

NINTH RACE
Belmont Park
October 20th, 2012

1 1/4 MILES. (1.452) STAKES. Purse \$250,000 *EMPIRE CLASSIC S. FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD FOALING IN NEW YORK STATE AND APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE-BRED REGISTRY.* No nomination fee. \$2,500 to pass the entry box. A supplemental nomination payment of \$5,000 in addition to the entry fee will be accepted at any time prior to entry. All starters including supplemental nominees will receive a \$1,250 rebate. 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 remaining finishers. Three year olds s 121 lbs. Older 124 lbs. Non-winners of a sweepstake twice at a mile or over in 2012 allowed 2 lbs.; a sweepstake at a mile or over in 2012, 4 lbs.; four races, 6 lbs. (Maiden, claiming, starter and restricted allowance races not considered in allowances). A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. Closed Saturday, October 6, 2012 with 20 Original Nominations and 1 Supplement. (Clear 68)

Value of Race: \$250,000 Winner \$150,000; second \$50,000; third \$25,000; fourth \$12,500; fifth \$7,500; sixth \$1,667; seventh \$1,667; eighth \$1,666. Mutuel Pool \$433,022 Pick 3 Pool \$44,724 Daily Double Pool \$68,853 Exacta Pool \$283,817 Superfecta Pool \$103,801 Trifecta Pool \$194,730 Grand Slam Pool \$24,331

Last Raced	# Horse	M/Eqt.	A/S	Wt	PP	St	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$
23Sep12 ³ Bel ²	8 Lunar Victory	L	5H	122	8	5	5 ²	53 ¹ / ₂	2 ³	1hd	11 ¹ / ₄	Alvarado J	0.80
15Sep12 ⁷ Bel ¹	6 Saratoga Snacks	L	3R	115	6	6	1hd	1 ¹	1 ¹	26 ¹ / ₂	26 ¹ / ₂	Dominguez R A	2.60
23Sep12 ³ Bel ⁴	3 Sailmate	L	4C	118	2	7	8	7 ¹ / ₂	5 ¹ / ₂	4 ⁶	3 ¹ / ₂	Rosario J	8.70
23Sep12 ³ Bel ⁵	2 Johannesburg Smile	L f	5H	122	1	4	6 ² / ₂	6 ²	4 ² / ₂	3 ¹ / ₂	4 ¹⁵ / ₂	Velasquez C H	18.30
23Sep12 ³ Bel ³	1A Fiddlers Afleet	L b	6H	120	4	3	4 ¹	3hd	3 ² / ₂	5 ⁵	5 ² / ₃	Castellano J	6.00
04Oct12 ⁵ Bel ²	5 Bigger Is Bettor	L bf	4C	118	5	8	7 ¹ / ₂	8	7hd	6 ⁴	6 ⁹ / ₃	Garcia W A	48.00
05Oct12 ⁶ Bel ³	4 Haldane	L	3F	112	3	2	3 ¹ / ₂	4 ¹ / ₂	8	7 ⁶	7	Ortiz, Jr. I	75.25
13Aug12 ³ Sar ¹	7 Saxophone Len	L	3C	115	7	1	2hd	2hd	6 ²	8	8 ^{DNF}	Lezcano J	31.25

OFF AT 5:16 Start Good For All But BIGGER IS BETTOR. Won driving. Track Good.

TIME :232, :463, 1:11, 1:362, 1:493 (:23.56, :46.61, 1:11.03, 1:36.43, 1:49.70)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

8- LUNAR VICTORY	3.60	2.30	2.10
6- SARATOGA SNACKS		3.00	2.50
3- SAILMATE			2.90

\$2 EXACTA 8-6 PAID \$10.80 \$2 SUPERFACTA 8-6-3-2 PAID \$147.50

\$2 TRIFECTA 8-6-3 PAID \$34.00 \$2 GRAND SLAM 2/4/6-1/6/8-2/6/12-8 PAID \$7.30 4 Correct

Bay Horse, (Apr), by Speightstown - Lunar Colony by A.P. Indy. Trainer Mott I. William. Bred by William Parsons Jr. & David S. Howe(NY).

LUNAR VICTORY three to four wide just off the pace initially mid pack, ranged up to be within striking distance at the five-eighths under his own power, engaged SARATOGA SNACKS just past the midway point on the turn coming under coaxing at the five-sixteenths, widened away from the rest in tandem with that foe to the quarter pole coming on even terms spinning for home, dueled head to head through the stretch taking command narrowly a furlong out, dug in all out to inch away from an equally game foe inside the final sixteenth to prevail. SARATOGA SNACKS set a pressed pace while two to three wide with both SAXOPHONE LEN and HALDANE under coaxing in stark contrast to the reserved hold applied by the rider, shook free of those foes to be confronted by LUNAR VICTORY shortly after, widened away through the latter portion of the turn coming under hand urging at the five-sixteenths, had his main rival spin for home on nearly even terms, dug in fully roused battling head to head through to the furlong grounds, yielded the front at that station, dug in game and stubbornly making his main rival work to inch away through the last sixteenth while well clear of the rest. SAILMATE allowed to settle just off the inside towards the rear, came under a drive at the three-eighths pole, hooked up in a spirited tussle with JOHANNESBURG SMILE from the eighth pole battling head to head with that rival in a good effort to obtain the show while never threatening the top pair. JOHANNESBURG SMILE midpack three wide, came under urging at the half mile pole, progressed to the quarter pole, proved no threat to the top two while battling head to head for the show through the final furlong, lost that fight while well clear of the rest for the last major share. FIDDLERS AFLEET three wide ranging into close range at the five-eighths pole, came under a prolonged drive from the seven-sixteenths, retreated to the quarter pole and weakened. BIGGER IS BETTOR hit the gate at the start conceding four lengths to the front, raced two to three wide towards the rear, came under a long drive from the seven-sixteenths and offered no response. HALDANE pressed the pace inside coming under urging at the nine-sixteenths, faded through the field and tired. SAXOPHONE LEN hustled from the gate to be forwardly placed, pressed the issue urged along, retreated and was eased.

Owners- 8, Juddmonte Farms, Inc. ; 6, August Dawn Farm ; 3, GoldMark Farm, LLC ; 2, Paolangeli Francis J.; 1A, Barber Gary ; 5, Broman, Sr., Chester and Mary ; 4, WellSpring Stables ; 7, Seidman Stables LLC

Trainers- 8, Mott William I.; 6, Sciacca Gary ; 3, Kimmel John C.; 2, Galluscio Dominic G.; 1A, Jacobson David ; 5, Ubillo Rodrigo A.; 4, Galluscio Dominic G.; 7, Hushion Michael E.

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Scratched- Big Business(29Sep12⁴Bel¹)

\$2 Daily Double (12-8) Paid \$86.50; Daily Double Pool \$68,853.

\$2 Pick Three (1-12-8) Paid \$112.50; Pick Three Pool \$44,724.

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