

BELMONT PARK - September 28, 2013 - Race 9

STAKES Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Invitational S. Grade 1 - For Thoroughbred Three Year Old and Upward One And One Half Miles On The Turf **Track Record:** (Fantastic Light - 2:24.36 - October 27, 2001)



Purse: \$600,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$600,000

Value of Race: \$600,000 1st \$360,000, 2nd \$120,000, 3rd \$60,000, 4th \$30,000, 5th \$18,000, 6th \$3,000, 7th \$3,000, 8th \$3,000, 9th \$3,000



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Weather: Clear **Track:** Firm

Off at: 5:22 **Start:** Good for all

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/4	1/2	1m	11/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
17Aug13 ¹⁰ AP ⁶	7	Little Mike (Smith, Mike)	126	L	9	5 ²	5 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Nose}	7.40	3w both turns, game
17Aug13 ⁹ SAR ¹	2	Big Blue Kitten (Bravo, Joe)	126	L	3	9	9	9	6 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	0.90*	2p, brushed foe,denied
17Aug13 ¹⁰ AP ¹	2B	Real Solution (Garcia, Alan)	126	L	5	8 ²	8 ^{1/2}	8 ¹	5 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	0.90*	brush brk, 4w upper
15Aug13 ⁹ SAR ¹	4	Slumber (GB) (Alvarado, Junior)	126	L	4	7 ^{1 1/2}	7 ²	6 ³	7 ³	4 ²	4 ⁵	4.10	swung 4w into upper
17Aug13 ⁹ SAR ²	5	Twilight Eclipse (Castellano, Javier)	126	L	6	6 ^{1/2}	6 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	7.80	brush st, 2p, no rally
25Aug13 ⁶ SAR ¹	1	Imagining (Velazquez, John)	126	L b	2	4 ¹	2 ^{Head}	4 ¹	3 ^{Head}	6 ¹²	6 ^{33 1/4}	9.40	stalk 2p,brushes upper
10Aug13 ¹⁰ SAR ²	6	King Kreesa (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	126	L b	8	2 ¹	3 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	7 ²	7 ²	19.10	3w 1st,not asked late
17Aug13 ⁹ SAR ³	3	Nutello (Lezcano, Jose)	126	L	1	3 ^{Head}	4 ¹	7 ^{Head}	8 ⁸	8 ¹⁵	8	9.30	saved ground to 1/2
26Aug13 ¹ SAR ⁴	2X	Joes Blazing Aaron (Maragh, Rajiv)	126	L	7	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	9	9	---	0.90*	ins,retreated,eased

Fractional Times: 23.92 47.70 1:11.57 1:35.70 2:00.33 **Final Time:** 2:25.00

Split Times: (23:78) (23:87) (24:13) (24:63) (24:67)

Run-Up: 36 feet

Winner: Little Mike, Bay Gelding, by Spanish Steps out of Hay Jude, by Wavering Monarch. Foaled May 24, 2007 in Florida.

Breeder: Carlo E. Vaccarezza. **Winning Owner:** Priscilla Vaccarezza

Scratched Horse(s): Boisterous (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$902,712

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Little Mike	16.80	5.90	4.70	\$2.00 Exacta	7-2	46.00	547,959
2	Big Blue Kitten		2.50	2.20	\$2.00 Trifecta	7-2-4	173.50	352,007
2B	Real Solution			2.20	\$2.00 Pick 3	8-1-7 (3 correct)	325.50	90,817
					\$2.00 Daily Double	1-7	56.50	125,858

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/4	1/2	1m	11/4	Str	Fin
7	Little Mike	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	3 ²	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Nose}
2	Big Blue Kitten	9 ^{9 1/2}	9 ^{8 1/2}	9 ^{7 3/4}	6 ^{2 1/4}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Nose}
2B	Real Solution	8 ^{7 1/2}	8 ⁸	8 ^{6 3/4}	5 ^{2 1/4}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ¹
4	Slumber (GB)	7 ⁶	7 ⁶	6 ^{3 1/2}	7 ^{3 1/4}	4 ²	4 ^{1 1/4}
5	Twilight Eclipse	6 ^{5 1/2}	6 ⁵	5 ³	4 ²	5 ⁴	5 ^{6 1/4}
1	Imagining	4 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	4 ²	3 ²	6 ^{5 1/2}	6 ^{6 3/4}
6	King Kreesa	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{17 1/2}	7 ⁴⁰
3	Nutello	3 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	7 ^{6 1/2}	8 ^{6 1/4}	8 ^{19 1/2}	8 ⁴²
2X	Joes Blazing Aaron	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	9 ^{14 1/4}	9 ^{34 1/2}	---

Trainers: 7 - Romans, Dale; 2 - Brown, Chad; 2B - Brown, Chad; 4 - Mott, William; 5 - Albertrani, Thomas; 1 - McGaughey III, Claude; 6 - Englehart, Jeremiah; 3 - Motion, H.; 2X - Maker, Michael

Owners: 7 -Priscilla Vaccarezza; 2 - Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K.; 2b- Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K.; 4 - Juddmonte Farms, Inc.; 5 - West Point Thoroughbreds; 1 - Phipps Stable; 6 - Kresa, Gerald and Kresa, Susan; 3 - Wertheimer and Frere; 2x- Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K.;

Footnotes

LITTLE MIKE three wide around both turns, was patiently handled all the way to the end of the backstretch, advanced in unison with KING KREESA departing it, overhauled the spent former pacesetter near the midway point, edged away with the advantage to lead the field into the stretch and was set down, had a pair of rivals in hot pursuit a furlong down the road, dug in gamely to fend off the runner up. BIG BLUE KITTEN loped along the hedge until nearing the quarter pole, slipped into the two path prior to that station, had his rally stalled a bit while brushing with IMAGINING heading for home, launched a rally after squeezing his way by that opponent, closed in with good energy but got denied by a resolute foe. REAL SOLUTION brushed with TWILIGHT ECLIPSE as the field was sent on its way, sat well reserved from off the inside during the initial stages, began to tip outward upon reaching the second bend, swung four wide into the stretch, kicked into stride after settling in and gained enough real estate on the top one to loom a bold threat with a furlong remaining, fought with vigor to the end but had to settle for the show. SLUMBER (GB) reserved while mostly two wide to the quarter pole, came four wide into the stretch and finished willingly to earn the last major check. TWILIGHT ECLIPSE made light contact with REAL SOLUTION at the start, was unhurried in midpack from along the outside, lacked the needed stretch response. IMAGINING contently stalked the front runners being two wide, had drifted into the three path heading for the top of the lane, brushed several times with the runner up as that opponent was attempting to be angled outward, failed to fire when asked. KING KREESA strung out three wide on the opening bend, was allowed to drift inward for a better look at the leader midway down the backstretch, ranged up, together with the winner one path farther to the outside after entering the far turn, backed away after reaching the stretch, fell back even more so when allowed to complete the final furlong under his own power. NUTELLO saved ground until the half mile pole and was outrun. JOES BLAZING AARON showed the way from the inside before getting overwhelmed at the three-eighths pole, retreated then got eased.