

# 101st RUNNING—1969—ARTS AND LETTERS

**EIGHTH RACE 1 1-2 MILES.** (Gallant Man, June 15, 1957, 2.26 $\frac{3}{4}$ , 3, 126.)  
**Bel - 38553**

June 7, 1969

One hundred and first running. THE BELMONT. \$125,000 added. 3-year-olds. Scale weights. Colts and geldings, 126 lbs.; fillies, 121 lbs. By subscription of \$100 each, to accompany the nomination. \$250 to pass the entry box and \$1,000 additional to start. All fees to the Belmont winner. \$125,000 added of which \$25,000 to second, \$12,500 to third and \$6,250 to fourth. Closed with 153 nominations. Supplementary nominations may be made upon payment of \$5,000 each on or before Tuesday, June 3. The winning owner will be presented with the August Belmont Memorial Cup, to be retained for one year, as well as a trophy for permanent possession and trophies will be presented to the winning trainer and jockey.

Value of race \$147,000. Value to winner \$104,050, second \$25,000, third \$12,500, fourth \$6,250. Mutuel pool \$1,174,928. (Minus show pool \$5,782.98).

Index	Horse	Eqt	A	Wt	PP	¼	½	1	1½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Owner	Odds \$1
38387A	Art's Letters	3	126	1	2½	2 <sup>m</sup>	1½	1½	1½	13	15½	B Baeza	Rokeby Stable	1.70
38307P	Majestic Prince	3	126	3	5½	5½	4½	3½	2½	22	22	W Hartack	F M McMahon	1.30
38226C	Dike	3	126	5	1h	1½	2½	2½	3½	3½	3½	E Belmonte	Claiborne Farm	2.30
38333A	Distray	b	3126	6	6	6	6	42	44	42½	44	J L Rotz	King Ranch	59.80
38433G	Rooney's Shield	3	126	4	4	4½	5½	5½	5½	5½	5½	L Adams	O S Deming	12.60
38414G	Prime Fool	3	126	2	3½	3½	3½	6	6	6	6	J Velasquez	G R Wallace	38.00

Time .25¾, .51, 1.16¾, 1.40¾, 2.04¾, 2.28¾ (against wind in backstretch), Track fast.

**\$2 Mutuel Prices:**

1-ARTS AND LETTERS .....	5.40	2.60	2.10
3-MAJESTIC PRINCE .....		2.40	2.10
5-DIKE .....			2.10

Ch. c. by Ribot—All Beautiful, by Battlefield. Trainer E. Burch. Bred by P. Mellon (Va.).

IN GATE AT 5.37. OFF AT 5.37 EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME. Start good. Won easily.

ARTS AND LETTERS, away fast, was steadied behind DIKE during the run down the backstretch, took command at the mile and gradually increased his advantage, winning with something left. MAJESTIC PRINCE began alertly, was taken in hand soon after the start, was in close quarters near the upper turn but moved to the outside approaching the stretch, drifted out under near side punishment and finished willingly but was unable to threaten ARTS AND LETTERS. DIKE, hustled to the front early; saved ground and made the pace until near the mile but gave way to ARTS AND LETTERS when challenged and steadily lost ground the remainder of the trip. DISTRAY lacked early foot and was unable to reach serious contention when set down through the stretch. ROONEY'S SHIELD, steadied at the initial turn, tired after three-quarters of a mile. PRIME FOOL jumped a path soon after the start and checked when caught in light quarters at the first turn, recovered under alert handling but gave way after the mile.