

**BELMONT PARK - October 6, 2007 - Race 4**

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred  
 (UP TO \$10,640 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR RESTRICTED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OR OPTIONAL CLAIMING PRICE OF \$75,000 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 122 lbs. Non-winners Of \$24,000 At A Mile Or Over Since August 6 Allowed 3 lbs. (Races where entered for \$50,000 or less not considered in allowances). (NW1 X) **Claiming**

**Price:** \$75,000

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

**Purse:** \$56,000

**Available Money:** \$56,000

**Value of Race:** \$56,000 1st \$33,600, 2nd \$11,200, 3rd \$5,600, 4th \$2,800, 5th \$1,680, 6th \$560, 7th \$560

**Weather:** Clear **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 2:46 **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
13Sep07 <sup>5</sup> BEL <sup>1</sup>	4	Merchant Marine (Velasquez, Cornelio)	120 L	2	5	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>Neck</sup>	2.10	resolutely, prevailed
16Sep07 <sup>1</sup> BEL <sup>5</sup>	6	Gold Trippi (Bridgmohan, Shaun)	117 L b	4	2	4 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>3</sup>	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>7 1/2</sup>	9.00	bumped start, stumbled
8Sep07 <sup>1</sup> BEL <sup>2</sup>	7	Tight Grip (Castellano, Javier)	117 L	5	3	3 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>3/4</sup>	1.35*	roughed up start, wide
15Sep07 <sup>3</sup> BEL <sup>4</sup>	2	Executive Search (Espinoza, Jose)	119 L b	1	7	7	7	5 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>Nose</sup>	23.40	inside trip, no rally
8Sep07 <sup>1</sup> BEL <sup>3</sup>	5	Comprise (Lezcano, Jose)	117 L c	3	6	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	6 <sup>3</sup>	6 <sup>6</sup>	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>6 1/2</sup>	6.70	inside, no response
25Aug07 <sup>11</sup> SAR <sup>8</sup>	8	South Pacific (Arroyo, Jr., Norberto)	119 L	6	4	1 <sup>7</sup>	1 <sup>8</sup>	3 <sup>Head</sup>	6 <sup>8</sup>	6 <sup>12</sup>	17.50	stumbled start, bumped
28Jul07 <sup>3</sup> SAR <sup>9</sup>	9	Johannesburg Star (Coa, Elbar)	117 L	7	1	6 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>Head</sup>	7	7	7	7.50	wide throughout, tired

**Fractional Times:** 23.03 45.86 1:11.37

**Final Time:** 1:36.30

**Split Times:** (22:83) (25:51) (24:93)

**Run-Up:** 0 feet

**Winner:** Merchant Marine, Bay Gelding, by Tiznow out of Head East, by Gone West. Foaled Jan 26, 2004 in Kentucky.

**Breeder:** Pollock Farms. **Winning Owner:** Peachtree Stable

**Scratched Horse(s):** J B Three (Trainer), Richland Creek (Trainer)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$526,710

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Merchant Marine	6.20	4.40	2.70	\$2.00 Exacta	4-6	61.00	473,443
6	Gold Trippi		7.40	3.40	\$2.00 Trifecta	4-6-7	122.50	375,929
7	Tight Grip			2.10	\$2.00 Pick 3	8-7-4 (3 correct)	323.00	86,876
					\$2.00 Quinella	4-6	39.00	36,703

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
4	Merchant Marine	5	2 <sup>7</sup>	2 <sup>8</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>Neck</sup>
6	Gold Trippi	2	4 <sup>9</sup>	5 <sup>9 1/4</sup>	4 <sup>3/4</sup>	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>Neck</sup>
7	Tight Grip	3	3 <sup>8</sup>	3 <sup>8</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>7 3/4</sup>
2	Executive Search	7	7 <sup>12 1/2</sup>	7 <sup>12 3/4</sup>	5 <sup>3 3/4</sup>	4 <sup>6 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>8 1/2</sup>
5	Comprise	6	5 <sup>9</sup>	6 <sup>9 3/4</sup>	6 <sup>3 3/4</sup>	5 <sup>7 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>8 1/2</sup>
8	South Pacific	4	1 <sup>7</sup>	1 <sup>8</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	6 <sup>8</sup>	6 <sup>15</sup>
9	Johannesburg Star	1	6 <sup>9 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>9</sup>	7 <sup>9 3/4</sup>	7 <sup>16</sup>	7 <sup>27</sup>

**Trainers:** 4 - Jerkens, H.; 6 - Hough, Stanley; 7 - Frankel, Robert; 2 - Ubillo, Rodrigo; 5 - Zito, Nicholas; 8 - Jerkens, James; 9 - Tagg, Barclay

**Owners:** 4 - Peachtree Stable; 6 - E. Paul Robsham Stables LLC; 7 - West, Gary and Mary; 2 - Cosgrove, Peter K., Lake Star Stable, McMahon, Michael J. and Veitch, John G.; 5 - Tracy Farmer; 8 - Moore, Susan and John; 9 - Bisnath Parboo;

**Footnotes**

MERCHANT MARINE raced in hand early, rallied nearing the stretch, dug in resolutely in the drive and prevailed after a long drive. GOLD TRIPPI was bumped at the start, stumbled after the start, rallied three wide on the turn and finished well outside. TIGHT GRIP was roughed up between rivals at the start, rallied wide approaching the stretch and tired in the final furlong. EXECUTIVE SEARCH was outrun early, raced inside and had no rally. COMPRISE raced inside and had no response when roused. SOUTH PACIFIC stumbled at the start, was bumped, ran off to a long lead and tired in the stretch. JOHANNESBURG STAR raced wide throughout and tired.

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