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BELMONT PARK - July 4, 2020 - Race 9

STAKES Runhappy Metropolitan H. Grade 1 - Thoroughbred

A HANDICAP FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD.

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

Purse: \$500,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$500,000

Value of Race: \$500,000 1st \$275,000, 2nd \$100,000, 3rd \$60,000, 4th \$30,000, 5th \$15,000, 6th \$10,000, 7th \$5,000, 8th \$5,000

Weather: Cloudy **Track:** Fast

Off at: 5:52 **Start:** Good for all except 4

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
6Jun20 ⁹ BEL ¹	2	Vekoma (Castellano, Javier)	123	L	2	1	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹ 1/4	1.95	ins,ask3/16,tested1/8
6Jun20 ⁹ BEL ²	1	Network Effect (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	120	L	1	3	3 ²	3 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Neck}	13.50	ins,tip 2w & split1/16
6Jun20 ⁷ BEL ¹	5	Code of Honor (Velazquez, John)	124	L	5	7	8	8	6 ^{Head}	5 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	3.60	rate 3-4w,fan 5w1/8
2May20 ¹² OP ²	8	Warrior's Charge (Geroux, Florent)	120	L	8	5	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Nose}	19.90	bump st,2w,bid upr,evn
7Jun20 ⁸ SA ¹	3	McKinzie (Smith, Mike)	125	L	3	2	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ¹	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{2 1/4}	1.85*	4w turn,5w1/8,empty
2May20 ¹² OP ³	7	Mr Freeze (Franco, Manuel)	120	L	7	6	6 ^{1/2}	7 ^{Head}	8	7 ^{1/2}	6 ^{Neck}	8.90	bmp st,2w,wander7w str
6Jun20 ⁷ BEL ²	6	Endorsed (Rosario, Joel)	119	L	6	4	5 ²	4 ¹	4 ^{Head}	6 ¹	7 ²	16.70	3w turn & upper,tired
29May20 ⁷ CD ²	4	Hog Creek Hustle (Ortiz, Jose)	120	L f	4	8	7 ¹	6 ^{Head}	7 ^{Head}	8	8	56.00	stumble brk,ins to 1/4

Fractional Times: 22.73 45.87 1:09.57

Final Time: 1:32.88

Split Times: (23:14) (23:70) (23:31)

Run-Up: 50 feet

Winner: Vekoma, Chestnut Colt, by [Candy Ride \(ARG\)](#) out of Mona de Momma, by Speightstown. Foaled May 22, 2016 in Kentucky.



Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: Alpha Delta Stables, LLC.

Winning Owner: R. A. Hill Stable and Gatsas Stables

Total WPS Pool: \$1,958,657

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Vekoma	5.90	4.00	3.20	\$1.00 Exacta	2-1	22.70	974,857
1	Network Effect		11.40	6.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-1-5	35.12	629,315
5	Code of Honor			3.30	\$1.00 Pick 3	4-5-2 (3 correct)	115.25	153,455
					\$1.00 Daily Double	5-2	19.20	189,057
					\$0.10 Superfecta	2-1-5-8	46.70	340,344

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
2	Vekoma	1	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹ 1/4
1	Network Effect	3	3 ²	3 ²	3 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹ 1/4
5	Code of Honor	7	8 ^{7 1/2}	8 ^{5 3/4}	6 ^{3 1/2}	5 ²	3 ¹ 1/2
8	Warrior's Charge	5	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ¹	4 ²
3	McKinzie	2	4 ⁴	5 ⁴	5 ^{2 1/2}	4 ²	5 ²
7	Mr Freeze	6	6 ⁶	7 ^{5 1/2}	8 ^{3 3/4}	7 ⁴	6 ⁴ 1/4
6	Endorsed	4	5 ⁴	4 ³	4 ^{2 1/2}	6 ³	7 ⁴ 1/2
4	Hog Creek Hustle	8	7 ^{6 1/2}	6 ^{5 1/2}	7 ^{3 3/4}	8 ^{4 1/2}	8 ^{6 1/2}

Trainers: 2 - Weaver, George; 1 - Brown, Chad; 5 - McGaughey III, Claude; 8 - Cox, Brad; 3 - Baffert, Bob; 7 - Romans, Dale; 6 - Mott, William; 4 - Foley, Vickie

Owners: 2 - R. A. Hill Stable and Gatsas Stables; 1 - Klaravich Stables, Inc.; 5 - W.S. Farish; 8 - Ten Strike Racing and Madaket Stables LLC; 3 - Watson, Karl, Pegram, Michael E. and Weitman, Paul; 7 - Bakke, Jim and Isbister, Gerald; 6 - Godolphin, LLC; 4 - Something Special Racing, LLC;

Footnotes

VEKOMA kept control after breaking on top, got guided over to the rail, carved out the pace, lightly hand urged and with WARRIOR'S CHARGE in attendance in path two, continued along the same set up setting split after split, felt an uptick in pressure as three-quarters was being completed, strode out towards the three-sixteenths pole however before being turned loose, responded, came under siege by the beginning of the final furlong, dug in gamely to fend off all comers. NETWORK EFFECT secured the pocket after the field had been sent off and running, rated well keeping watch on the winner, got cued up spinning into the lane, kept up with VEKOMA during the ensuing furlong, tipped into the two path and split rivals in the vicinity of the sixteenth pole, held on well enough long enough to preserve the place. CODE OF HONOR came away without apparent mishap, raced at a considerable distance from off the rail throughout, got rated racing three to four wide on the turn, was asked for more stepping onto the head of the stretch, got maneuvered to the outside, until in path five by the eighth pole, finished with good energy, fell short of snagging away second. WARRIOR'S CHARGE made contact with MR FREEZE after coming in at the start, assumed a prominent position, prompted the winner while being reserved in the two path, challenged in earnest heading home, shifted towards the three path, failed to make any headway. MCKINZIE took up residence in midpack, departed the backstretch from path four, kept within striking distance during the run around the bend, stepped into the lane and was switched over to stronger handling, moved out into the path five, came up empty after leaving the furlong marker. MR FREEZE got bumped by an incoming WARRIOR'S CHARGE, displayed no ill effects, was worked into the two path prior to arriving at the half mile pole, took up the chase from between opponents for a good portion of the trip on the turn, had the pilot commit to going outward after settling in at the top of the lane, wandered out seven wide by deep stretch, made no impact. ENDORSED under a snug hold, crept up towards the front runners on the backstretch, pursued the pace from the three path on the turn, went into the lane, and backed away. HOG CREEK HUSTLE stumbled at the start, cut over to the rail, was waiting third in line along the inside route on the turn, tipped one path farther off the rail in upper stretch, had no response.

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