

**BELMONT PARK - September 13, 1997 - Race 7**

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

FOR TWO YEAR OLDS. Weight, 118 lbs. (Up to \$6,596 NYSBFOA)

Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Track Record:** (Mike's Classic - 1:02.26 - June 20, 2004)




**Purse:** \$34,000

**Available Money:** \$34,000

**Value of Race:** \$34,000 1st \$20,400, 2nd \$6,800, 3rd \$2,890, 3rd \$2,890, 5th \$1,020

**Weather:** Cloudy **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 4:08 **Start:** Good for all

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
18May97 <sup>1</sup> CD <sup>4</sup>	10	Comic Strip (Bailey, Jerry)	118	--	9	9	5 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>8</sup>	2.35	wide trip,drew off
15Aug97 <sup>3</sup> SAR <sup>3</sup>	2	Neon Night (Santos, Jose) 	118	L	1	2	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	7.20	rallied for place
17Aug97 <sup>2</sup> MTH <sup>2</sup>	3	Marlton (Gryder, Aaron) 	118	L	2	1	1 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	1.85*	set pace,tired
---	5	Watch the Bird (Alvarado, Frank) 	118	--	4	5	9	8 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	40.75	greenly
---	4	Western City (Migliore, Richard)	118	b	3	3	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>Neck</sup>	8.80	spd outside,tired
---	7	Gold Mine Strike (Sellers, Shane)	118	--	5	6	8 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	9	7 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>5</sup>	14.80	roused turn,no rally
---	8	Buddy Raines (Antley, Chris)	118	--	6	8	6 <sup>6</sup>	6 <sup>5</sup>	8 <sup>3</sup>	7 <sup>Neck</sup>	33.00	chased outside,tired
6Jul97 <sup>2</sup> BEL <sup>5</sup>	1	Flying Michael (Davis, Robbie)	118	L	7	4	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>Head</sup>	6 <sup>1</sup>	8 <sup>7</sup>	4.30	chased outside,tired
31Aug97 <sup>5</sup> SAR <sup>10</sup>	9	Balance of Trade (Deitsch, Joseph)	113 <sup>5</sup>	L	bf	8	7 <sup>2</sup>	7 <sup>1/2</sup>	9	9	120.75	wide,tired

**Fractional Times:** 22.89 46.57 58.10

**Final Time:** 1:04.09

**Split Times:** (23:68) (11:53) (5:99)

**Run-Up:** 0 feet

**Winner:** Comic Strip, Dark Bay or Brown Colt, by Red Ransom out of Now That's Funny, by Saratoga Six. Foaled Jan 24, 1995 in Kentucky.

**Breeder:** Brereton C. Jones.

**Winning Owner:** W.S. Farish

**Dead Heats:** 3rd place - # 3 Marlton  
3rd place - # 5 Watch the Bird

**Scratched Horse(s):** Saratoga Halo (), Sunoke ()

**Total WPS Pool:** \$400,907

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
10	Comic Strip	6.70	4.60	2.50		10-2	42.20	414,124
2	Neon Night		3.10	2.10		10-2-3	76.50	307,197
3	Marlton			2.10		10-2-5	478.50	0
5	Watch the Bird			4.20				

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
10	Comic Strip	9	5 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1 1/4</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>8</sup>
2	Neon Night	2	4 <sup>2</sup>	5 <sup>1 3/4</sup>	4 <sup>4 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>8</sup>
3	Marlton	1	1 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>9</sup>
5	Watch the Bird	5	9 <sup>15</sup>	8 <sup>9 1/4</sup>	5 <sup>6 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>9</sup>
4	Western City	3	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>12</sup>
7	Gold Mine Strike	6	8 <sup>13 1/2</sup>	9 <sup>9 3/4</sup>	7 <sup>8</sup>	6 <sup>12 1/4</sup>
8	Buddy Raines	8	6 <sup>5 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>3 3/4</sup>	8 <sup>10 1/2</sup>	7 <sup>17 1/4</sup>
1	Flying Michael	4	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	6 <sup>7</sup>	8 <sup>17 1/2</sup>
9	Balance of Trade	7	7 <sup>11 1/2</sup>	7 <sup>8 3/4</sup>	9 <sup>13 1/2</sup>	9 <sup>24 1/2</sup>

**Trainers:** 10 - Howard, Neil; 2 - Moubarak, Mohammed; 3 - Perkins, Sr., Ben; 5 - Martin, Sr., Frank; 4 - Lukas, D.; 7 - Sciacca, Gary; 8 - Zito, Nicholas; 1 - Hough, Stanley; 9 - Marino, Phillip

**Owners:** 10 -W.S. Farish; 2 - Buckram Oak Farm; 3 - New Farm; 5 -Viola Sommer; 4 - Overbrook Farm; 7 - Winbound Farms; 8 - Dogwood Stable; 1 - Roberts, Bea and Robert H.; 9 -Sandi L. Kleemann;

**Footnotes**

 Denotes a Keeneland Sales Graduate