

NINTH RACE
Oaklawn
MARCH 23, 2024

1 1/8 MILES. (1.463) ESSEX H. Grade III. Purse \$600,000 FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. No nomination fee. \$3,000 to pass the entry box and \$3,000 additional to start. \$600,000 Guaranteed. After paying 25% of original purse to the owners of horses finishing 6th through last, 60% of the remaining purse will be paid to owner(s) of the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 6% to fourth and 4% to fifth. Supplementary nominations by Friday, March 15, 2024 at \$500. Weights to be announced Saturday, March 16, 2024. In Handicap Stakes starting preference will be given to high weights. Starters to be named through the entry box by the usual time of closing. The Owner of the winner to receive a trophy. Nominations Closed Saturday, March 9, 2024 with 32 Nominations.

Value of Race: \$600,000 Winner \$333,000; second \$111,000; third \$55,500; fourth \$33,300; fifth \$22,200; sixth \$15,000; seventh \$15,000; eighth \$15,000. Mutuel Pool \$454,924.00 Exacta Pool \$277,442.00 Trifecta Pool \$167,754.00 Superfecta Pool \$107,634.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A. Wt	PP	St	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1
27Jan24 13GP9	First Mission	b 4	121	8	3	2 1/2	2hd	21	13	15	Geroux F	1.10
16Dec23 90P1	War Campaign	f 5	119	5	4	5 1 1/2	52	4 1 1/2	2hd	2 1/2	Esquivel E	6.80
12Jan24 80P1	Time for Trouble	b 7	117	6	7	7 2 1/2	7 2 1/2	8	62	3nk	Bejarano R	16.80
24Feb24 100P2	Magic Tap	4	118	4	6	6hd	6hd	5hd	51	4 2 1/4	Asmussen K J	2.80
25Feb24 90P2	Great Escape	5	118	3	1	11	11	1hd	3 2 1/2	5 1/2	Hernandez H	35.50
25Feb24 90P4	Ain't Life Grand	5	117	1	8	8	8	71	712	6 2 1/2	Garcia M	7.50
27Jan24 90P2	Seize the Night	f 5	118	7	2	42	41	3 1/2	4hd	710 3/4	Torres C A	16.00
17Feb24 7TP4	Wizard of Westwood	4	117	2	5	3hd	3 1/2	6hd	8	8	Vazquez R A	8.80

OFF AT 5:02 Start Good. Won ridden out. Track fast.

TIME :231, :473, 1:12, 1:372, 1:493 (:23.34, :47.63, 1:12.05, 1:37.40, 1:49.76)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

9 – FIRST MISSION _____	4.20	3.40	2.80
6 – WAR CAMPAIGN _____		6.40	4.20
7 – TIME FOR TROUBLE _____			6.20

**\$1 EXACTA 9-6 PAID \$12.20 50 CENT TRIFECTA 9-6-7
 PAID \$48.85 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 9-6-7-5 PAID \$34.86**

Dk. b or br. c, (May), by Street Sense – Elude, by Medaglia d'Oro. Trainer Cox Brad H. Bred by Godolphin (Ky).

FIRST MISSION forwardly placed from the start, prompted the leader off inside onto and up the backstretch, advanced and took over in short order from that one midway on the final turn, drew out through the lane under a steady hand ride to win ridden out. WAR CAMPAIGN off the early pace and the rail, moved closer in the two path through the second turn, came out a bit when straightened for home, proved no match for the winner, held sway for the place. TIME FOR TROUBLE void of speed three wide, continued in the three path up the backstretch and into the far turn, dropped to the rail late in that bend, rallied up the inside to gain the show and to be closing the gap on the runner up. MAGIC TAP settled off the pace while saving some ground first turn, continued to be unhurried the next four furlongs, three wide when advancing late in the second turn, bothered upper stretch when SEIZE THE NIGHT came out, was straightened and continued to show mild interest, not enough for the show. GREAT ESCAPE broke sharp, set the pace along the inside, began to weaken when headed by the winner in the second turn, continued to falter through the stretch. AIN'T LIFE GRAND last to leave, trailed the first half, moved outside, four wide second turn, displayed some mild interest to improve position. SEIZE THE NIGHT raced in mid pack and off the inside, closer three wide through the second bend, came out a bit in upper stretch and weakened. WIZARD OF WESTWOOD forwardly placed along the inside, gave way in the far turn, well beaten.

Owners– 1, Godolphin LLC; 2, Namy Jerry; 3, Thorndale Stable LLC and Hiles Jeff A; 4, Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; 5, Bennewith Arnold Wiest Rick Wiest Clayton Wiest Lana Howg Randy R6 Stables; 6, RPM Thoroughbreds (Shattuck); 7, Willis Horton Racing LLC; 8, Warren Andrew N and Warren Rania

Trainers– 1, Cox Brad H; 2, Sims Phillip A; 3, Hiles Jeff A; 4, Asmussen Steven M; 5, Diodoro Robertino; 6, Von Hemel Kelly; 7, Milligan Eddie R Jr; 8, McCarthy Michael W

Scratched– Lure Him In (17Feb24 10GP 2)

50 CENT Pick Three (3-5/6/7-2/9) Paid \$23.95; Pick Three Pool \$20,551.

\$1 Daily Double (6-9) Paid \$4.40; Daily Double Pool \$51,293.

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