

NINTH RACE
Aqueduct
March 17th, 2012

1¹/₂ MILES. (1.471) STAKES. Purse \$150,000 *EXCELSIOR S. (GRADE III)* INNER DIRT FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. No nomination fee. \$1,500 to pass the entry box. A supplemental nomination fee of \$1,500 in addition to the entry fee 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. Three year olds, 115 lbs. Older 123 lbs. Non-winners of \$90,000 at a mile or over in 2011-2012 allowed 2 lbs.; a graded sweepstake at a mile or over since September, allowed 4 lbs.; \$60,000 since then or \$40,000 in 2011 allowed 6 lbs. (Maiden, claiming, starter and restricted allowance races not considered). A Trophy will be presented to the winning owner. Closed Saturday, March 3, 2012 with 32 Nominations. (Clear 58)

Value of Race: \$150,000 Winner \$90,000; second \$30,000; third \$15,000; fourth \$7,500; fifth \$4,500; sixth \$3,000. Mutuel Pool \$452,314 Pick 3 Pool \$33,072 Daily Double Pool \$58,385 Exacta Pool \$295,590 Superfecta Pool \$62,130 Trifecta Pool \$157,706 Grand Slam Pool \$20,806

Last Raced	#	Horse	M/Eqt.	A/S	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1		
18Feb12	4	Aqu ¹	5	Marilyn's Guy	L b	6G	119	5	4	2 ²	21½	1½	12½	1nk	Lopez C C	4.70
18Feb12	4	Aqu ²	4	San Pablo	L b	4C	119	4	3	1½	1½	2 ²	21½	21¾	Velasquez C H	3.65
28Jan12	8	Prx ¹	6	Norman Asbjornson	L bf	4R	119	6	5	4 ¹	41½	4 ²	5 ⁷	3hd	Acosta J D	8.70
28Jan12	3	Aqu ¹	1	Redding Colliery	L b	6H	119	1	1	3½	3½	3 ¹	3½	4½	Garcia A	2.55
12Feb12	4	Aqu ²	3	Inherit the Gold	L	6G	119	3	2	5½	5½	5 ⁴	4½	5 ^{13½}	Castro E	2.95
05Nov11	3	CD ²	2	Birdrun	L	6H	123	2	6	6	6	6	6	6	Alvarado J	4.90

OFF AT 4:59 Start Good. Won driving. Track Fast.

TIME :24, :484, 1:13, 1:381, 1:522 (:24.00, :48.81, 1:13.13, 1:38.37, 1:52.54)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

5- MARILYN'S GUY	11.40	5.70	3.30
4- SAN PABLO		5.50	3.90
6- NORMAN ASBJORNSON			4.50

\$2 EXACTA 5-4 PAID \$37.80 \$2 SUPERFECTA 5-4-6-1 PAID \$566.00

\$2 TRIFECTA 5-4-6 PAID \$186.50 \$2 GRAND SLAM 1/2/9-2/4/7-4/5/10-5 PAID \$21.60 4 Correct

Gray or Roan Gelding, (Apr), by Yonaguska - Marilyn Merlot by Unbridled's Song. Trainer Dutrow W. Anthony. Bred by Chesapeake Farm & Mary R. Odom(KY).

MARILYN'S GUY moved up willingly into a forward position, put pressure on the pacesetter from the two path, with the rider holding something back in reserve all the while, continued along on the same scenario down the backstretch, wrested away the lead from a more energetically-handled SAN PABLO at the top of the second turn, was nearly a body length in front when launching a decisive move to kick clear of the competition, this occurring as he approached the five-sixteenths pole, entered the stretch and increased the advantage during the ensuing furlong, appeared to be getting slightly leg weary a sixteenth down the road, showed good determination under good handling to fend off the runner up and preserve the decision. SAN PABLO broke well, was guided over towards the inside in two stages while proceeding down the homestretch, set the pace, under a good hold, with the eventual winner applying pressure directly to the outside, likewise not being asked for his best, was put to strong encouragement yet surrendered the lead soon after departing the backstretch, stayed within striking distance, was angled outward for the stretch run, staged a comeback leaving the eighth pole, despite drifting outward a couple of paths responding to left handed stick work in the late stages. NORMAN ASBJORNSON sat within range from off the inside for nearly three-quarters, lost ground on the top one during the run around the far turn, was placed four wide at the head of the stretch, got straightened away, but proved no match for the first two finishers. REDDING COLLIERY saved ground in the initial stages, angled three wide turning for home, lacked the necessary stretch response. INHERIT THE GOLD had no rally. BIRD RUN off the inside, trailed throughout.

Owners- 5, Dubb, Michael, Bethlehem Stables LLC and Aisquith, Gary ; 4, Burning Sands Stable LLC ; 6, McClay, Thomas and Nye, Harry ; 1, Hay Mrs. Fitriani ; 3, Hooper, Susanne, Glas-Tipp Stable and Ochre House Stable ; 2, Preston Stables LLC

Trainers- 5, Dutrow Anthony W.; 4, Pletcher Todd A.; 6, Grove Christopher W.; 1, McLaughlin Kiaran P.; 3, Hooper James ; 2, Mott William I.

Breeders- 5, Chesapeake Farm & Mary R. Odom (KY); 4, Dan Bearden (KY); 6, Thomas G. McClay, Harry C. Nye III & Horseshoe Valley Equine (PA); 1, Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. & 707Stables (KY); 3, Susanne G. Hooper, Edmond Murray, MaryMurray & James Hooper (NY); 2, Arthur I. Appleton (FL)

\$2 Daily Double (4-5) Paid \$32.20; Daily Double Pool \$58,385.

\$2 Pick Three (2-4-5) Paid \$304.50; Pick Three Pool \$33,072.

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