

BELMONT PARK - April 28, 2018 - Race 9

STAKES Elusive Quality S. Listed - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$125 each which should accompany the nomination; \$600 to pass the entry box and an additional \$650 to start. For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental payment of \$1,250 along with the entry and starting fees may be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. The purse to be divided 60% to the owner of the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% divided equally amongst the remaining finishers. Weight 124 lbs. Non-winners of a Graded Stakes in 2017-18 allowed 2 lbs.; Non-winners of \$60,000 in 2017-18 allowed 4 lbs.; of two races other than maiden, claiming, starter or state bred allowance in 2018, 6 lbs.; of such a race in 2018, 8 lbs. The New York Racing Association reserves the right to transfer this race to the main track. A presentation will be made to the winning owner. Closed Saturday, April 14, 2018 with 27 Original Nominations and 1 Supplement. (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at Seven Furlongs on the main track.) (Rail at 9 feet).

Seven Furlongs On The Turf **Track Record:** (A Lot - 1:19.23 - April 30, 2016)

Purse: \$125,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$125,000

Value of Race: \$125,000 1st \$75,000, 2nd \$25,000, 3rd \$12,500, 4th \$6,250, 5th \$3,750, 6th \$500, 7th \$500, 8th \$500, 9th \$500, 10th \$500



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Weather: Clear **Track:** Good

Off at: 5:55 **Start:** Good for all except 4,8

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
3Mar18 ¹⁰ GP ⁵	1	Blind Ambition (Velazquez, John)	122	L b	1	1	¹ Head	1 1/2	¹ 3 1/2	1 ²	5.20	in hand 2p, held well
8Apr18 ⁸ AQU ⁵	9	Conquest Panthera (Davis, Dylan)	124	L	9	7	7 1/2	7 ¹	3 1/2	2 ¹ 3/4	5.50	6w upper, good finish
5Nov17 ⁴ CD ¹	2	Undrafted (Rosario, Joel)	118	L	2	5	9 1/2	10	7 1/2	3 ² 1/4	4.90	5-6w uppr, closed well
31Mar18 ¹⁰ GP ⁴	3	Ready for Rye (Saez, Luis)	116	L	3	2	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	4 ¹ 1/2	6.90	4w upper, wknd late
31Mar18 ⁷ AQU ³	7	Field of Courage (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	124	L b	7	4	4 ¹	4 1/2	6 1/2	5 ^{Nose}	13.10	tracked 2p, wknd late
7Apr18 ⁷ KEE ⁴	5	Commute (Lezcano, Jose)	116	L	5	3	2 ¹	2 ¹ 1/2	4 1/2	6 ^{Neck}	3.40*	pressed 3w, wknd late
8Apr18 ⁸ AQU ⁷	6	Great Wide Open (IRE) (Franco, Manuel)	118	L	6	8	6 ² 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	7 ¹ 1/2	13.80	4w upper, no response
17Feb18 ⁴ FG ⁶	8	Commend (Ortiz, Jose)	116	L	8	6	5 1/2	5 ¹ 1/2	5 ^{Head}	8 ⁴	13.30	stumbled st, weakened
7Apr18 ⁸ AQU ³	4	Great Stuff (Cohen, David)	124	L bf	4	10	10	9 ¹	9 ⁹	9 ³⁶ 1/2	17.90	brush gate, no impact
24Sep17 ² BEL ³	10	Kharafa (Bravo, Joe)	116	L b	10	9	8 ^{Head}	8 1/2	10	10	9.00	7w upper, eased

Fractional Times: 22.24 45.09 1:08.56

Final Time: 1:20.65

Split Times: (22:85) (23:47) (12:09)

Run-Up: 126 feet **Temporary Rail:** 9 feet

Winner: Blind Ambition, Bay Colt, by Tapit out of Starfish Bay, by Elusive Quality. Foaled Apr 21, 2014 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd..

Winning Owner: Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck)

Total WPS Pool: \$496,403

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Blind Ambition	12.40	6.80	4.60	\$1.00 Exacta	1-9	53.00	389,731
9	Conquest Panthera		5.80	3.90	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-9-2	141.00	207,982
2	Undrafted			3.90	\$1.00 Pick 3	1-3-1 (3 correct)	233.25	56,201
					\$1.00 Grand Slam	1/7/8-1/2/8-3/4/7-1 (4 correct)	88.50	41,513
					\$1.00 Daily Double	3-1	59.25	86,514
					\$0.10 Superfecta	1-9-2-3	171.90	96,780
					\$1.00 Consolation Pick 3	1-8-1 (3 correct)	35.50	0

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
1	Blind Ambition	1	¹ Head	1 1/2	¹ 3 1/2	1 ²
9	Conquest Panthera	7	⁷ 6 1/2	⁷ 6	³ 3 1/2	2 ²
2	Undrafted	5	9 ⁷ 1/4	10 ⁸ 1/2	7 ⁵ 1/4	3 ³ 3/4
3	Ready for Rye	2	3 ¹	3 ²	2 ³ 1/2	4 ⁶
7	Field of Courage	4	4 ² 1/2	4 ³ 1/2	6 ⁴ 3/4	5 ⁷ 1/2
5	Commute	3	2 ^{Head}	2 1/2	4 ⁴	6 ⁷ 1/2
6	Great Wide Open (IRE)	8	6 ⁴	6 ⁵ 1/2	8 ⁵ 3/4	7 ⁷ 3/4
8	Commend	6	5 ³ 1/2	5 ⁴	5 ⁴ 1/2	8 ⁹ 1/4
4	Great Stuff	10	10 ⁷ 3/4	9 ⁷ 1/2	9 ⁷ 3/4	9 ¹³ 1/4
10	Kharafa	9	8 ⁷	8 ⁷	10 ¹⁶ 3/4	10 ⁴⁹ 3/4


Trainers: 1 - Pletcher, Todd; 9 - Casse, Mark; 2 - Ward, Wesley; 3 - Albertrani, Thomas; 7 - Rodriguez, Rudy; 5 - Casse, Mark; 6 - Murphy, Conor; 8 - Mott, William; 4 - Jacobson, David; 10 - Hills, Timothy

Owners: 1 - Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck); 9 - Gary Barber; 2 - Welker, Wes and Monomoy Stables, LLC; 3 - Chalk Racing; 7 - Ben Mondello; 5 - Grossberg, Gabe and Sagamore Farm; 6 - Murphy, Conor and M and J Thoroughbreds LLC; 8 - Claiborne Farm and Dilschneider, Adele B.; 4 - Bruce Golden Racing and Jacobson, David; 10 - Braverman, Paul and Pinch, Timothy;

Footnotes

BLIND AMBITION coaxed from the gate, showed the way in hand from the two path under pressure from COMMUTE to the outside through swift splits, got set down spinning just off the inside for home, edged clear under a drive to the eighth pole, dug in and held well to the finish. CONQUEST PANTHERA three wide in pursuit from mid pack, came under coaxing at the three-eighths, angled six wide into upper stretch, offered up a good finish to cut into the winner's margin while safely along for the place honors. UNDRAFTED saved ground near the rear, came under coaxing at the five-sixteenths, angled five to six wide for home, closed well to procure the show honors. READY FOR RYE just off the pace three wide, came under coaxing three furlongs from home, swung four wide into upper stretch, offered up a mild bid to the furlong grounds, then weakened in the late stages. FIELD OF COURAGE bumped at the start by COMMEND who recovered inwards from a stumble, tracked the pace from the two path coming under coaxing at the five-sixteenths, cut the corner into upper stretch, weakened in the late going. COMMUTE pressed the pace of BLIND AMBITION from the three path, got let out continuing three wide for

home, got shaken off nearing the eighth pole and weakened in the final furlong. GREAT WIDE OPEN (IRE) chased just off the inside under coaxing from the seven-sixteenths, angled four wide into upper stretch and offered no response. COMMEND stumbled at the start recovering inwards and bumping with FIELD OF COURAGE, chased three wide from mid pack under a ride from midway on the turn, angled five wide into upper stretch and weakened. GREAT STUFF brushed the near side stall at the start, chased just off the inside from near the rear under encouragement from the three-eighths, cornered just off the inside for home and made no impact. KHARAFa four wide in pursuit in the clear and near the rear, came under coaxing at the five-sixteenths, swung seven wide for home failing to pick it up and was put to a protective hold and was eased through the stretch.

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