

FIFTH RACE
Belmont
JUNE 5, 2010

1¹/₁₆ MILES. (Inner Turf) (1.391) ALLOWANCE - Purse \$63,000 INNER TURF (UP TO \$11,970 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR RESTRICTED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of \$19,200 At A Mile Or Over On The Turf Since April 5, 2010 Allowed 2 lbs. (Races where entered for \$50,000 or less not considered in allowances) (Preference by condition eligibility) (Purse reflects an increase of \$10,000 if a minimum of eight betting leaves the paddock).

Value of Race: \$63,000 Winner \$37,800; second \$12,600; third \$6,300; fourth \$3,150; fifth \$1,890; sixth \$420; seventh \$420; eighth \$420. Mutuel Pool \$781,607.00 Exacta Pool \$680,212.00 Trifecta Pool \$438,880.00 Superfecta Pool \$179,135.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1
14May10 9Bel1	Hoppsey	L	5	123	8	8	8	8	7 ¹ / ₂	5 ¹ / ₂	11 ¹ / ₂	Velasquez C	8.10
20May10 6Bel2	Cherokee Speed	L	5	121	6	6	2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂	1 ²	2 ³ / ₄	Desormeaux K J	2.90
7May10 7Bel2	Xodo	L	4	121	7	7	5 ²	5 ¹	5 ¹ / ₂	2 ^{hd}	3 ^{hd}	Maragh R	10.60
29Nov09 5Aqu5	StrongCommitment	L	4	121	3	3	6 ²	6 ¹	6 ¹ / ₂	6 ¹	4 ³ / ₄	Coa E M	4.10
15May10 7Pim2	Manhattan Fox	L	3	117	2	2	3 ^{hd}	3 ¹ / ₂	3 ^{hd}	3 ^{hd}	5 ³ / ₄	Gomez G K	3.00
22May10 9Mth4	Solvent		6	121	1	1	7 ¹ / ₂	7 ¹	8	8	6 ³ / ₄	Castellano J J	10.90
26Sep09 6Bel2	Yankee Empire	L	4	121	4	4	4 ³	4 ²	4 ²	7 ¹	7 ¹ / ₄	Dominguez R A	4.70
14May10 2Bel1	Gresham Palace	L	3	117	5	5	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹	4 ¹	8	Chavez J F	26.25

OFF AT 1:52 Start Good. Won driving. Course firm.

TIME :25, :49⁴, 1:13⁴, 1:36³, 1:42² (:25.12, :49.86, 1:13.81, 1:36.72, 1:42.45)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

9 - HOPPSEY	18.20	7.20	4.50
6 - CHEROKEE SPEED		4.10	3.00
8 - XODO			5.70

\$2 EXACTA 9-6 PAID \$84.50 \$2 TRIFECTA 9-6-8 PAID \$586.00

\$2 SUPERFACTA 9-6-8-3 PAID \$4,009.00

Dk. b or br. g, (Mar), by Victory Gallop - Star de Lady Ann, by Star de Naskra. Trainer Asmussen Steven M. Bred by Charles Fipke (Ky).

HOPPSEY settled in the back of the pack under a good hold, remained in reserve until entering the far turn, was taken out to the three path, began to rally in earnest when set down at the five-sixteenths pole, was stacked out five to six wide when a host of rivals swung outward almost simultaneously, took off after the front runners, made steady progress during the run through the furlong grounds, maintained the momentum to draw alongside the leader nearing the sixteenth pole, needed only a couple of additional jumps to take charge, then edged away while being kept busy. CHEROKEE SPEED was content to stalk the pacesetter from outside under a firm hold, inched forward approaching the head of the stretch, responded well once given his cue, grabbed the lead, emerged from the furlong grounds with a clear advantage, dug in stubbornly with several rivals in hot pursuit, was unable to stave off the top one when that rival appeared at the scene around the sixteenth pole, yielded control, but continued on willingly to secure the place. XODO saved ground, angled outward after entering the lane, split rivals at the eighth pole, but was outkicked during the final furlong. STRONG COMMITMENT squeezed back at the start, was unhurried while kept off the inside, came home willingly down the outside of the course to garner a major share. MANHATTAN FOX tracked the leader from the pocket, remained a prominent factor before backing off leaving the eighth pole. SOLVENT saved ground until the quarter pole, was taken off the hedge after turning for home, remained on hold after encountering some traffic in upper lane, angled to the outside for clearance, then flashed some late interest. YANKEE EMPIRE raced along the outside and tired. GRESHAM PALACE cut the fractions under rating tactics towards the inside until upper stretch, offered feeble resistance once challenged and steadily tired thereafter.

Owners- 1, Turtle Bird Stable; 2, Nicholson Patricia E and Ronald and AJ Suited Racing Stable; 3, Keller Marc; 4, Sequoia Racing; 5, Clay Catesby W and Callahan Peter J; 6, Weaver George; 7, Hare Forest Farm; 8, Trade Winds Farm

Trainers- 1, Asmussen Steven M; 2, Toner James J; 3, Ribaldo Robert J; 4, McGaughey III Claude R; 5, Clement Christophe; 6, Weaver George; 7, Tagg Barclay; 8, Phipps William

Scratched- Pretty Boy Freud (31May10 4Bel5), Stargleam (05May10 3Bel3), Metulla (13May10 4Bel1)

\$2 Daily Double (3-9) Paid \$80.50; Daily Double Pool \$100,114.

\$2 Pick Three (1-3-9) Paid \$277.50; Pick Three Pool \$141,489.

\$2 Pick Four (2-1-3/4-9) Paid \$857.00; Pick Four Pool \$324,194.