

NINTH RACE
Belmont Park
October 7th, 2006

1½ MILES. (Turf) (2.241) STAKES. Purse \$600,000 **JOE HIRSCH TURF CLASSIC INVITATIONAL S.(GRADE I) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD.** By invitation only with no subscription fees. 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. Weight for age. Three year of ds, 121 lbs.; older, 126 lbs. Fillies and Mares allowed 3 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. (If the Stewards consider it in advisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at One Mile and One Eighth on the main track.). at One Mile and One Eighth on the main track.). (Clear 59)

Value of Race: \$600,000 Winner \$360,000; second \$120,000; third \$60,000; fourth \$30,000; fifth \$18,000; sixth \$6,000; seventh \$6,000.
 Mutuel Pool \$688,651 Exacta Pool \$511,016 Trifecta Pool \$420,340 Grand Slam Pool \$36,825

Last Raced	#	Horse	M/Eqt.	A/S	Wt	PP	¼	½	1m	1 ¼	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1
12Aug06	9AP4	1A English Channel	L	4C	126	5	4½	4 ¹	3 ¹	2 ^{1½}	13½	14½	Velazquez J R	a - 0.65
10Sep06	LCH4	3 Freedonia (GB)		4F	123	3	5hd	5hd	5½	6hd	4hd	2nk	Gillet T	3.05
10Sep06	LCH3	6 Royal Highness (GER)		4F	123	7	6hd	7	6½	5½	2hd	3hd	Thulliez T	10.00
23Sep06	9Pha1	5 Interpatation	L	4G	126	6	7	6hd	7	7	5 ²	4 ¹	Turner T G	28.25
09Sep06	LEO1	2 Frost Giant	L	3C	121	1	3½	3hd	4hd	4½	6½	5½	Prado E S	5.80
23Sep06	10Lr13	4 Dreadnaught	L b	6G	126	4	2½	2½	2hd	3hd	3hd	6 ¹¹	Velasquez C H	12.90
23Sep06	9Pha7	1 Icy Atlantic	L	5H	126	2	1 ¹	1½	1 ¹	1½	7	7	Luzzi M J	a - 0.65

a - Coupled:English Channel and Icy Atlantic

OFF AT 5:23 Start Good. Won driving. Track Firm (Rail at 24 ft).

TIME :25², :51¹, 1:16¹, 1:39⁴, 2:03⁴, 2:28³ (:25.51, :51.37, 1:16.35, 1:39.92, 2:03.93, 2:28.69)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

1A- ENGLISH CHANNEL(a_entry) 3.30 2.10 2.10
 3- FREEDONIA (GB) 3.40 2.50
 6- ROYAL HIGHNESS (GER) 3.00

\$2 EXACTA 1-3 PAID \$9.40 \$2 TRIFECTA 1-3-6 PAID \$25.20

\$2 GRAND SLAM 2/5/6-2/5/7-1/2/4-1 PAID \$8.90 4 Correct

Chestnut Colt, (Apr), by Smart Strike - Belva by Theatrical (IRE). Trainer Pletcher A. Todd. Bred by Keene Ridge Farm(KY).

ENGLISH CHANNEL was taken in hand after the start, was rated along while three wide, advanced three wide approaching the stretch, took over from stable mate ICY ATLANTIC in upper stretch, quickly drew clear and widened under a drive. FREEDONIA (GB) was rated along early, raced between rivals, was hustled along entering the second turn, dug in in the stretch and won the battle for the place award. ROYAL HIGHNESS (GER) was outrun early, raced three wide on both turns and finished well while between rivals in the stretch. INTERPATATION was rated along early, came wide into the stretch and offered a mild rally on the far outside. FROST GIANT raced close up early along the inside, saved ground throughout, was steadied when caught in traffic in upper stretch, altered course to the outside and lacked a rally. DREADNAUGHT raced with the pace while between rivals and tired in the final furlong. ICY ATLANTIC was urged to the front, made the pace along the inside, could not stay with his stable mate in upper stretch and tired.

Owners- 1A, Scatuorchio James T.; 3, Flaxman Holdings, Ltd.; 6, Monceaux Stable; 5, Mavorah Elliot; 2, Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael and Smith, Derrick; 4, Trillium Stable; 1, Scatuorchio James T.

Trainers- 1A, Pletcher Todd A.; 3, Hammond John E.; 6, Bary Pascal F.; 5, Barbara Robert; 2, O'Brien Aidan P.; 4, Voss Thomas H.; 1, Pletcher Todd A.

Breeders- 1A, Keene Ridge Farm (KY); 3, The Niarchos Family (GB); 6, Gestut Elzean (GER); 5, Larry Cassaday & Jack O. Thompson (KY); 2, J.M.J. Stables Corporation (KY); 4, David S. Pennington (KY); 1, Arthur I. Appleton (FL)

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