

**SECOND RACE**  
**Belmont**  
MAY 20, 2023

**7 FURLONGS. (Turf) (1.19<sup>1</sup>) PARADISE CREEKS. Purse \$150,000 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS. Non-Lasix Race pursuant to 4043.2 (7)(e)(5) Lasix not permitted within 48 hours of post time. By subscription of \$150 each which should accompany the nomination; \$750 to pass the entry box and an additional \$750 to start. For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental payment of \$750 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: 123 lbs. Non-winners of a Graded sweepstakes allowed 3 lbs.; of a sweepstake other than state-bred or two races other than maiden, claiming, starter or state bred allowance allowed 5 lbs. The New York Racing Association reserves the right to transfer this race to the main track. A presentation will be made to the winning owner. Closed Saturday, May 6, 2023 with 24 Nominations. (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at Seven Furlongs on the Main Track.) (Rail at 9 feet).**

**Value of Race: \$150,000 Winner \$82,500; second \$30,000; third \$18,000; fourth \$9,000; fifth \$6,000; sixth \$1,500; seventh \$1,500; eighth \$1,500. Mutuel Pool \$351,072.00 Exacta Pool \$268,998.00 Quinella Pool \$10,028.00 Trifecta Pool \$139,755.00 Superfecta Pool \$69,791.00**

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A. Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1
25Mar23 7TP1	Eye Witness		3 120	3	7	41	51½	11½	1hd	Ortiz J L	2.85
22Apr23 3Aqu2	Inflation Nation-Ire		3 118	2	2	51	4hd	34	25½	Davis D	2.40
27Apr23 7Aqu7	Vacation Dance		3 120	6	8	61½	71½	2hd	35¾	Car mou che K	12.30
21Apr23 40P1	Hey Eugene		3 118	8	4	7hd	6hd	61	42½	Torres J A	11.90
12May23 8Bel3	Joey Freshwater		3 123	7	3	8	8	5½	5¾	Lezcano J	5.10
5May23 1Bel1	Son of a Birch	f	3 118	4	6	2hd	2hd	4hd	66	Cancel E	28.00
26Apr23 2Kee1	Charging		3 118	1	1	1½	1½	714	733	Franco M	2.85
6May23 11GP9	Devils Only Friend	bf	3 118	5	5	32	31	8	8	Alvarado J	29.25

**OFF AT 1:04 Start Good. Won driving. Course yielding.**

**TIME :21<sup>3</sup>, :45, 1:11<sup>2</sup>, 1:25<sup>1</sup> ( :21.76, :45.03, 1:11.50, 1:25.32 )**

**\$2 Mutuel Prices:**

<b>4-EYE WITNESS</b> _____	<b>7.70</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>2.80</b>
<b>3-INFLATION NATION-IRE</b> _____		<b>3.50</b>	<b>2.50</b>
<b>7-VACATION DANCE</b> _____			<b>5.20</b>

**\$1 EXACTA 4-3 PAID \$12.90 \$1 QUINELLA 3-4 PAID \$7.10 50 CENT TRIFECTA 4-3-7 PAID \$37.37 10 CENT SUPERFACTA 4-3-7-9 PAID \$48.10**

**B. c. (Mar), by City of Light - Gracilia, by Mr. Greeley. Trainer Ward Wesley A. Bred by Anlyn Farms (NY).**

EYE WITNESS was eased back off the pace then rated comfortably, started the turn in the two path then shifted four wide, gained to take the lead into the stretch, responded well while clear into the final furlong and was all out to hold off the runner-up and prevail. INFLATION NATION (IRE) was coaxed early then settled off the pace, moved closer leaving the backstretch, drafted inside on the turn, shifted three wide while asked at the quarter-pole, pursued the winner under a drive into the final furlong, gained into the final sixteenth and just missed while well clear for the place. VACATION DANCE hit the inside of the gate then brushed with a foe, settled on the outside, was roused three wide on the turn, gained five wide into the stretch, chased the winner outside into the final furlong and weakened but was clear for the show. HEY EUGENE dropped back on the outside then moved in while settling towards the rear, saved ground while asked on the turn, shifted three wide late on that bend, came four wide into the stretch and lacked the needed response. JOEY FRESHWATER settled on the far outside without cover, was roused four wide on the turn, came six wide into the stretch and failed to threaten. SON OF A BIRCH pressed the pace loosely between foes, vied in the two path on the turn, dropped back into upper stretch and tired. CHARGING went to the front, showed the way under some pressure to the outside, vied along the rail on the turn, was asked outside the quarter-pole, lost the lead to the winner into the stretch and faded. DEVILS ONLY FRIEND brushed with a rival at the start, stalked the pace on the outside of two foes, was given his cue in the three path on the turn, dropped back in crowded quarters into the stretch and stopped then was eased but walked off.

**Owners-** 1, Westerberg Magnier Mrs John Poulin Jonathan Smith Derrick and Tabor Michael B; 2, Louis Lazzinnaro LLC and Dubb Michael; 3, Sleeping Giant Stables LLC America's Pastime Stables and KimDon Racing LLC; 4, Three Diamonds Farm; 5, Winning Move Stable; 6, Santa Rey Stable and Morley Thomas; 7, LaPenta Robert Ve Five Racing Thoroughbreds and Madaket Stables LLC; 8, RA Hill Stable and Politano James

**Trainers-** 1, Ward Wesley A; 2, Clement Christophe; 3, Kimmel John C; 4, Maker Michael J; 5, Rice Linda; 6, Morley Thomas; 7, Cox Brad H; 8, Weaver George

**Scratched-** Golden Nugget ( 16Apr23 7Kee9 )

**\$1 Daily Double (2-4) Paid \$34.00 ; Daily Double Pool \$95,356 .**

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