

1 1/8 MILES. (147) 106TH RUNNING OF THE EXCELSIOR. Grade III. Purse \$150,000 FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$150 each which should accompany the nominations; \$750 to pass the entry box and an additional \$750 to start. For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental nomination payment of \$1,500 (along with the entry and starting fees) may be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. The purse to be divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% divided equally among the remaining finishers. Weight, 123 lbs. Non-winners of \$90,000 at a mile or over in 2017-18 allowed 2 lbs.; of a Graded Sweepstake at a mile or over since September 1, 2017 allowed 4 lbs.; of \$60,000 other than state-bred stake in 2018 or two races other than state-bred in 2018 allowed 6 lbs.; of a race in 2018 other than state-bred allowed 8 lbs. (Maiden, claiming and starter races not considered). A Trophy will be presented to the winning owner. Closed Saturday, March 24, 2018 with 15 Nominations.

SEVENTH RACE
Aqueduct
APRIL 7, 2018

Value of Race: \$150,000 Winner \$90,000; third \$30,000; fourth \$7,500; fifth \$4,500; sixth \$1,500; seventh \$1,500. Mutuel Pool \$492,931.00 Exacta Pool \$293,310.00 Trifecta Pool \$151,724.00 Superfecta Pool \$72,277.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1	
17Mar18 7Lr13	Discreet Lover	L	b	5	115	2	6	7	7	62	41	12 1/2	Franco M	7.80
17Mar18 7Lr12	Zanotti	L	b	5	115	3	2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1hd	2nk	Lopez P	2.95
31Mar18 7Aqu4	Harlan Punch	L	bf	5	123	5	7	3hd	32	31	2hd	32	Davis D	3.35
10Mar18 7Aqu2	Backsideofthemoon	L	b	6	119	1	3	4 1/2	4 1/2	42	56	4 3/4	McCarthy T	9.70
31Mar18 5Aqu1	Control Group	L	b	4	123	7	1	2 1/2	2hd	2hd	3 1/2	57 1/4	Carmouche K	2.25
3Mar18 5Aqu1	Wild About Deb	L		5	117	4	4	6 1 1/2	5 1/2	7	6 1 1/2	68	Velazquez J R	5.40
17Mar18 7Lr14	Admiral Blue	L	b	5	117	6	5	5 1/2	62	5 1/2	7	7	Alvarado J	22.00

OFF AT 4:12 Start Good For All But DISCREET LOVER. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :24, :48³, 1:12³, 1:37⁴, 1:50² (:24.81, :48.72, 1:12.70, 1:37.83, 1:50.45)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

2 - DISCREET LOVER.....	17.60	8.80	4.60
3 - ZANOTTI.....		4.70	2.90
5 - HARLAN PUNCH.....			3.80

**\$1 EXACTA 2-3 PAID \$33.25 50 CENT TRIFECTA 2-3-5
PAID \$61.00 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 2-3-5-1 PAID \$45.00**

B. h, (Feb), by Repent - Discreet Chat, by Discreet Cat. Trainer St Lewis Uriah. Bred by Woodford Thoroughbreds (Fla).

DISCREET LOVER stumbled at the start pecking the ground and conceding two to three lengths to the front, settled two to three wide at the tail of the field, remained patiently handled just off the inside into the far turn until put to coaxing three furlongs from home, swung five wide into upper stretch before tipping out to the six path straightened away, rallied to collar an embattled trio a sixteenth from home, then edged away to the finish kept busy to the wire. ZANOTTI forwardly placed inside into the first turn under some rating, took to the two path midway on the bend while holding slight command, showed the way from the three path down the backstretch through sensible splits under some pressure from the presence of a pair to the outside, remained patiently handled tucking inside half a mile from home, came under coaxing under challenge nearing the quarter pole, swung three wide into upper stretch confronted by a pair, dug in determined fending off the threat and repelling the pair but was collared a sixteenth from home by the aforementioned foe, couldn't match that one late while running on to preserve the place honors. HARLAN PUNCH four to five wide through the opening bend, pulled his way despite a snug hold to settle in the five path down the backstretch stacked outside the top pair, remained rated until tucked three wide into the far turn, came under light coaxing midway on the turn, swung five wide into upper stretch, dug in under a drive to be on near even terms for command a furlong from home, got overtaken in tandem nearing the sixteenth marker, then kept on safe for the show honors. BACKSIDE OF THE MOON tracked the pace just off the inside in mid pack, came under coaxing at the five-sixteenths in behind the top trio nearing the quarter pole, angled four wide into upper stretch, dug in under a drive unable to reel in the top trio through the stretch getting outkicked while staying on for the last major share. CONTROL GROUP three wide into the first turn, raced four wide forwardly placed between foes down the backstretch latched on to the leader, tucked to the two path half a mile from home, came under coaxing with three furlongs to run, swung four wide into upper stretch, dug in under a drive fighting between rivals to the eighth pole, got shaken off nearing the sixteenth marker and weakened in the late stages. WILD ABOUT DEB just off the inside in pursuit from near the rear, tucked inside half a mile from home, came under coaxing at the seven-sixteenths, cut the corner into upper stretch and tired. ADMIRAL BLUE four wide into the first turn, raced five wide through the opening bend, chased four to five wide coming under a prolonged drive with half a mile to run, swung three wide into upper stretch and tired.

Owners- 1, St Lewis Uriah; 2, Ten Strike Racing; 3, Jacobson David; 4, Lake Lonely Racing; 5, Dubb Michael and Simon David; 6, Lizza Marisa; 7, Blusiewicz Leon J

Trainers- 1, St Lewis Uriah; 2, Guerrero Juan Carlos; 3, Jacobson David; 4, O'Brien Leo; 5, Rodriguez Rudy R; 6, Rodriguez Rudy R; 7, Rodriguez Rudy R

**\$1 Daily Double (6-2) Paid \$32.25 ; Daily Double Pool \$77,097 .
\$1 Pick Three (1-6-2) Paid \$146.00 ; Pick Three Pool \$54,708 .**