performance ( 03May25 11CD 8 ), Herchee ( 24Apr25 7Kee1 )

**\$1 Daily Double (3-8) Paid \$67.39 ; Daily Double Pool \$77,952 .**

**50 CENT Pick Three (6-3-8) Paid \$201.79 ; Pick Three Pool \$131,694 .**