

BELMONT PARK - May 26, 2010 - Race 4

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD FOALD IN NEW YORK STATE AND APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE-BRED REGISTRY. Weight, 120 lbs. Claiming Price \$50,000. (S) **Claiming Price:** \$50,000

Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Track Record:** (Artax - 1:07.66 - October 16, 1999)

Purse: \$29,000

Available Money: \$29,000

Value of Race: \$29,000 1st \$17,400, 2nd \$5,800, 3rd \$2,900, 4th \$1,450, 5th \$870, 6th \$580

Weather: Clear **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:38 **Start:** Good for all



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
6May10 ⁶ BEL ⁵	1	Merlin Bay (Lezcano, Jose)	120	L	1	2	6	6	4 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{Neck}	9.30	steadied early, drv
1May10 ² BEL ⁵	7	Winning Token (Espinoza, Jose)	120	L	6	4	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ³	1 ¹	2 ⁶	4.00	rail bid, yielded
22Aug09 ² SAR ⁴	4	Wise Stop (Velazquez, John)	120	L b	3	5	1 ^{1/2}	2 ²	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Neck}	1.30*	set pressured pace
6May10 ⁶ BEL ³	3	Who's Willie Fitz (Rodriguez, Jaime)	113 ⁷	--	2	1	4 ^{Head}	4 ²	5 ⁷	4 ^{3/4}	8.50	svd grd, no bid
7May10 ⁴ BEL ⁴	6	Justtakemypicture (Castro, Eddie)	120	L b	5	3	2 ³	1 ^{1/2}	3 ²	5 ⁷	3.20	led turn, tired
26Mar10 ⁹ AQU ⁶	5	Audies Champ (Coa, Eibar)	120	L b	4	6	5 ³ 1/2	5 ^{Head}	6	6	7.20	drifted out, tired

Fractional Times: 22.14 45.45 57.88

Final Time: 1:10.92

Split Times: (23:31) (12:43) (13:04)

Run-Up: 67 feet

Winner: Merlin Bay, Chestnut Colt, by Graeme Hall out of Perfect Ending, by Boone's Mill. Foaled Mar 17, 2007 in New York.

Breeder: Eugene Melnyk.

Winning Owner: Melnyk Racing Stables, Inc.

Claiming Prices: 1 - Merlin Bay: \$50,000; 7 - Winning Token: \$50,000; 4 - Wise Stop: \$50,000; 3 - Who's Willie Fitz: \$50,000; 6 - Justtakemypicture: \$50,000; 5 - Audies Champ: \$50,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Closing Hour (Trainer), October Dreams (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$234,175

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Merlin Bay	20.60	9.50	4.10	\$2.00 Exacta	1-7	83.00	182,895
7	Winning Token		6.50	3.50	\$2.00 Quinella	1-7	46.00	18,859
4	Wise Stop			2.60	\$2.00 Trifecta	1-7-4	235.50	107,485
					\$2.00 Pick 3	4-5-1 (3 correct)	506.00	36,701
					\$2.00 Daily Double	5-1	99.00	43,339
					\$2.00 Consolation Pick 3	4-5-2 (3 correct)	45.20	0
					\$2.00 Superfecta	1-7-4-3	683.00	51,256
					\$2.00 Consolation Double	5-2	8.40	0

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
1	Merlin Bay	2	6 ⁸ 1/2	6 ⁷ 1/2	4 ³ 1/2	1 ^{Neck}
7	Winning Token	4	3 ³ 1/2	3 ² 1/2	1 ¹	2 ^{Neck}
4	Wise Stop	5	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	3 ⁶ 1/4
3	Who's Willie Fitz	1	4 ⁵	4 ⁵ 1/2	5 ⁵	4 ⁶ 1/2
6	Justtakemypicture	3	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	3 ¹ 1/2	5 ⁷ 1/4
5	Audies Champ	6	5 ⁵	5 ⁷ 1/2	6 ¹²	6 ¹⁴ 1/4

Trainers: 1 - Albertrani, Thomas; 7 - Bush, Thomas; 4 - Weaver, George; 3 - Corrao, James; 6 - Volk, Scott; 5 - Galluscio, Dominic

Owners: 1 - Melnyk Racing Stables, Inc.; 7 - Jerry Moyses; 4 - Henry T. Waring; 3 - James Corrao; 6 - Marco Tartaglia; 5 - Happy Horse Stables;

Footnotes

MERLIN BAY steadied inside early, saved ground to the turn, swung out in upper stretch and closed steadily under left hand urging to get up in the late stages. WINNING TOKEN settled early, angled in while gaining on the turn, rallied along the fence to open a clear advantage in midstretch then yielded to the winner in deep stretch. WISE STOP set a pressured pace on the rail and tired in midstretch. WHO'S WILLIE FITZ saved ground to the turn and lacked a late response. JUSTTAKEMYPICTURE pressed early from outside, took the lead on the turn and gave way in midstretch. AUDIES CHAMP drifted out while giving way on the turn.