TAMPA BAY DOWNS - March 16, 2003 - Race 11

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STAKES Tampa Bay Derby Grade 3 - For Thoroughbred Three Year Old
One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt **Track Record:** (Bold Start - 1:42.83 - March 6, 2010)
Purse: $250,000 Guaranteed
Available Money: $250,000
Value of Race: $250,000 1st $150,000, 2nd $50,000, 3rd $25,000, 4th $12,500, 5th $7,500, 6th $5,000
Weather: Clear **Track:** Fast
Off at: 5:21 **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
15Feb03 ^{3}GP^{1}	9	Region of Merit (Coa, Eibar)	120	L	8	2	$3^{1\ 1/2}$	3^{1}	2^{Head}	$2^{1/2}$	$1^{3/4}$	1.60*	stalked,led, prevailed
15Feb03 ^{10}GP^{1}	6	Aristocat (Velazquez, John)	118	L	6	3	4^{1}	$4^{1/2}$	$5^{1/2}$	$5^{1/2}$	2^{Neck}	1.90	finished well 5 wide
18Jan03 ^{10}TAM^{2}	7	Hear No Evil (Cruz, Manoel)	123	L bf	7	1	1^{2}	$1^{2\ 1/2}$	1^{2}	1^{1}	$3^{1\ 3/4}$	34.60	just hung late
22Feb03 ^{10}TAM^{1}	3	White Buck (Velez, Roger)	118	L b	3	7	7^{6}	$6^{1/2}$	4^{2}	3^{2}	4^{Head}	27.40	outfinished late
15Feb03 ^{9}GP^{2}	4	Strength Within (Guidry, Mark)	116	L	4	4	5^{Head}	7^{6}	$6^{1/2}$	$6^{3\ 1/2}$	5^{2}	2.60	shuffled,no response
15Feb03 ^{9}GP^{6}	2	Cajun Beat (Boulanger, Gary)	118	L	2	5	2^{1}	2^{1}	$3^{1/2}$	4^{2}	$6^{1\ 1/4}$	10.70	chased, gave way
27Feb03 ^{4}TAM^{1}	1	Fast Eddie D (Ramirez, Martin)	116	L b	1	8	8	8	8	7^{2}	$7^{7\ 3/4}$	43.50	bore in start,no factr
8Feb03 ^{9}GP^{1}	5	Popular Groom (Judice, Joseph)	118	- -	5	6	6^{Head}	$5^{1/2}$	7^{8}	8	8	13.00	failed to menace

Fractional Times: 23.33 47.06 1:11.68 1:37.64 **Final Time:** 1:44.61
Split Times: (23:73) (24:62) (25:96) (6:97)
Run-Up: 0 feet

Winner: Region of Merit, Chestnut Colt, by Touch Gold out of Innocently Astray, by Gone West. Foaled Feb 26, 2000 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Louie J. Roussel III. **Winning Owner:** Calumet Farm

Scratched Horse(s): Freedom Lane (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: $295,333

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
9	Region of Merit	5.20	3.00	2.40	$2.00 Exacta	9-6	12.20	186,360
6	Aristocat		3.00	2.80	$2.00 Trifecta	9-6-7	127.60	159,593
7	Hear No Evil			5.60	$2.00 Superfecta	9-6-7-3	773.60	51,160
					$2.00 Daily Double	6-9	43.00	9,583

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
9	Region of Merit	2	3^{3}	$3^{3\ 1/2}$	2^{2}	2^{1}	$1^{3/4}$
6	Aristocat	3	$4^{4\ 1/2}$	$4^{4\ 1/2}$	$5^{4\ 1/2}$	$5^{5\ 1/2}$	$2^{3/4}$
7	Hear No Evil	1	1^{2}	$1^{2\ 1/2}$	1^{2}	1^{1}	3^{1}
3	White Buck	7	$7^{5\ 3/4}$	$6^{5\ 1/2}$	$4^{2\ 1/2}$	$3^{1\ 1/2}$	$4^{2\ 3/4}$
4	Strength Within	4	$5^{5\ 1/2}$	7^{6}	6^{5}	6^{6}	$5^{2\ 3/4}$
2	Cajun Beat	5	2^{2}	$2^{2\ 1/2}$	3^{2}	$4^{3\ 1/2}$	$6^{4\ 3/4}$
1	Fast Eddie D	8	$8^{11\ 3/4}$	8^{12}	$8^{13\ 1/2}$	$7^{9\ 1/2}$	7^{6}
5	Popular Groom	6	$6^{5\ 1/2}$	5^{5}	$7^{5\ 1/2}$	$8^{11\ 1/2}$	$8^{13\ 3/4}$

Trainers: 9 - Clement, Christophe; 6 - Pletcher, Todd; 7 - Decker, Kenneth; 3 - Paradise, Jerry; 4 - Proctor, Thomas; 2 - Gambolati, Cam; 1 - Gibson, Linda; 5 - Mott, William

Owners: 9 - Calumet Farm; 6 -Michael B. Tabor; 7 - Jacks or Better Farm, Inc.; 3 -Olga Paradise; 4 - Glen Hill Farm; 2 - Sanan, Satish and Iracane, John and Joseph; 1 -James Alnwick; 5 -Bertram R. Firestone;

Footnotes

REGION OF MERIT stalked the leader from the outset while four wide, rallied out of the second turn to go after HEAR NO EVIL, gained a short lead from that one inside the final furlong then held ARISTOCRAT safe under steady handling. ARISTOCAT also stalked the leaders into the second turn, dropped back a bit through that turn then angled out five wide, brushing STRENGTH WITHIN in the process and finished willingly but too late. HEAR NO EVIL broke sharp, set a moderate pace under good handling then just hung late. WHITE BUCK made an inside middle move to be within striking distance a furlong out but was outfinished late. STRENGTH WITHIN was shuffled back early, made a four wide middle move but failed to respond to pressure. CAJUN BEAT chased for six furlongs then gave way. FAST EDDIE D bore in at the break and was no factor. POPULAR GROOM failed to menace.

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