

NINTH RACE

Belmont

JUNE 6, 1998

1½ MILES. (2.24) 130th Running of THE BELMONT. Grade I. Purse \$1,000,000 (plus up to \$72,000 NYSBFOA). 3-year-olds. By subscription of \$600 to accompany the nomination if made on or before January 17, or \$6,000 if made on or before March 28, \$10,000 to pass the entry box, \$10,000 to start. At any time prior to the closing time of entries, horses may be nominated to The Belmont Stakes upon payment of a supplementary fee of \$100,000 to the New York Racing Association Inc. All supplementary fees will be included in the purse distribution. Horses nominated by payment of a supplementary fee (supplemental nominees) will not be allowed to enter if the maximum number of starters has otherwise been reached prior to the time of closing. All entrants, supplemental or otherwise, will be required to pay entry and starting fees. The purse to be divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth and 3% to fifth. Weight: Colts and geldings, 126 lbs. Fillies, 121 lbs. Starters to be named at the closing time of entries. The Belmont field will be limited to sixteen (16) starters. In the event that more than 16 entries pass through the entry box at the closing, the starters will be determined at the closing with 50% of the field (8 starters) given preference by accumulating the highest earnings in Graded Stakes (lifetime), including all money paid for performance in such Grades Stakes. The next five (5) starters (approximate 30%) will be determined by accumulating the highest earnings (lifetime) in all races except restricted races (i.e. any stake containing eligibility conditions other than sex and age). The remaining three starters (approximate 20%) shall be determined by accumulating the highest earnings (lifetime) in all races. Should this preference produce any ties, the additional starter(s) shall be determined by lot. If the rules described result in the exclusion of any horse, the \$10,000 entry fee will be refunded to the owner of said horse. 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 to the winning trainer and jockey. Closed Thursday, June 4, with 384 early nominations and 6 late nominations.

Value of Race: \$1,000,000 Winner \$600,000; second \$200,000; third \$110,000; fourth \$60,000; fifth \$30,000. Mutuel Pool \$10,676,931.00 Exacta Pool \$6,552,273.00 Trifecta Pool \$6,843,650.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.Wt	PP	¼	½	1	1¼	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1	
16May98 10Pim2	Victory Gallop	L	3	126	9	10½	101	93	5hd	23	1no	Stevens G L	4.50 Hard drive, gamely
16May98 10Pim1	Real Quiet	Lb	3	126	7	6½	61½	3½	1½	14	26	Desormeaux K J	0.80 *
16May98 5Pim1	Thomas Jo	Lb	3	126	1	7½	71½	71½	4½	3hd	31¼	McCarron C J	28.50 Wide move turn
24May98 8Bel3	Parade Ground	L	3	126	4	9hd	91	8½	81	5hd	42½	Day P	20.40 *
9May98 6Spt4	Raffie's Majesty	L	3	126	8	2hd	5½	61½	64	41½	54	Chavez J F	13.90 Flattened out, inside
22May98 9GS5	Chilito	L	3	126	3	11½	11	1½	2½	68	64	Davis R G	85.75 Used in pace
24May98 8Bel1	Grand Slam	L	3	126	11	3hd	21	2½	36	71	7nk	Bailey J D	7.20 Forced pace, tired
16May98 10Pim3	Classic Cat	L	3	126	5	11	11	104	1013	86	89½	Velazquez J R	10.40 No response
2May98 9Aqu3	Limit Out	f	3	126	6	41½	3hd	5hd	7½	910	911	Samyn J L	20.90 *
9May98 6Spt1	Yarrow Brae	L	3	126	10	5hd	41½	42	9½	1014	1020	Smith M E	32.25 Used up
16May98 10Pim8	Basic Trainee	Lf	3	126	2	81	8hd	11	11	11	11	Bravo J	113.25 Broke slowly, outrun

OFF AT 5:29 Start Good. Won driving. Time, :233, :483, 1:132, 1:372, 2:024, 2:29 Track fast.

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

11-VICTORY GALLOP	11.00	3.60	3.20
8-REAL QUIET		3.00	2.60
2-THOMAS JO			5.30

\$2 EXACTA 11-8 PAID \$17.60 \$2 TRIFECTA 11-8-2 PAID \$275.00

B. c. (May), by Cryptoclearance-Victorious Lil, by Vice Regent. Trainer Walden W Elliott. Bred by Tall Oaks Farm (Ont-C).

VICTORY GALLOP bumped with YARROW BRAE at the start, raced far back for six furlongs, worked his way forward while four wide on the turn, split rivals entering the stretch, closed the gap in midstretch then finished determinedly to wear down REAL QUIET in the final strides. REAL QUIET settled in the middle of the pack for five furlongs, moved up rapidly while four wide on the far turn, surged to the front nearing the quarter pole, opened a wide gap in upper stretch, maintained a clear lead into midstretch, drifted out under left hand whipping, bumping twice with the winner in deep stretch then yielded grudgingly. THOMAS JO reserved for six furlongs, edged closer while four wide on the turn then finished willingly in the middle of the track to gain a share. PARADE GROUND outrun for six furlongs, checked in traffic while lacking room on the turn then improved his position with a mild late rally. RAFFIE'S MAJESTY unhurried early, launched a rally leaving the far turn, steadily gained along the inside to reach contention at the quarter pole then flattened out a bit in the lane. CHILITO sprinted clear in the early stages, set the pace along the inside to the turn and steadily tired thereafter. GRAND SLAM prompted the pace outside CHILITO for nearly a mile and tired from his early efforts. CLASSIC CAT never reached contention. LIMIT OUT up close early with the saddle slipping on the first turn, raced within striking distance along the inside to the far turn then lacked a further response. YARROW BRAE raced just off the pace while three wide for six furlongs and gave way on the turn. BASIC TRAINEE was outrun after breaking slowly. Following a stewards inquiry into the stretch run, there was no change in the order of finish.

Owners—1, Prestonwood Farm Inc; 2, Pegram Mike; 3, Mack Earle I & Team Valor; 4, Farish W S & Hilbert Stephen C; 5, Barrios & Lester & Prieger; 6, Lazy Lane Farms Inc; 7, Baker R C & Cornstein D & Mack W L; 8, Garber Gary M; 9, Shields Joseph V Jr; 10, Magnier Mrs John & Tabor Michael; 11, Gambotto Luis A & Oejo Enrique

Trainers—1, Walden W Elliott; 2, Baffert Bob; 3, Jerkens James A; 4, Howard Neil J; 5, Bond Harold James; 6, Motion H Graham; 7, Lukas D Wayne; 8, Cross David C Jr; 9, Jerkens H Allen; 10, Lukas D Wayne; 11, Romero Jorge E

Scratched—Hanuman Highway (2May98 8CD7), Hot Wells (16May98 10PIM4)