

SEVENTH RACE Charles Town

APRIL 20, 2024

7 FURLONGS. (1.22³) CONFUCIUS SAY S. Purse \$75,000 (plus\$1,400Other Sources) FOR REGISTERED ACCREDITED WEST VIRGINIA BRED THREE YEARS OLDS AND UPWARD. \$50 nominations close Wednesday, April 10, 2024. \$50 to enter with a purse of \$75,000 Added. Entries close Wednesday, April 17, 2024 by the usual time of closing. The added monies and all fees to be divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth, and 3% to fifth. Weight: Three Years Old 116 lbs.; Older 123 lbs. Field will be limited to ten starters with up to four alternates. Preference to those horses having accumulated the highest 2023-2024 earnings at the time of closing of entries. Trophy to the winning owner.

Value of Race: \$76,400 Winner \$45,840; second \$15,280; third \$8,404; fourth \$4,584; fifth \$2,292. Mutuel Pool \$106,235.00 Exacta Pool \$55,155.00 Trifecta Pool \$44,219.00 Superfecta Pool \$31,609.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/E	q	A.	Wt	PP	St	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1
23Mar24 6CT1	Espresso	L	bf	4	126	2	1	11	1 1/2	11	1nk	Rodriguez V	25.70
30Mar24 7CT2	Social Chic	L	b	6	126	3	4	3 1/2	31	2hd	2 1/4	Cruz A	3.60
30Mar24 7CT1	Muad'dib	L		7	126	8	7	7hd	5hd	4 1/2	3 1/2	Bocachica A	0.60
4Apr24 6CT3	Machen's Ridge	L	b	5	126	6	3	4 1/2	6 1/2	56	41	Araujo D V	132.90
27Mar24 6CT2	Boss E Boogs	L		6	126	7	5	21	2 1/2	3hd	5 5/8	Nunez J M	22.80
30Mar24 7CT6	Candy Invasion	L	b	6	126	1	2	5 1/2	8	7	6hd	Acosta J D	55.00
27Mar24 6CT1	Royal Pain	L		5	126	4	6	6hd	71	61	7	Ho W	24.40
30Mar24 7CT3	No Change	L	b	6	126	5	8	8	4hd	—	—	Mendez M	2.90

OFF AT 10:35 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :24², :48⁴, 1:13², 1:26⁴ (:24.49, :48.88, 1:13.59, 1:26.99)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

2 – ESPRESSO	53.40	19.60	8.20
3 – SOCIAL CHIC		4.40	2.40
9 – MUAD'DIB			2.20

\$1 EXACTA 2-3 PAID \$97.00 \$1 TRIFECTA 2-3-9 PAID \$244.40 \$1 SUPERFECTA 2-3-9-6 PAID \$10,228.60

Gr/ro. g, (Apr), by Juba – Up Close , by Windsor Castle . Trainer Brown Keith A. Bred by Gary Hemp (WV).

ESPRESSO took a quick lead and rated the pace inside, came under pressure leaving the three eighths pole, contested the edge just off the rail on the far turn, lugged in under right hand urging and made contact with SOCIAL CHIC inside the sixteenth pole and held on under steady encouragement. The latter rated close inside on the first turn, bid past the seven sixteenths pole and raced near the rail on the far turn, dug in leaving the turn, was bumped while in tight at the rail just inside the sixteenth pole but never lost stride and finished well. MUAD'DIB raced four wide on the first turn and left the turn outside, started making up ground leaving the half mile pole and raced in range of the lead in the four path on the far turn, dug in to take third near mid-stretch and finished well. MACHEN'S RIDGE raced in the three path the first turn, picked up the chase leaving the seven sixteenths pole, rounded the far turn off the rail and dug in leaving the turn but flattened stride later yards. BOSS E BOOGS angled in and stalked the pace two deep, challenged leaving the three eighths pole, raced close in the three path on the far turn then flattened stride leaving the sixteenth pole. CANDY INVASION saved ground on the first turn, gave chase leaving the three eighths pole then angled out past the five sixteenths pole to avoid a loose rival. ROYAL PAIN settled off the rail the first turn, gave chase leaving the three eighths pole but angled out past the five sixteenths pole to avoid a loose rival and showed little more. NO CHANGE settled off the pace about the three path on the first turn, started his bid past the seven sixteenths pole, was in tight at the five sixteenths then stumbled and lost his rider past the pole. The Stewards reviewed, then dismissed, a claim of foul against the rider of Espresso for interference in the vicinity of the sixteenth pole, lodged by the rider of Social Chic.

Owners– 1, Hemp Gary L; 2, Smart Angle LLP; 3, Raim David M; 4, MM Ovando Stable LLC; 5, Wilhelm Tabitha M; 6, Joy Kevin J; 7, O'Sullivan Farms LLC; 8, Beau Ridge Farm LLC

Trainers– 1, Brown Keith A; 2, Runco Jeff C; 3, Runco Jeff C; 4, Ovando Melvin M; 5, Wilhelm Tabitha M; 6, Joy Kevin J; 7, Johnson Jamey R; 8, McKee Cynthia E

Scratched– Remys Showtime (30Mar24 7CT)

\$2 Daily Double (1-2) Paid \$364.20 ; Daily Double Pool \$13,298 .

\$1 Pick Three (10-1-2) Paid \$1,007.90 ; Pick Three Pool \$8,404 .