

**AQUEDUCT - November 8, 2008 - Race 8**

STAKES Red Smith H. Grade 2 - Thoroughbred

A HANDICAP FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$150 each, which should accompany the nomination; \$750 to pass the entry box; \$750 to start. 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. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. 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. Closed Saturday, October 25, 2008 with 21 Nominations. (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at One Mile and One Quarter on the Main Track.)

One And Three Eighth Miles On The Turf **Track Record:** (Fluorescent Light - 2:14.20 - November 7, 1978)

**Purse:** \$150,000 Guaranteed

**Available Money:** \$150,000

**Value of Race:** \$150,000 1st \$90,000, 2nd \$30,000, 3rd \$15,000, 4th \$7,500, 5th \$4,500, 6th \$1,500, 7th \$1,500

**Weather:** Rainy **Track:** Yielding

**Off at:** 3:46 **Start:** Good for all



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
25Oct08 <sup>4</sup> BEL <sup>2</sup>	7	Strike a Deal (Lopez, Charles)	117	L	5	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>7</sup>	4.30	wide trip, strong rally
25Oct08 <sup>6</sup> WO <sup>1</sup>	5	Lauro (GER) (Starke, Andrasch)	118	L	4	6 <sup>2</sup>	5 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>3/4</sup>	2.55*	between rivals
18Oct08 <sup>9</sup> BEL <sup>4</sup>	3	Banrock (Sanchez, Jeffrey)	116	L b	3	3 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1 1/4</sup>	5.50	ang, split 1/8, no rally
18Oct08 <sup>7</sup> KEE <sup>1</sup>	2	Always First (GB) (Castro, Eddie)	118	L b	2	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	7	7	7	4 <sup>Head</sup>	3.50	by weakening rivals
20Oct08 <sup>9</sup> BEL <sup>3</sup>	1	Hard Top (IRE) (Velazquez, John)	115	L	1	7	7	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	6 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>2</sup>	5 <sup>6</sup>	4.20	lunged at break
27Sep08 <sup>9</sup> BEL <sup>6</sup>	8	Presious Passion (Garcia, Alan)	119	L b	6	1 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>4 3/4</sup>	7.80	challenged twice, trd
10Oct08 <sup>8</sup> MED <sup>2</sup>	9	Wheels Up At Noon (Marquez, Jr., Carlos)	116	L b	7	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	7	19.40	prompted pace, folded

**Fractional Times:** 26.55 52.87 1:19.05 1:43.70 2:10.46 **Final Time:** 2:23.28

**Split Times:** (26:32) (26:18) (24:65) (26:76) (12:82)

**Run-Up:** 48 feet **Temporary Rail:** 9 feet

**Winner:** Strike a Deal, Bay Colt, by Smart Strike out of Shag, by Dixieland Band. Foaled Jan 19, 2004 in Kentucky.

**Breeder:** Bee Zee L.L.C..

**Winning Owner:** Jayeff B Stables

**Scratched Horse(s):** Interpatation (Trainer), Summer Patriot (Trainer)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$516,037

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Strike a Deal	10.60	4.70	3.50	\$2.00 Exacta	7-5	34.00	374,239
5	Lauro (GER)		4.10	2.90	\$2.00 Trifecta	7-5-3	157.50	268,924
3	Banrock			3.90	\$2.00 Daily Double	4-7	64.00	52,603
					\$2.00 Pick 3	11-4-7 (3 correct)	229.50	44,147
					\$2.00 Grand Slam	5/10/11-5/9/11-4/6/8-7 (4 correct)	81.50	23,336

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin
7	Strike a Deal	4 <sup>6</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>4 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>7</sup>
5	Lauro (GER)	6 <sup>7 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>4 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>7</sup>
3	Banrock	3 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>4</sup>	5 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>7 3/4</sup>
2	Always First (GB)	5 <sup>7</sup>	6 <sup>6</sup>	7 <sup>4 1/2</sup>	7 <sup>6</sup>	7 <sup>7 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>9</sup>
1	Hard Top (IRE)	7 <sup>9 1/2</sup>	7 <sup>6 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>4</sup>	6 <sup>5</sup>	5 <sup>5</sup>	5 <sup>9</sup>
8	Presious Passion	1 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>15</sup>
9	Wheels Up At Noon	2 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>7</sup>	7 <sup>19 3/4</sup>

**Trainers:** 7 - Goldberg, Alan; 5 - Wohler, Andreas; 3 - Bush, Thomas; 2 - Voss, Thomas; 1 - Pletcher, Todd; 8 - Hartmann, Mary; 9 - Fout, Paul

**Owners:** 7 - Jayeff B Stables; 5 - Manfred Ostermann; 3 - Nyala Farm; 2 - Merrifield Farm; 1 - Des Scott; 8 - Patricia A. Generazio; 9 - Eldon Farm LLC;

**Footnotes**

STRIKE A DEAL raced three wide around the final two turns, was fanned five wide into lane, quickly commenced his rally when set down after being straightened away, closed strongly to grab the lead at the furlong grounds, then overpowered the field during the final furlong for a convincing score. LAURO (GER) reserved while between rivals, bid for the lead nearing the third bend, was seemingly turned back, got back in the thick of things when the pacesetter began weakening, loomed momentarily midstretch until the top one made his presence felt. was clearly no match for that rival, but held well to secure the place. BANROCK well placed taking the inside route, angled outward, splitting rivals at the eighth pole, offered no rally when called upon. ALWAYS FIRST (GB) saved ground and outfinished weakening rivals. HARD TOP (IRE) lunged at the break, and failed to reach a contending position. PRESIOUS PASSION quickly on the lead, was challenged twice for command leaving the second turn, briefly reasserted himself entering the final bend, but had nothing left for the stretch drive. WHEELS UP AT NOON prompted the pace for one mile before folding.

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