

BELMONT PARK - June 29, 2002 - Race 6

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

WIDENER TURF. (Up To \$8,536 NYSBFOA) For Maiden Three Year Olds And Upward. Three Year Olds 118 lbs.; Older 124 lbs. (Registered New York Breds allowed 3 lbs.). (Non-starters for a claiming price less than \$40,000 in the last three starts preferred).

One Mile On The Turf **Track Record:** (Elusive Quality - 1:31.63 - July 4, 1998)



Purse: \$44,000

Available Money: \$44,000

Value of Race: \$44,000 1st \$26,400, 2nd \$8,800, 3rd \$4,840, 4th \$2,640, 5th \$1,320

Weather: Clear **Track:** Firm

Off at: 3:36 **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
15Jun02 ⁵ BEL ⁹	1	Taiga Two (Espinoza, Jose)	124	L b	1	6	8 ⁴ 1/2	6 ⁴ 1/2	4 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	11.40	split rivals, driving
25May02 ³ BEL ⁵	3	Whiskey Park (Migliore, Richard) 	118	L a	3	3	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	2.35*	set pace, gamely
16Dec01 ² HOL ⁵	10	Almuhathir (Davis, Robbie) 	124	L	10	8	9 ^{Head}	9 ^{1 1/2}	8 ¹	6 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{Neck}	5.30	game finish outside
17Jun02 ⁹ DEL ²	8	Tough Crowd (Prado, Edgar)	124	L b	8	1	4 ⁵	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	4.40	3 wide move, no punch
7Jun02 ⁹ BEL ⁶	4	Morethanastar (Carrero, Victor)	113 ⁵	L	4	4	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 3/4}	13.30	pressed pace, tired
1Jun02 ⁶ CD ⁸	5	The State (Castellano, Javier)	118	--	5	7	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ²	5 ²	6 ^{4 1/4}	34.25	steadied midstretch
12Jun02 ⁹ BEL ⁹	9	Ride With Rythym (Gryder, Aaron)	118	L	9	9	7 ^{Head}	7 ²	7 ³	7 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{3/4}	9.40	had no rally
15Jun02 ⁵ BEL ¹⁰	7	Star Beta (Villafan, Roberto)	118	L	7	10	10	10	9 ^{3 1/2}	9 ¹⁰	8 ^{Neck}	89.75	no response
18Nov01 ⁴ AQU ³	6	Ghazelle (Castillo, Jr., Heberto)	124	--	6	2	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{1 1/2}	8 ^{1/2}	9 ^{18 1/2}	6.50	speed 3 wide, tired
12Jun02 ⁹ BEL ⁶	2	Garrison Hill (Arroyo, Jr., Norberto)	118	L	2	5	6 ^{1/2}	8 ^{1/2}	10	10	10	8.30	tired

Fractional Times: 23.33 46.25 1:10.09

Final Time: 1:34.69

Split Times: (22:92) (23:84) (24:60)

Run-Up: 0 feet **Temporary Rail:** 9 feet

Winner: Taiga Two, Chestnut Colt, by River Special out of Jeannie Girl, by Ack Ack. Foaled Mar 30, 1998 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Daniel Wilson. **Winning Owner:** Goodman, Gerald and Pregman, Jr., John S.

Scratched Horse(s): Go Easy (Main-Track-Only), Tourist (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$569,533

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Taiga Two	24.80	8.20	5.60	\$2.00 Exacta	1-3	95.50	594,828
3	Whiskey Park		4.20	3.10	\$2.00 Trifecta	1-3-10	740.00	400,071
10	Almuhathir			4.50	\$2.00 Pick 3	4-5-1 (3 correct)	102.00	105,600
					\$2.00 Consolation Pick 3	4-5-11 (3 correct)	5.50	0

Past Performance Running Line Preview


Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1	Taiga Two	6	8 ⁹ 1/2	6 ⁶ 1/2	4 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{1/2}
3	Whiskey Park	3	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}
10	Almuhathir	8	9 ¹⁴	9 ¹³ 1/2	8 ⁸ 1/4	6 ⁴ 1/4	3 ¹ 1/2
8	Tough Crowd	1	4 ³ 1/2	4 ³ 1/2	3 ^{1/2}	4 ¹ 3/4	4 ¹ 3/4
4	Morethanastar	4	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/2}	5 ¹ 3/4
5	The State	7	5 ⁸ 1/2	5 ⁶	5 ¹ 3/4	5 ² 1/4	6 ³ 1/2
9	Ride With Rythym	9	7 ⁹ 1/2	7 ¹¹	7 ⁵ 1/4	7 ⁶ 3/4	7 ⁷ 3/4
7	Star Beta	10	10 ¹⁴ 1/4	10 ¹⁵	9 ⁹ 1/4	9 ⁸ 3/4	8 ⁸ 1/2
6	Ghazelle	2	3 ¹	3 ¹	6 ³ 3/4	8 ⁸ 1/4	9 ⁸ 3/4
2	Garrison Hill	5	6 ⁹	8 ¹³	10 ¹² 3/4	10 ¹⁸ 3/4	10 ²⁷ 1/4

Trainers: 1 - Pregman, Jr., John; 3 - Pletcher, Todd; 10 - Peitz, Daniel; 8 - Hough, Stanley; 4 - Picou, James; 5 - Schulhofer, Randy; 9 - O'Brien, Colum; 7 - Goldstein, Morton; 6 - Levine, Bruce; 2 - Orseno, Joseph

Owners: 1 - Goodman, Gerald and Pregman, Jr., John S.; 3 - James T. Scatuorchio; 10 - Shadwell Stable; 8 - Team Canonie Stable, Hough, Stanley M. and Pastorek, John; 4 - James E. Picou; 5 - John M. B. O'Connor; 9 - Robert J. Koonos; 7 - Morton Goldstein; 6 - LGS Honeywell Stables; 2 - Melnyk, Eugene and Laura;

Footnotes

TAIGA TWO was rated along inside, rallied nearing the stretch, split rivals in midstretch, dug in determinedly and was along in time, driving. WHISKEY PARK set the pace along the inside, drew clear when roused then dug in gamely but could not hold off the winner. ALMUHATHIR was outrun inside early, angled out in upper stretch and finished gamely outside. TOUGH CROWD raced close up inside, angled out and rallied three wide approaching the stretch and lacked a solid finishing kick. MORETHANASTAR pressed the pace from the outside and tired in the final furlong. THE STATE was unhurried early on, rallied outside nearing the stretch, was steadied when caught in traffic in midstretch and lacked a rally. RIDE WITH RYTHYM had no rally. STAR BETA had no response when roused. GHAZELLE raced with the pace while three wide and tired in the stretch. GARRISON HILL tired.

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