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BELMONT PARK - October 3, 2009 - Race 3

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

(UP TO \$8,360 NYSBFOA) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 122 lbs.

One Mile On The Dirt **Track Record:** (Najran - 1:32.24 - May 7, 2003)

Purse: \$44,000

Available Money: \$44,000

Value of Race: \$44,000 1st \$26,400, 2nd \$8,800, 3rd \$4,400, 4th \$2,200, 5th \$1,320, 6th \$220, 7th \$220, 8th \$220, 9th \$220

Weather: Cloudy **Track:** Fast

Off at: 1:41 **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 |
|----------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|---------|----|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| 13Dec08 ⁶ CRC ² | 3 | Sky's the Limit (Desormeaux, Kent) | 120 L | 2 | 2 | 1 ¹ | 1 ¹ 1/2 | 1 1/2 | 1 ² | 1 ³ 1/4 | 3.50 | kept to task |
| 11Jun09 ⁶ HOL ³ | 8 | Jayden's Hope (Dominguez, Ramon) | 120 L f | 9 | 5 | 4 ^{1/2} | 4 ¹ | 2 ^{1/2} | 2 ³ | 2 ⁵ | 1.75* | no match 2nd best |
| 15Aug09 ⁴ SAR ³ | 6 | Keep Thinking (Maragh, Rajiv) | 120 L b | 5 | 1 | 5 ^{1/2} | 5 ² 1/2 | 4 ¹ | 3 ² 1/2 | 3 ¹ 1/4 | 5.60 | rail trip no bid |
| 1Aug09 ⁴ SAR ⁶ | 5 | Colors Flying (Velazquez, John) | 120 L | 4 | 8 | 7 ^{1/2} | 7 ¹ 1/2 | 6 ^{1/2} | 4 ² | 4 ⁵ | 11.40 | saved grd no rally |
| 24Sep09 ⁶ BEL ³ | 1 | Clean Shot (Castellano, Javier) | 120 L b | 7 | 6 | 8 ⁷ | 6 ^{1/2} | 7 ⁶ | 5 ² | 5 ^{3/4} | 13.50 | swung out no rally |
| --- | 4 | R J Hope (Prado, Edgar) | 120 L | 3 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 ² 1/2 | 7 ¹ 1/2 | 6 ¹ 3/4 | 53.75 | checked break, outrun |
| 26Sep09 ⁴ BEL ¹⁰ | 2 | Stylish Mon (Espinoza, Jose) | 120 L | 1 | 7 | 2 ² 1/2 | 2 ¹ | 5 ¹ | 6 ^{1/2} | 7 ⁶ 1/2 | 27.50 | steadied backstretch |
| 1Aug09 ⁴ SAR ² | 7 | Eagle Strike (Garcia, Alan) | 122 L | 6 | 3 | 3 ¹ 1/2 | 3 ¹ | 3 ² | 8 ¹⁶ | 8 ¹⁹ 1/2 | 2.90 | chased 3wide drifted |
| --- | 1A | Combatant (IRE) (Leparoux, Julien) | 122 -- | 8 | 4 | 6 ¹ 1/2 | 8 ⁶ | 9 | 9 | 9 | 13.50 | done early |

Fractional Times: 22.92 45.91 1:10.12

Final Time: 1:34.84

Split Times: (22:99) (24:21) (24:72)

Run-Up: 45 feet

Winner: Sky's the Limit, Bay Gelding, by Sky Mesa out of Inclination, by Victory Gallop. Foaled Feb 12, 2006 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Robert B. Berger. **Winning Owner:** Oxbow Racing LLC

Total WPS Pool: \$413,232

| Pgm | Horse | Win | Place | Show | Wager Type | Winning Numbers | Payoff | Pool |
|-----|-----------------|------|-------|------|---------------------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| 3 | Sky's the Limit | 9.00 | 4.10 | 3.30 | \$2.00 Exacta | 3-8 | 30.40 | 368,500 |
| 8 | Jayden's Hope | | 3.90 | 3.30 | \$2.00 Pick 3 | 9-7-3 (3 correct) | 31.40 | 81,898 |
| 6 | Keep Thinking | | | 3.80 | \$2.00 Daily Double | 7-3 | 21.40 | 63,889 |
| | | | | | \$2.00 Trifecta | 3-8-6 | 120.00 | 259,283 |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | 3/4 | Str | Fin |
|-----|-----------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 3 | Sky's the Limit | 2 | 1 ¹ | 1 ¹ 1/2 | 1 1/2 | 1 ² | 1 ³ 1/4 |
| 8 | Jayden's Hope | 5 | 4 ⁵ | 4 ³ 1/2 | 2 ^{1/2} | 2 ² | 2 ³ 1/4 |
| 6 | Keep Thinking | 1 | 5 ⁵ 1/2 | 5 ⁴ 1/2 | 4 ³ | 3 ⁵ | 3 ⁸ 1/4 |
| 5 | Colors Flying | 8 | 7 ⁷ 1/2 | 7 ⁷ 1/2 | 6 ⁵ | 4 ⁷ 1/2 | 4 ⁹ 1/2 |
| 1 | Clean Shot | 6 | 8 ⁸ | 6 ⁷ | 7 ⁵ 1/2 | 5 ⁹ 1/2 | 5 ¹⁴ 1/2 |
| 4 | R J Hope | 9 | 9 ¹⁵ | 9 ¹⁵ | 8 ¹¹ 1/2 | 7 ¹² | 6 ¹⁵ 1/4 |
| 2 | Stylish Mon | 7 | 2 ¹ | 2 ¹ 1/2 | 5 ⁴ | 6 ¹¹ 1/2 | 7 ¹⁷ |
| 7 | Eagle Strike | 3 | 3 ³ 1/2 | 3 ² 1/2 | 3 ¹ | 8 ¹³ 1/2 | 8 ²³ 1/2 |
| 1A | Combatant (IRE) | 4 | 6 ⁶ | 8 ⁹ | 9 ¹⁴ | 9 ²⁹ 1/2 | 9 ⁴³ |

Trainers: 3 - Mott, William; 8 - Levine, Bruce; 6 - Harty, Eoin; 5 - McGaughey III, Claude; 1 - Jerkens, H.; 4 - Iselin, James; 2 - Jerkens, James; 7 - Frankel, Robert; 1A - Jerkens, H.

Owners: 3 - Oxbow Racing LLC; 8 - Valente, Roddy, J. and R. A. Hill Stable; 6 - Darley Stable; 5 - Phipps Stable; 1 - Joseph V. Shields, Jr.; 4 - Kaufman, Robert, Iselin, James, H. and Cecil, Jane and Donald; 2 - Centennial Farms; 7 - Diamond Pride LLC and Frankel, Robert J.; 1a - John M. B. O'Connor;

Footnotes

SKY'S THE LIMIT sprinted clear, extended his advantage in upper stretch and drew off while being kept to the task. JAYDEN'S HOPE raced in good position between horses, angled three wide at the quarter pole but was no match for the winner while clearly best of the others. KEEP THINKING saved ground to the top of the stretch and lacked a strong closing response. COLORS FLYING saved ground while well back to the turn and improved his position late. CLEAN SHOT raced well back for a half, swung four wide and lacked a late response. R J HOPE checked at the start and was never close thereafter. STYLISH MON steadied along the rail behind the winner on the backstretch and gave way on the turn. EAGLE STRIKE chased three wide for five furlongs and drifted out while tiring in upper stretch. COMBATANT (IRE) never reached contention.

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