

ELEVENTH RACE

Belmont

JUNE 5, 2004

1½ MILES. (2.24) 136TH RUNNING OF THE BELMONT. Grade I. Purse \$1,000,000 (Up To \$70,000 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS. By subscription of \$600 each, to accompany the nomination, if made on or before January 17, 2004, or \$6,000, if made on or before March 27, 2004, \$10,000 to pass the entry box and \$10,000 additional to start. The purse to be divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth and 3% to fifth. Colts and Geldings, 126 lbs.; Fillies, 121 lbs. 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.

Value of Race: \$1,000,000 Winner \$600,000; second \$200,000; third \$110,000; fourth \$60,000; fifth \$30,000. Mutuel Pool \$23,355,741.00 Exacta Pool \$13,047,212.00 Trifecta Pool \$17,922,977.00 Superfecta Pool \$6,470,512.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/E	Eq.	A.	Wt.	PP	¼	½	1	1¼	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds 1/1
1May04 10CD8	Birdstone	L	3	126	4	7 1½	5 ½	46	21 ½	26	11		Prado E S	36.00
15May04 12Pim1	Smarty Jones	L	f	3	126	9	3 ½	3 ½	1 ½	13 ½	11 ½	28	Elliott S	0.35
15May04 9Pim1	Royal Assault	L	3	126	6	6hd	6 ½	61	52	510	33		Day P	27.75
15May04 12Pim3	Eddington	L	b	3	126	8	5hd	4 ½	33 ½	48	46	4no	Bailey J D	14.20
15May04 12Pim2	Rock Hard Ten	L	3	126	5	2 ½	2 ½	21	32	32 ½	514		Solis A	6.70
15May04 9Pim4	Tap Dancer	L	f	3	126	7	9	9	810	7 ½	6hd	64 ¼	Castellano J J	40.50
22May04 8Bel3	Master David	L	f	3	126	1	81	8hd	7hd	6hd	78	71	Santos J A	24.50
1May04 10Haw1	Caiman	L	3	126	3	4hd	7hd	9	9	9	86 ¼		Dominguez R A	49.75
22May04 8Bel1	Purge	L	3	126	2	1 ½	1hd	56	86	82	9		Velazquez J R	9.60

OFF AT 6:48 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :241, :483, 1:1352, 2:002, 2:272 (:24.33, :48.65, 1:11.76, 1:35.44, 2:00.52, 2:27.50)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:	4 – BIRDSTONE.....	74.00	14.00	8.60
	9 – SMARTY JONES.....	3.30	2.60	
	6 – ROYAL ASSAULT.....		6.10	

\$2 EXACTA 4-9 PAID \$139.00 \$2 TRIFECTA 4-9-6 PAID \$1,589.00

\$2 SUPERFECTA 4-9-6-8 PAID \$11,679.00

B. c, (May), by Grindstone – Dear Birdie, by Storm Bird. Trainer Zito Nicholas P. Bred by Marylou Whitney Stables (Ky).

BIRDSTONE was unhurried while between horses on the first turn, swung out, entering the backstretch, settled in the middle of the pack while racing five wide along the backstretch, took up chase after SMARTY JONES from outside on the far turn, moved around EDDINGTON while gaining ground midway on the turn, circled five wide while launching his bid at the top of the stretch, drifted out in upper stretch, straightened his course when struck right handed nearing the furlong marker, closed steadily under steady right hand encouragement a sixteenth out then wore down SMARTY JONES in the final seventy yards. SMARTY JONES moved up from outside to contest the early pace, pressed the pace while four wide entering the backstretch, surged to the front just after going a half mile, battled heads apart while continuing wide to the far turn, shook off ROCK HARD TEN to get clear leaving the three-eighths pole, extended his lead approaching the quarter pole, drifted out when struck left handed with the whip in upper stretch and again nearing the eighth pole, maintained a clear lead inside the furlong marker, fought gamely into deep stretch then yielded grudgingly while weakening in the late stages. ROYAL ASSAULT checked in tight while being bothered by ROCK HARD TEN at the start, raced well back through the opening half mile, moved up a bit between horses along the backstretch, launched a mild rally three wide on the turn then failed to threaten while improving his position in the stretch. EDDINGTON was hustled up from outside in the early stages, stalked the pace while five wide along the backstretch, raced just outside SMARTY JONES leaving the far turn, dropped back a bit leaving the three-eighths pole then steadily tired thereafter. ROCK HARD TEN fractious behind the gate at the start, broke outward causing crowding leaving the gate, moved up between horses on the first turn, pressed the pace inside SMARTY JONES along the backstretch, made a run along the inside to threaten on the far turn, forced the issue to the turn then tired from his early efforts. TAP DANCER never reached contention while five wide throughout. MASTER DAVID steadied along the inside on the first turn, lagged behind between horses entering the backstretch then failed to mount a serious rally while four wide throughout. CAIMAN showed brief speed along the inside, saved ground along the backstretch and faded before going a mile. PURGE rushed up while rank in the early stages, set the pace along the rail for nearly a half, dropped back on the far turn and steadily tired thereafter.

Owners– 1, Marylou Whitney Stables; 2, Someday Farm; 3, Farmer Tracy; 4, Willmott Stables Inc; 5, Mercedes Stables LLC and Paulson Madeleine; 6, Campbell Gilbert G; 7, Georgica Stable Mack Stephen and Star Crown Stable; 8, Achar Victor; 9, Starlight Stables LLC Saylor Paul and Martin Johns

Trainers– 1, Zito Nicholas P; 2, Servis John C; 3, Zito Nicholas P; 4, Hennig Mark; 5, Orman Jason; 6, Allard Edward T; 7, Frankel Robert; 8, Medina Angel M; 9, Pletcher Todd A

\$2 Daily Double (5-4) Paid \$526.00 ; Daily Double Pool \$446,089.

\$2 Daily Double (5-4 (ACORN/BELMONT)) Paid \$466.00 ; Daily Double Pool \$441,507.

\$2 Pick Three (3-5-4) Paid \$2,910.00 ; Pick Three Pool \$454,107.

\$2 Pick Four (1-3-5-4) Paid \$7,309.00 ; Pick Four Pool \$1,739,609.

\$2 Pick Six (4-3-1-3-5-4) 6 Correct Paid \$47,421.00 ; Pick Six Pool \$1,487,744.

\$2 Pick Six (4-3-1-3-5-4) 5 Correct Paid \$146.00.