BELMONT PARK - May 31, 2004 - Race 9

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STAKES Metropolitan H. Grade 1 - Thoroughbred
(Up to $62,500 NYSBFOA) A HANDICAP FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of $750 each, which should accompany the nomination, $3,500 to pass the entry box; $4,000 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. Trophies will be presented to the winning owner, trainer and jockey. Closed Saturday, May 15, 2004 with 24 Nominations.
One Mile On The Dirt **Track Record:** (Najran - 1:32.24 - May 7, 2003)
Purse: $750,000 Guaranteed
Available Money: $750,000
Value of Race: $750,000 1st $450,000, 2nd $150,000, 3rd $75,000, 4th $37,500, 5th $22,500, 6th $3,750, 7th $3,750, 8th $3,750, 9th $3,750
Weather: Showery **Track:** Fast
Off at: 5:19 **Start:** Good for all

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
10Apr04 ^{9}AQU^{1}	8	Pico Central (BRZ) (Solis, Alex)	119	L	8	3	2^{2}	2^{Head}	$2^{1/2}$	1^{Head}	$1^{3/4}$	3.45	bobbled start, gamely
14May04 ^{11}PIM^{3}	1	Bowman's Band (Chavez, Jorge)	114	L c	1	8	5^{Head}	7^{6}	$7^{2\ 1/2}$	4^{Head}	$2^{2\ 1/4}$	18.20	in tight inside turn
10Apr04 ^{9}AQU^{2}	6	Strong Hope (Velazquez, John)	119	L	6	2	$1^{1/2}$	$1^{1/2}$	1^{Head}	2^{2}	$3^{1\ 1/2}$	1.95*	set pace, weakened
5May04 ^{8}BEL^{1}	5	Gygistar (Bravo, Joe)	115	L	5	5	6^{Head}	4^{Head}	$3^{1/2}$	3^{Head}	$4^{3/4}$	13.30	4 wide move, faded
3Apr04 ^{8}AQU^{1}	9	Funny Cide (Santos, Jose)	118	L	9	1	$4^{1\ 1/2}$	$5^{1/2}$	4^{Head}	$5^{1/2}$	$5^{1/2}$	4.20	between foes, 3 wide
5May04 ^{8}BEL^{2}	4	Saarland (Bailey, Jerry)	114	L b	4	9	9	9	$8^{4\ 1/2}$	$8^{4\ 1/2}$	6^{1}	15.00	mild rally outside
10Apr04 ^{9}AQU^{3}	2	Eye of the Tiger (Prado, Edgar)	114	L c	2	7	$7^{4\ 1/2}$	6^{Head}	6^{Head}	$7^{1/2}$	7^{Head}	14.30	4 wide move, tired
1May04 ^{8}CD^{2}	3	Azeri (Day, Pat)	117	L	3	6	3^{Head}	3^{1}	5^{Head}	6^{2}	$8^{4\ 3/4}$	5.80	close up inside, empty
1May04 ^{8}WO^{1}	7	Mobil (Kabel, Todd)	115	L fc	7	4	8^{5}	8^{1}	9	9	9	53.75	inside, no response

Fractional Times: 23.46 46.00 1:10.04 **Final Time:** 1:35.47
Split Times: (22:54) (24:04) (25:43)
Run-Up: 0 feet

Winner: Pico Central (BRZ), Dark Bay or Brown Horse, by Spend a Buck out of Sheila Purple (BRZ), by Purple Mountain. Foaled Oct 03, 1999 in Brazil.
Breeder: Haras Fronteira P.A.P.. **Winning Owner:** Gary A. Tanaka

Total WPS Pool: $1,361,124

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Pico Central (BRZ)	8.90	5.60	3.40	$2.00 Exacta	8-1	134.50	854,090
1	Bowman's Band		13.20	6.50	$2.00 Trifecta	8-1-6	474.50	690,977
6	Strong Hope			2.80	$2.00 Superfecta	8-1-6-5	2,817.00	189,710

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
8	Pico Central (BRZ)	3	$2^{1/2}$	$2^{1/2}$	2^{Head}	1^{Head}	$1^{3/4}$
1	Bowman's Band	8	5^{4}	$7^{2\ 1/4}$	$7^{1\ 1/2}$	$4^{2\ 1/4}$	$2^{3/4}$
6	Strong Hope	2	$1^{1/2}$	$1^{1/2}$	1^{Head}	2^{Head}	3^{3}
5	Gygistar	5	$6^{4\ 1/4}$	$4^{1\ 1/2}$	$3^{1/2}$	3^{2}	$4^{4\ 1/2}$
9	Funny Cide	1	$4^{2\ 1/2}$	$5^{1\ 3/4}$	4^{1}	$5^{2\ 1/4}$	$5^{5\ 1/4}$
4	Saarland	9	$9^{13\ 3/4}$	$9^{9\ 1/4}$	8^{4}	$8^{5\ 1/4}$	$6^{5\ 3/4}$
2	Eye of the Tiger	7	$7^{4\ 1/4}$	$6^{2\ 1/4}$	$6^{1\ 1/4}$	$7^{4\ 3/4}$	$7^{6\ 3/4}$
3	Azeri	6	$3^{2\ 1/2}$	$3^{1/2}$	$5^{1\ 1/4}$	$6^{2\ 3/4}$	$8^{6\ 3/4}$
7	Mobil	4	$8^{8\ 3/4}$	$8^{8\ 1/4}$	$9^{8\ 1/2}$	$9^{9\ 3/4}$	$9^{11\ 1/2}$

Trainers: 8 - Lobo, Paulo; 1 - Jerkens, H.; 6 - Pletcher, Todd; 5 - Hennig, Mark; 9 - Tagg, Barclay; 4 - McGaughey III, Claude; 2 - McLaughlin, Kiaran; 3 - Lukas, D.; 7 - Keogh, Michael

Owners: 8 -Gary A. Tanaka; 1 -Martin S. Schwartz; 6 - Melnyk, Eugene and Laura; 5 -Edward P. Evans; 9 - Sackatoga Stable; 4 -Cynthia Phipps; 2 -John D. Gunther; 3 - Allen E. Paulson Living Trust; 7 -Gustav Schickedanz;

Footnotes
PICO CENTRAL (BRZ) bobbled at the start, raced with the pace from the outside while in hand, responded when roused in upper stretch, drew clear inside the eighth pole then dug in gamely and held off BOWMAN'S BAND under strong handling. BOWMAN'S BAND was urged along inside, was in tight quarters on the rail on the turn, angled out in upper stretch and finished fast from the outside. STRONG HOPE quickly showed in front, set the pace under pressure from the winner, could not stay with that rival leaving the eighth pole and weakened in deep stretch. GYGISTAR was unhurried outside early, put in a four wide run on the turn and faded in the final furlong. FUNNY CIDE raced close up while between rivals three wide and had no response when roused. SAARLAND was outrun early, advanced four wide on the turn, came widest into the stretch and was no real threat with a mild rally outside. EYE OF THE TIGER raced in hand while between rivals early, angled out and rallied four wide approaching the stretch and had nothing left for the drive. AZERI raced close up inside while in hand and came up empty when called on. MOBIL was outrun early, raced inside and had no response when roused.

KEENELAND 2nd Place horse sold through Keeneland Association, Inc.

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