

BELMONT PARK - October 2, 2010 - Race 9

STAKES Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Invitational S. Grade 1 - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. By invitation only with no subscription fee. The purse to be divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% divided equally among remaining finishers. Weight for age. Three year olds, 121 lbs.; older, 126 lbs. Fillies and Mares allowed 3 lbs. The New York Racing Association will select a field of (14) invitees by Saturday, September 18. The owner and/or trainers of these (14) selected horses will be required to notify the NYRA of their intentions to participate in the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic no later than Saturday, September 25. A list of alternates will be published on Sunday, September 26. Trophies will be presented to the winning owner, trainer and jockey. This race will be limited to 14 Starters. The New York Racing Association reserves the right to transfer this race to the Main Track. In the event that this race is taken off the turf, it may be subject to downgrading upon review by the Graded Stakes Committee. (If the Stewards consider it in advisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at One Mile and One Eighth on the main track.)

One And One Half Miles On The Turf **Track Record:** (Big Blue Kitten - 2:23.39 - September 26, 2015)

Purse: \$500,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$500,000

Value of Race: \$500,000 1st \$300,000, 2nd \$100,000, 3rd \$50,000, 4th \$25,000, 5th \$15,000, 6th \$2,500, 7th \$2,500, 8th \$2,500, 9th \$2,500



[Video Race Replay](#)

Weather: Clear **Track:** Yielding

Off at: 5:12 **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 |
|--|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 11Sep10 ⁹ BEL ² | 10 | Winchester (Velasquez, Cornelio) | 126 | L b | 8 | 8 ^{Head} | 8 ^{Head} | 9 | 7 ¹ | 3 ^{1/2} | 1 ¹ | 3.70 | 4w 1/4,clear 1/16,held |
| 21Aug10 ⁸ AP ¹ | 9 | Paddy O'Prado (Desormeaux, Kent) | 121 | L | 7 | 7 ¹ | 7 ² | 8 ¹ | 4 ^{1/2} | 1 ^{Head} | 2 ^{1/2} | 1.35* | 4w 5/16,led,yield 1/16 |
| 14Aug10 ¹⁰ SAR ⁷ | 1 | Grassy (Gomez, Garrett) | 126 | L | 1 | 6 ^{1/2} | 6 ^{1/2} | 6 ^{1/2} | 5 ^{1/2} | 4 ¹ | 3 ^{1 1/4} | 23.00 | alt crse 1/8,late foot |
| 21Aug10 ⁹ AP ⁵ | 4 | Treat Gently (GB) (Velazquez, John) | 123 | L | 3 | 3 ^{1 1/2} | 3 ¹ | 3 ¹ | 2 ^{1/2} | 2 ¹ | 4 ^{2 1/4} | 11.60 | 3w both turns, wknd |
| 14Aug10 ¹⁰ SAR ¹ | 7 | Telling (Castellano, Javier) | 126 | L f | 5 | 4 ^{1/2} | 4 ^{1/2} | 4 ¹ | 6 ¹ | 6 ³ | 5 ^{4 1/2} | 8.80 | saved ground,no kick |
| 27Mar10 ¹⁰ GP ² | 2 | Never On Sunday (FR) (Fragoso, Pablo) | 126 | L | 2 | 9 | 9 | 7 ^{Head} | 8 ² | 7 ¹ | 6 ^{3/4} | 5.80 | svd ground until 1/4pl |
| 14Aug10 ¹⁰ SAR ⁴ | 11 | Interpatation (Lezcano, Jose) | 126 | L f | 9 | 1 ¹ | 1 ¹ | 1 ¹ | 3 ¹ | 5 ¹ | 7 ^{6 1/2} | 22.70 | well rated ins to 3/8p |
| 11Sep10 ⁹ BEL ⁴ | 8 | Strike a Deal (Dominguez, Ramon) | 126 | L f | 6 | 2 ¹ | 2 ^{1 1/2} | 2 ¹ | 1 ^{Head} | 8 ² | 8 ¹ | 21.80 | rated prompting, tired |
| 14Aug10 ¹⁰ SAR ² | 6 | Bearpath (Borel, Calvin) | 126 | L | 4 | 5 ¹ | 5 ¹ | 5 ^{1/2} | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8.40 | 3w 1st turn, tired |

Fractional Times: 25.58 52.98 1:20.37 1:46.38 2:11.23 **Final Time:** 2:36.09

Split Times: (27:40) (27:39) (26:01) (24:85) (24:86)

Run-Up: 54 feet

Winner: Winchester, Bay Horse, by Theatrical (IRE) out of Rum Charger (IRE), by =Spectrum (IRE). Foaled Mar 22, 2005 in Virginia.

Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. Bertram R. Firestone. **Winning Owner:** Firestone, Mr. and Mrs. Bertram R.

Scratched Horse(s): Al Khali (Trainer), Solitaire (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$892,308

| Pgm | Horse | Win | Place | Show | Wager Type | Winning Numbers | Payoff | Pool |
|-----|---------------|------|-------|------|---------------------|--------------------|----------|---------|
| 10 | Winchester | 9.40 | 4.00 | 3.10 | \$2.00 Exacta | 10-9 | 27.40 | 616,596 |
| 9 | Paddy O'Prado | | 3.20 | 2.10 | \$2.00 Trifecta | 10-9-1 | 283.50 | 388,990 |
| 1 | Grassy | | | 7.20 | \$2.00 Pick 3 | 5-1-10 (3 correct) | 400.50 | 97,597 |
| | | | | | \$2.00 Daily Double | 1-10 | 25.80 | 121,284 |
| | | | | | \$2.00 Superfecta | 10-9-1-4 | 1,913.00 | 201,648 |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name | 1/4 | 1/2 | 1m | 11/4 | Str | Fin |
|-----|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 10 | Winchester | 8 ^{6 1/2} | 8 ^{7 1/2} | 9 ⁶ | 7 ^{3 1/2} | 3 ¹ | 1 ¹ |
| 9 | Paddy O'Prado | 7 ^{5 1/2} | 7 ^{5 1/2} | 8 ⁵ | 4 ^{1 1/2} | 1 ^{Head} | 2 ¹ |
| 1 | Grassy | 6 ⁵ | 6 ⁵ | 6 ^{4 1/2} | 5 ² | 4 ^{1 1/2} | 3 ^{1 1/2} |
| 4 | Treat Gently (GB) | 3 ² | 3 ^{2 1/2} | 3 ² | 2 ^{Head} | 2 ^{Head} | 4 ^{2 3/4} |
| 7 | Telling | 4 ^{3 1/2} | 4 ^{3 1/2} | 4 ³ | 6 ^{2 1/2} | 6 ^{3 1/2} | 5 ⁵ |
| 2 | Never On Sunday (FR) | 9 ^{6 1/2} | 9 ^{7 1/2} | 7 ⁵ | 8 ^{4 1/2} | 7 ^{6 1/2} | 6 ^{9 1/2} |
| 11 | Interpatation | 1 ¹ | 1 ¹ | 1 ¹ | 3 ^{1/2} | 5 ^{2 1/2} | 7 ^{10 1/4} |
| 8 | Strike a Deal | 2 ¹ | 2 ¹ | 2 ¹ | 1 ^{Head} | 8 ^{7 1/2} | 8 ^{16 3/4} |
| 6 | Bearpath | 5 ⁴ | 5 ⁴ | 5 ⁴ | 9 ^{6 1/2} | 9 ^{9 1/2} | 9 ^{17 3/4} |


Trainers: 10 - Clement, Christophe; 9 - Romans, Dale; 1 - Clement, Christophe; 4 - Mott, William; 7 - Hobby, Steve; 2 - Biancone, Patrick; 11 - Barbara, Robert; 8 - Goldberg, Alan; 6 - Wilkes, Ian

Owners: 10 - Firestone, Mr. and Mrs. Bertram R.; 9 - Donegal Racing; 1 - Claiborne Farm and Dilschneider, Adele B.; 4 - Juddmonte Farms, Inc.; 7 - Lieblong, Alex and JoAnn; 2 - Bernard Weill; 11 - Elliot Mavorah; 8 - Richard Santulli; 6 - Lothenbach Stables, Inc.;

Footnotes

WINCHESTER raced reserved off the inside, continued to bide his time for over a mile, was asked to pick up the pace after entering the far turn, began to angle out gradually in preparation for the stretch run, came four wide into the lane, having now been fully roused, closed in strongly during the run through the furlong grounds, collared PADDY O'PRADO in the vicinity of the sixteenth pole and edged away under a drive. PADDY O'PRADO underwent a three wide journey, was content to sit reserved from out there during the initial mile, was maneuvered into the four path coming to the five-sixteenths pole, scurried into contention under encouragement, fought his way to the front by the eighth pole, felt the top one's presence soon after leaving the furlong grounds, dug in stubbornly for a while, yielded in the vicinity of the sixteenth pole, but held well to the finish line to earn the place. GRASSY placed under a snug hold, was eased back to midpack soon after the start, judiciously saved ground around the opening bend before being guided into the two path entering the backstretch, bided time, as did the rest of the competition until nearing the far turn, was asked for run approaching the quarter pole, rallied in earnest after settling into the stretch, altered course to the outside near the eighth pole, losing little momentum in the process, then came home with good late energy en route for the show. TREAT GENTLY (GB) patiently stalked the leader three wide around both turns, moved to bid for the lead nearing the three-eighths pole, continued the fight for the front, before weakening during the final furlong. TELLING saved ground and lacked a rally. NEVER ON SUNDAY (FR) was taken off a rival's heels during the early stages of the race, saved ground until the quarter pole, angled out turning for home, failed to fire after being called upon. INTERPATATION eager for the early command, cleared the field during the straightaway approach to the opening bend to establish

command, set a leisurely pace towards the inside, and under a firm hold, was forced to pick up the pace leaving the backstretch, once several foes stating to crank up the pressure, offered good resistance under encouragement before succumbing near the five-sixteenths pole and steadily tired thereafter. STRIKE A DEAL rated prompting the leader until upper stretch, gave way. BEARPATH three wide around the first turn, was through after completing a mile.

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