

BELMONT PARK - September 21, 2011 - Race 7

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(UP TO \$10,450 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR RESTRICTED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR OPTIONAL CLAIMING PRICE OF \$50,000. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners of \$24,000 at a mile or over on the turf since July 21 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$50,000 (Races where entered for \$35,000 or less not considered in allowances) (Preference by condition eligibility). (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at One Mile and One Sixteenth on the main track.). (NW2 X) **Claiming Price:** \$50,000

One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Turf **Track Record:** (Fortitude - 1:38.53 - September 6, 1997)

Purse: \$55,000

Available Money: \$55,000

Value of Race: \$55,000 1st \$33,000, 2nd \$11,000, 3rd \$5,500, 4th \$2,750, 5th \$1,650, 6th \$367, 7th \$367, 8th \$366

Weather: Cloudy **Track:** Firm

Off at: 4:12 **Start:** Good for all



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
10Aug11 ⁹ SAR ³	9	Close Ally (Leparoux, Julien)	117	L	8	5	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 1/2}	4 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	1 ^{3/4}	2.80	3w journey, up 1/16pl
23Jul11 ⁹ SAR ²	8	Gathering Cloud (Dominguez, Ramon)	121	L	7	2	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹	4.40	press 2p, yielded 1/16
30Jul11 ⁵ SAR ²	6	Monument Hill (Castro, Eddie)	121	L	5	3	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{2 1/4}	6.70	stalked, flattened out
1Sep11 ⁷ SAR ²	5	Unaccountable (Castellano, Javier)	121	L	4	4	5 ²	3 ^{Head}	5 ¹	5 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{Neck}	2.70*	angle out 1/4, no kick
13Aug11 ⁸ SAR ⁸	7	Gantry (Velazquez, John)	121	L	6	1	2 ²	1 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/4}	3.90	vied inside, faltered
13Aug11 ⁸ SAR ⁶	4	Slambino (Maragh, Rajiv)	121	L b	3	8	7 ^{1 1/2}	7 ³	7 ¹	6 ¹	6 ^{2 1/2}	15.40	outside, asked 3/8
10Aug11 ⁹ SAR ⁴	1	Joshua Reynolds (Velasquez, Cornelio)	121	L	1	7	8	8	8	7 ^{1/2}	7 ^{3 3/4}	20.60	6w top lane, no bids
25Aug10 BRG ³	2	Mr. Irons (Solis, Alex)	121	L b	2	6	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ¹	6 ¹	8	8	26.50	inside journey, faded

Fractional Times: 25.84 49.41 1:13.55 1:37.96 **Final Time:** 1:44.24

Split Times: (23:57) (24:14) (24:41) (6:28)

Run-Up: 76 feet **Temporary Rail:** 9 feet

Winner: Close Ally, Chestnut Colt, by Giant's Causeway out of Abundance, by Anabaa. Foaled Feb 24, 2008 in Kentucky.

Breeder: W. S. Farish and Skara Glen Stables. **Winning Owner:** Farish, William S. and Skara Glen Stable

Claiming Prices: 6 - Monument Hill: \$50,000; 4 - Slambino: \$50,000; 1 - Joshua Reynolds: \$50,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Cool Blue Red Hot (Main-Track-Only), Just Hold On (Main-Track-Only), Most Happy Fella (Main-Track-Only), Regal Warrior (Main-Track-Only), Saginaw (Trainer), Unbridled Heat (Trainer), Understatement (Main-Track-Only)

Total WPS Pool: \$259,113

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
9	Close Ally	7.60	3.70	2.70	\$2.00 Exacta	9-8	40.00	205,360
8	Gathering Cloud		4.70	3.10	\$2.00 Trifecta	9-8-6	168.00	120,058
6	Monument Hill			4.10	\$2.00 Daily Double	5-9	39.80	47,008
					\$2.00 Pick 3	7-5-9 (3 correct)	149.50	44,281
					\$2.00 Superfecta	9-8-6-5	432.50	70,490

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
9	Close Ally	5	4 ^{2 1/2}	5 ²	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	1 ^{3/4}
8	Gathering Cloud	2	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{3/4}
6	Monument Hill	3	3 ²	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 3/4}
5	Unaccountable	4	5 ^{2 3/4}	3 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	4 ⁴
7	Gantry	1	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	4 ¹	5 ^{4 1/4}
4	Slambino	8	7 ^{6 1/4}	7 ^{4 1/2}	7 ^{4 1/2}	6 ⁴	6 ^{5 1/2}
1	Joshua Reynolds	7	8 ^{7 3/4}	8 ^{7 1/2}	8 ^{5 1/2}	7 ⁵	7 ⁸
2	Mr. Irons	6	6 ^{4 3/4}	6 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{3 1/2}	8 ^{5 1/2}	8 ^{11 3/4}

Trainers: 9 - Howard, Neil; 8 - Tagg, Barclay; 6 - Weaver, George; 5 - Brown, Chad; 7 - Hushion, Michael; 4 - Alexander, Frank; 1 - Nicks, Ralph; 2 - Abbott, III, Francis

Owners: 9 - Farish, William S. and Skara Glen Stable; 8 - North Shore Racing (Alan Quartucci); 6 - Shamrock Farm; 5 - Dubb, Michael and High Grade Racing Stable; 7 - Black Swan Stable; 4 - Dogwood Stable; 1 - Dr. John A. Chandler; 2 - Brushwood Stable;

Footnotes

CLOSE ALLY kept a watchful eye on the front runners while three wide around the chute and on the turn, bided time before being cut loose, now four wide at the head of the stretch, poked a head down in front near the sixteenth pole and edged away. GATHERING CLOUD forwardly placed almost from the start, was under a good hold while disputing the pace from the two path, continued along on the same scenario until the quarter pole, entered the stretch and was asked for run, grabbed and clung to a slim advantage while making his way to the eighth pole, yielded to the top one's pressure with about a sixteenth to go, but held on willingly enough to secure second. MONUMENT HILL put to a good hold early, stalked the front runners near the two path, was asked for a response and spun into the stretch with a clear sailing awaiting him, fought hard for the lead during the ensuing furlong, before flattening out. UNACCOUNTABLE sat within range while taking the inside route, sharply angled outward a couple of paths after setting into upper stretch, failed to gain ground. GANTRY vied for the lead from the inside until upper stretch, faltered. SLAMBINO raced off the inside, was roused by midpoint on the turn, was driven to be five wide by the three-sixteenths pole, came up empty. JOSHUA REYNOLDS placed six wide at the top of the stretch, had no offering to render. MR. IRONS had a ground-saving journey, was asked to pick up the pace departing the half mile pole, faded.

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