

THIRD RACE Belmont at the Big A

MAY 2, 2024

6 FURLONGS. AFFIRMED SUCCESS S. Purse \$100,000 FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD FOALD IN NEW YORK STATE AND APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE BRED REGISTRY. Lasix not allowed within 48 hours of post time pursuant to HISA Rule 4212. By subscription of \$100 each which should accompany the nomination; \$500 to pass the entry box and an additional \$500 to start. For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental nomination payment of \$500 in addition to the entry and starting fees may be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. The purse to be divided 55% to the owner of the winner, 20% to second, 12% to third, 6% to fourth, 4% to fifth and 3% divided equally amongst the remaining finishers. Weight 124 lbs. Non-winners of \$55,000 since June 1, 2023 allowed 2 lbs.; of two races other than maiden, claiming, starter or state bred allowance in 2024 allowed 4 lbs.; of such a race in 2024 allowed 6 lbs. A presentation will be made to the winning owner. Closed Saturday April 20, 2024 with 9 Nominations.

Value of Race: \$97,000 Winner \$55,000; second \$20,000; third \$12,000; fourth \$6,000; fifth \$4,000. Mutuel Pool \$152,293.00 Exacta Pool \$64,214.00 Superfecta Pool \$14,372.00 Trifecta Pool \$29,300.00

| Last Raced | Horse | M/Eqt. | A. Wt | PP | St | ¼ | ½ | Str | Fin | Jockey | Odds \$1 |
|------------|-------------------------------|--------|---------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|----------|
| 2Mar24 | ⁹ Aqu ⁶ | | b 5 124 | 1 | 3 | 1½ | 11½ | 13 | 11¾ | Franco M | 1.60 |
| 26Nov23 | ⁸ Aqu ³ | | 6 118 | 3 | 2 | 3½ | 34½ | 2½ | 22¾ | Cancel E | 2.80 |
| 29Mar24 | ⁶ Aqu ¹ | | 4 119 | 2 | 4 | 41 | 4½ | 41½ | 32 | Carmouche K | 2.35 |
| 12Apr24 | ⁷ Aqu ³ | | 6 118 | 5 | 1 | 23 | 21½ | 32½ | 4hd | Davis D | 4.20 |
| 5Apr24 | ⁷ Aqu ³ | | b 5 120 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | Rivera L R Jr | 15.10 |

OFF AT 2:07 Start Good For All But EXCELLENT TIMING. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :221, :444, :564, 1:094 (:22.39, :44.97, :56.93, 1:09.89)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

1 - ROTKNEE _____ **5.20 3.00 2.10**
3 - SHERIFF BIANCO _____ **3.20 2.40**
2 - DONEGAL SURGES _____ **2.10**

**\$1 EXACTA 1-3 PAID \$9.00 10 CENT SUPERFACTA
 1-3-2-5 PAID \$3.80 50 CENT TRIFECTA 1-3-2 PAID \$9.15**

Dk. b or br. h, (Mar), by Runhappy - In Spite of Mama, by Speightstown. Trainer Maker Michael J. Bred by William Butler (NY).

ROTKNEE coaxed from the gate, raced forwardly placed along the inside advancing to take command near the nine-sixteenths, faced some pressure from EXCELLENTTIMING to the outside through the turn, came under coaxing near the quarter pole, took the inside route into upper stretch, edged clear under a drive to the eighth pole, dug in and held well to the finish kept to task. SHERIFF BIANCO hustled from the gate, chased just off the inside coming under coaxing at the three-eighths, angled five wide into upper stretch, offered up a mild kick to chase the winner home while clear for the place honors. DONEGAL SURGES coaxed from the start, chased along the inside coming under coaxing half a mile from home, tipped three wide at the top of the stretch, offered up a mild bid. EXCELLENT TIMING struck the near side stall at the start but established the front regardless, showed the way four paths off the inside early on before being engaged and then displaced from command by the eventual winner with nine-sixteenths to run, prompted that rival from the outside four then three wide, swung four wide into upper stretch in the midst of being shaken off, then weakened in the final furlong. THRILL OF IT chased four to five paths off the inside down the backstretch before tucking three wide into the turn, came under coaxing at the seven-sixteenths, went seven wide into upper stretch and made no headway.

Owners-1, Butler William J; 2, A Bianco Holding Limited; 3, Donegal Racing; 4, Dubb Michael Madaket Stables LLC and Caruso Michael J; 5, Terranova John P II

Trainers-1, Maker Michael J; 2, Rice Linda; 3, Pletcher Todd A; 4, Atras Rob; 5, Terranova John P II

**\$1 Pick Three (6-2-1) Paid \$23.50 ; Pick Three Pool \$39,017 .
 \$1 Daily Double (2-1) Paid \$11.40 ; Daily Double Pool \$22,544 .**