

SEVENTH RACE
Belmont
OCTOBER 9, 2021

1½ MILES. (Turf) (2231) JOE HIRSCH TURF CLASSIC S. Grade I Purse \$500,000 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Non-Lasix Race pursuant to 40432 (7)(e)(5) Lasix not permitted within 48 hours of post time. By subscription of \$500 each which should accompany the nomination; \$3,000 to pass the entry box and an additional \$4,500 to start. For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental nomination payment of \$7,500 (in addition to the entry and starting fees may be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. 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. Three year olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Trophies will be presented to the winning owner, trainer and jockey. The New York Racing Association reserves the right to transfer this race to the Main Track. In the event that this race is taken off the turf, it may be subject to downgrading upon review by the Graded Stakes Committee. Closed Saturday, September 25, 2021 with 20 Nominations. (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at One Mile and One Quarter on the Main Track.).

Value of Race: \$500,000 Winner \$275,000; second \$100,000; third \$60,000; fourth \$30,000; fifth \$20,000; sixth \$7,500; seventh \$7,500. Mutuel Pool \$700,724.00 Exacta Pool \$451,315.00 Trifecta Pool \$275,805.00 Superfecta Pool \$151,952.00

| Last Raced | Horse | M/Eqt. | A. Wt | PP | ¼ | ½ | 1 | 1¼ | Str | Fin | Jockey | Odds \$1 | |
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| 28Aug21 11Sar4 | Rock emperor-Ire | | 5 | 126 | 4 | 6 1½ | 6 1½ | 7 | 4hd | 12 | Castellano JJ | 15.60 | |
| 25Aug21 9Sar1 | Serve the King-GB | | 5 | 126 | 1 | 5 1½ | 4 ½ | 4 1½ | 6 2½ | 5 ½ | Ortiz I Jr | 14.80 | |
| 28Aug21 11Sar1 | Gufu | b | 4 | 126 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 6hd | 1 ½ | 2 ½ | Rosario J | 1.85 | |
| 28Aug21 11Sar6 | Channel Maker | b | 7 | 126 | 6 | 11 ½ | 11 | 1 ½ | 3 ½ | 4hd | Franco M | 6.30 | |
| 11Sep21 9KD2 | Arklow | b | 7 | 126 | 2 | 2 ½ | 2 1 | 2 2 | 2 ½ | 3 ½ | Lezcano J | 3.70 | |
| 28Aug21 11Sar2 | Japan-GB | | 5 | 126 | 7 | 4 ½ | 5 1½ | 5 ½ | 5 1 | 6 2½ | 6 2¼ | Lordan W M | 2.10 |
| 28Aug21 11Sar3 | Cross Border | b | 7 | 126 | 5 | 3 1½ | 3 1 | 3 ½ | 7 | 7 | Saez L | 19.20 | |

OFF AT 3:49 Start Good. Won driving. Course firm.

TIME :242, :492, 1:143, 1:383, 2:024, 2:253 (:24.51, :49.41, 1:14.75, 1:38.62, 2:02.95, 2:25.61)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:
4 - ROCKEMPEROR-IRE _____ 33.20 10.80 5.40
1 - SERVE THE KING-GB _____ 13.00 6.40
3 - GUFU _____ 2.60

\$1 EXACTA 4-1 PAID \$89.25 50 CENT TRIFECTA 4-1-3

PAID \$133.00 10 CENT SUPERFACTA 4-1-3-6 PAID \$151.90

B. h, (Mar), by Holy Roman Emperor-Ire - Motivation-Fr , by Muhtathir-GB . Trainer Brown Chad C. Bred by Haras du Mezeray (Ire).

ROCKEMPEROR (IRE) bumped with a rival at the start, was reserved towards therear in the two path, raced behind foes while still on hold coming to the three-eighths pole then shifted three wide, was asked four wide at the five-sixteenths, rallied five wide into the stretch, closed strongly to get the lead in the vicinity of the three-sixteenths, kicked clear into the final furlong then drifted in and prevailed under steady urging. SERVE THE KING (GB) settled on the inside, moved closer on the far turn, shifted to the two path around the five-sixteenths, came three wide into the stretch, was asked when given room near the three-sixteenths and finished willingly for the place. GUFU bumped with a rival at the start then was in a bit tight, was reserved on the inside at the rear, moved off the hedge with six furlongs to run, made an early four wide rally on the final turn, closed fast to get the lead at the five-sixteenths, came out to the four path turning into upper stretch, lost the lead to the winner around the three-sixteenths, dropped back into the final furlong and weakened but held the show. CHANNEL MAKER went to the front, showed the way on the inside, was asked under threat on the far turn, lost the lead with three furlongs to run, turned into upper stretch under a drive and tired. ARKLOW pulled under tight restraint on the opening straightaway, shifted to the two path on the first turn, stalked the pace on the outside, made a bid at the nine-sixteenths pole, took the lead in the two path with three furlongs to run, was headed passing the five-sixteenths, came under a drive into upper stretch, dropped back into the final furlong and also weakened. JAPAN (GB) was taken in hand early, rounded the opening bend in the two path, was reserved on the outside, advanced three wide in tandem with GUFU to his outside on the final turn, waited briefly behind a foe at the three-eighths then was roused, came four wide into the stretch then had his path taken briefly and failed to respond. CROSS BORDER went three wide on the first turn, was rated on the outside, chased in the two path on the far turn, dropped back at the five-sixteenths and capitulated.

Owners- 1, Madaket Stables LLC Dubb Michael Wonder Stables Kisber Michael E and Caruso Mic; 2, Brant Peter M; 3, Otter Bend Stables LLC; 4, Wachtel Stable Barber Gary R A Hill Stable and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing; 5, Donegal Racing Bulger Joseph and Estate of Peter Coneway; 6, Matsushima Masaaki Magnier Mrs John Tabor Michael B and Smith Derrick; 7, Three Diamonds Farm

Trainers- 1, Brown Chad C; 2, Brown Chad C; 3, Clement Christophe; 4, Mott William I; 5, Cox Brad H; 6, O'Brien Aidan P; 7, Maker Michael J

\$1 Pick Three (5-7-4) Paid \$152.75 ; Pick Three Pool \$182,165 .

\$1 Daily Double (7-4) Paid \$37.25 ; Daily Double Pool \$104,983 .