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BELMONT PARK - June 22, 2011 - Race 3

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(UP TO \$10,260 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR

OPTIONAL CLAIMING PRICE OF \$35,000. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners of two races since April 19

Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$35,000 (Races where entered for \$25,000 or less not considered). (NW3 L) **Claiming Price:** \$35,000

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

Purse: \$54,000

Available Money: \$54,000

Value of Race: \$52,920 1st \$32,400, 2nd \$10,800, 3rd \$5,400, 4th \$2,700, 5th \$1,620

Weather: Cloudy **Track:** Fast

Off at: 1:57 **Start:** Good for all

| Last Raced | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey) | Wgt | M/E | PP | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | Str | Fin | Odds | Comments |
|---------------------------------------|-----|---|-----|------|----|-------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 14May11 ⁴ BEL ¹ | 5 | Dark Thunder (Velazquez, John) | 121 | L b | 5 | 3 | 3 ² 1/2 | 1 ^{Head} | 1 ² | 1 ² 1/4 | 0.85* | 3 wide, pursued pair |
| 29May11 ¹ BEL ⁵ | 1 | Starforaday (Castellano, Javier) | 121 | L b | 1 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 ^{3/4} | 8.30 | ask 5/16, 4w top lane |
| 30May11 ² BEL ¹ | 2 | My Golden Opinion (Velasquez, Cornelio) | 121 | L b | 2 | 4 | 4 ⁵ | 4 ² 1/2 | 4 ¹ | 3 ³ 1/4 | 5.60 | inside, off pace fight |
| 21May11 ⁸ PIM ⁷ | 3 | Safety Check (Dominguez, Ramon) | 121 | L bf | 3 | 1 | 1 ^{1/2} | 2 ^{1/2} | 2 ^{1/2} | 4 ¹ | 2.15 | inside, vied w/ pair |
| 20May11 ⁴ BEL ¹ | 4 | W. W.'s Lady's Man (Prado, Edgar) | 121 | L | 4 | 2 | 2 ¹ | 3 ² | 3 ^{1/2} | 5 | 11.20 | pressed between, tired |

Fractional Times: 22.50 45.11 57.04

Final Time: 1:09.54

Split Times: (22:61) (11:93) (12:50)

Run-Up: 64 feet

Winner: Dark Thunder, Bay Gelding, by Trippi out of My Secret Brook, by Montbrook. Foaled Feb 10, 2007 in Florida.

Breeder: Montgomery Farm & Craig L. Wheeler.

Winning Owner: Joseph Bernardini

1 Claimed Horse(s): Starforaday

New Trainer: Rudy R. Rodriguez

New Owner: Michael Dubb

Claiming Prices: 1 - Starforaday: \$35,000; 2 - My Golden Opinion: \$35,000; 4 - W. W.'s Lady's Man: \$35,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$159,511

| Pgm | Horse | Win | Place | Show | Wager Type | Winning Numbers | Payoff | Pool |
|-----|-------------------|------|-------|------|---------------------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| 5 | Dark Thunder | 3.70 | 2.80 | 2.10 | \$2.00 Exacta | 5-1 | 20.00 | 149,764 |
| 1 | Starforaday | | 5.00 | 2.50 | \$2.00 Trifecta | 5-1-2 | 39.40 | 73,073 |
| 2 | My Golden Opinion | | | 2.40 | \$2.00 Pick 3 | 2-6-5 (3 correct) | 214.00 | 71,185 |
| | | | | | \$2.00 Daily Double | 6-5 | 57.00 | 33,190 |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | Str | Fin |
|-----|--------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 5 | Dark Thunder | 3 | 3 ¹ 1/2 | 1 ^{Head} | 1 ² | 1 ² 1/4 |
| 1 | Starforaday | 5 | 5 ⁹ | 5 ⁵ | 5 ⁴ | 2 ² 1/4 |
| 2 | My Golden Opinion | 4 | 4 ⁴ | 4 ² 1/2 | 4 ³ | 3 ³ |
| 3 | Safety Check | 1 | 1 ^{1/2} | 2 ^{Head} | 2 ² | 4 ⁶ 1/4 |
| 4 | W. W.'s Lady's Man | 2 | 2 ^{1/2} | 3 ^{1/2} | 3 ² 1/2 | 5 ⁷ 1/4 |

Trainers: 5 - Pletcher, Todd; 1 - Contessa, Gary; 2 - Rodriguez, Rudy; 3 - Goldberg, Alan; 4 - Gullo, Gary

Owners: 5 - Joseph Bernardini; 1 - Harold Lerner LLC and Moirano, John, L.; 2 - Dubb, Michael and Joscelyn, Robert; 3 - Richard Santulli; 4 - Funky Munky Stable LLC;

Footnotes

DARK THUNDER placed under a snug hold soon after the start, sat perched three wide, pursuing a pair of opponents until upper stretch, shook free when asked for run, fended off the runner up to prove best. STARFORADAY left the rail early on the turn, picked up interest and closed in on the quartet up ahead, was put to encouragement just past the five-sixteenths pole, rallied with good energy to procure place honors. MY GOLDEN OPINION rode the pocket, a short distance behind a contested pace, swung into the three path turning for home, was called upon and failed to fire appreciably. SAFETY CHECK along the inside, vied with a pair until upper stretch before backing away. W. W.'S LADY'S MAN disputed the pace between rivals for a half and tired.

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