

TENTH RACE
Belmont
OCTOBER 20, 2018

1 1/8 MILES. (1.452) EMPIRE CLASSIC H. Purse \$300,000 (plus \$14,850 Starters Bonus) A HANDICAP FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD FOALD IN NEW YORK STATE AND APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE-BRED REGISTRY. By subscription of \$300 each which should accompany the nomination; \$1,500 to pass the entry box and an additional \$1,500 to start. For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental nomination payment of \$3,000 (in addition to the entry and starting fees) can be made at any time prior to the publication of weights. The purse to be divided 55% to the owner of the winner, 20% to second, 12% to third, 6% to fourth, 4% to fifth and 3% divided equally amongst the remaining finishers. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. Closed Saturday, October 6, 2018 with 16 Nominations.

Value of Race: \$314,850 Winner \$173,250; second \$63,000; third \$38,700; fourth \$18,900; fifth \$12,000; sixth \$1,800; seventh \$1,800; eighth \$1,800; ninth \$1,800; tenth \$1,800. Mutuel Pool \$497,911.00 Exacta Pool \$341,576.00 Trifecta Pool \$193,871.00 Superfecta Pool \$102,813.00 Grand Slam Pool \$51,344.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds	\$
20Aug18 8Sar2	Pat On the Back	L	f	4	124	9	5	3 1/2	4 1/2	31	11	11 1/2	Davis D	2.25
20Aug18 8Sar1	Can You Diggitt	L		4	120	4	2	6 1/2	6 1	74	31	21	Alvarado J	5.20
27Sep18 3Bel4	Mr. Buff	L		4	119	10	1	2 1 1/2	2 1 1/2	21	22	3nk	Cohen D	10.00
22Sep18 7Bel3	Wine Not	L	b	5	117	6	3	4hd	5 3 1/2	51	41	4 1/2	Franco M	11.60
20Aug18 8Sar3	Control Group	L	bf	4	122	3	6	7 1/2	7 1	6hd	61	54	Ortiz I Jr	5.90
40ct18 3Bel3	Blugrascats's Smile	L		5	115	1	7	9 1 1/2	9 1	8 1 1/2	82	62 1/2	Luzzi M J	50.00
30Sep18 11RP5	Sea Foam	L		3	118	7	4	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	5 1 1/2	7 1/2	Rosario J	3.70
23Sep18 9Bel10	Hit It Once More	L	b	5	119	8	10	5 2	3 1/2	4 1/2	7 2	8 1 1/2	Maragh R	21.50
24Aug18 3Sar2	Evaluator	L	f	3	116	5	8	10	10	10	10	9 4 1/2	Velazquez J R	8.80
23Jly18 6Sar1	Calculated Risker	L	f	4	117	2	9	8 1/2	8 1/2	9 2 1/2	9 4	10	Castellano J J	26.75

OFF AT 5:23 Start Poor. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :242, :474, 1:12, 1:36³, 1:49³ (:24.46, :47.94, 1:12.03, 1:36.76, 1:49.76)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

10 - PAT ON THE BACK.....	6.50	3.50	2.60
4 - CAN YOU DIGGIT.....		5.30	3.50
11 - MR. BUFF.....			5.90

\$1 EXACTA 10-4 PAID \$14.40 50 CENT TRIFECTA 10-4-11 PAID \$62.12 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 10-4-11-7 PAID \$86.05

Ch. c. (Mar), by Congrats - Accomplished, by Awesome Again. Trainer Englehart Jeremiah C. Bred by Sugar Maple Farm (NY).

PAT ON THE BACK assumed a forward position after stumbling at the start, moved into path three, pressed the issue as the widest of three on the turn, ranged up to challenge coming up to the quarter pole, got let loose stepping into the lane, outfought MR. BUFF during the ensuing furlong to emerge with the top by the start of the final furlong, saw the runner up narrowing in, but dug in well late to stay in the clear. CAN YOU DIGGIT sat within striking distance from path two, swung into path three for entrance into the lane, finished willingly but had to settle for the place. MR. BUFF prompted SEA FOAM from along the outside, undertook the task from path two in between rivals during the run around the bend, took it to the earlier-mentioned opponent prior to spinning into the stretch, slid over to the rail soon afterwards, by this stage tussling for the top matched up with the winner, saw that one take charge but held on well to earn the show. WINE NOT briefly spotted along the inside route, had the rider take hold and ease the mount back to the outside midway on the backstretch, was eventually tipped into path four at the half mile pole, was under a hand ride venturing on the turn, got put to a drive heading home slightly wide, came out from left side stick work in deep stretch, making no headway at the time, then went onward for the last major check. CONTROL GROUP tracked the front runners from along the rail, angled five wide for clearance entering the stretch, wasn't threatening when forced to shy to the outside by WINE NOT inside the sixteenth pole. BLUGRASCAT'S SMILE came away in an awkward manner after throwing his head springing from the start, was two wide stepping onto the turn and sent four wide exiting it, failed to make his presence felt. SEA FOAM broke on top and retained the advantage, cut over to the rail, showed the way being pressed by a pair of opponents to the outside after departing the backstretch, got headed despite being urged prior to settling into upper stretch then steadily backed away. HIT IT ONCE MORE was gradually worked out to the rail down the backstretch, got roused slipping back to the outside past the five-sixteenths marker, had no stretch response and gave way. EVALUATOR sat at the back of the pack taking up the chase, was in path four at the top of the turn, shifted a couple of paths closer to the rail a furlong later, folded. CALCULATED RISKER stumbled at the start, was sighted four wide at the midway point, never made it into a contending position.

Owners- 1, Harold Lerner LLC AWC Stables and Nehoc Stables; 2, Broman Sr Chester and Mary; 3, Broman Sr Chester and Mary; 4, West Point Thoroughbreds; 5, Dubb Michael and Simon David; 6, Paolangeli Francis J; 7, Waterville Lake Stable; 8, Yellow Moon Stable; 9, R and H Stable; 10, MacWilliams Patrick O and Green Leonard C

Trainers- 1, Englehart Jeremiah C; 2, Jerkens James A; 3, Kimmel John C; 4, Weaver George; 5, Rodriguez Rudy R; 6, Baker Charlton; 7, Clement Christophe; 8, Sciacca Gary; 9, Dilger Michael; 10, Handal Raymond

Scratched- Twisted Tom (20Aug18 8Sar5)

\$1 Daily Double (12-10) Paid \$11.20 ; Daily Double Pool \$92,378 .

\$1 Pick Three (4-12-10) Paid \$118.00 ; Pick Three Pool \$52,406 .

50 CENT Pick Four ((X-COUNTRY 9-7-3/11/12-5/10))

Paid \$154.50 ; Pick Four Pool \$12,403 .

