

EIGHTH RACE
Aqueduct
MARCH 30, 2024

1 1/8 MILES. (147) EXCELSIOR S. Purse \$150,000 FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. 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 nominations; \$750 to pass the entry box and an additional \$750 to start. For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental nomination payment of \$750 in addition to the entry and starting fees can 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 a Graded sweepstake at a mile or over in 2023-24 allowed 2 lbs.; of a Sweepstake other than State-bred at a mile or over since November 1, 2023 allowed 4 lbs.; of two races other than maiden, claiming, starter or State-bred in 2024 allowance, 6 lbs. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. Closed Saturday, March 16, 2024 with 14 Original Nominations and 3 Supplements.

Value of Race: \$150,000 second \$30,000; Winner \$82,500; third \$18,000; fourth \$9,000; fifth \$6,000; sixth \$1,500; seventh \$1,500; eighth \$1,500. Mutuel Pool \$422,989.00 Exacta Pool \$275,273.00 Trifecta Pool \$133,416.00 Grand Slam Pool \$39,347.00 Superfecta Pool \$81,180.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1	
27Jan24 ⁹ Lr12	☐ Messier			5	118	5	6	3 1/2	31	2 1/2	11 1/2	11	Gomez J A	2.25
2Mar24 ⁸ Aqu ⁸	Laughing Boy	bf	6	122	1	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	11	24	24 1/4	Camacho S Jr	54.50	
1Mar24 ⁸ Aqu ¹	Kuchar	b	5	118	3	4	5 1/2	41	3 1/2	31	32 1/4	Franco M	9.40	
21Mar24 ⁷ Aqu ⁴	Quality Chic	b	4	118	7	8	8	71	6 1/2	4 1 1/2	4hd	Castillo I	5.60	
2Mar24 ⁸ Aqu ¹	Kinetic Sky	b	6	122	4	3	7 1 1/2	5hd	5 1 1/2	58	56 1/2	Lezcano J	2.55	
25Feb24 ⁷ Aqu ¹	Curbstone	bf	5	118	8	7	6hd	8	8	6hd	6nk	Cancel E	12.20	
21Mar24 ⁷ Aqu ¹	Olympic Dreams	b	5	120	6	5	4hd	62	75 1/2	71	79 3/4	McCarthy T	4.20	
1Mar24 ⁸ Aqu ³	Rocco Strong		6	119	2	2	2 1/2	2 1/2	4 1 1/2	8	8	Carmouche K	12.00	

☐ - Messier disqualified and placed 2nd

OFF AT 5:11 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :23³, :46³, 1:10³, 1:36, 1:49⁴ (:23.67, :46.60, 1:10.73, 1:36.19, 1:49.91)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:
1 - LAUGHING BOY _____ 111.00 41.40 22.20
5 - MESSIER _____ 4.20 4.00
3 - KUCHAR _____ 5.50

**\$1 EXACTA 1-5 PAID \$330.00 50 CENT TRIFECTA 1-5-3
 PAID \$706.50 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 1-5-3-7 PAID \$1,578.95**

Ch. h. (Mar), by Distorted Humor - Applauding, by Congrats. Trainer Jacobson David. Bred by Imagine (Ky).

MESSIER was hustled from the gate, went around the first turn in the five path, tracked the pace on the inside of a foe to the five-eighths pole then on the outside, was given his cue in the four then three path on the far turn, made a bid outside the five-sixteenths pole, took the lead outside the quarter-pole, came inward inside the three-sixteenths then put the un-official runner-up in tight quarters, inched clear into the final furlong and held under strong urging. LAUGHING BOY moved out while going to the front, dropped from the three path to the two path early on the first turn, showed the way through quick fractions, was asked in the two path on the far turn, lost the advantage late on that bend, fought inside of the un-official winner into upper stretch, checked when that foe came in inside the three-sixteenths pole then altered out while dropping back into the final furlong, gained gradually while keeping on willingly to the finish but missed while clear for the place. KUCHAR was hustled from the gate, dropped back between foes early, saved ground on the first turn, was well spotted just off the pace, came under urging while moving from the rail to the three path on the far turn, turned into upper stretch under a drive and lacked the needed response while clear for the show. QUALITY CHIC broke out then was corrected by the rider, was taken up while in tight between horses early, went three then four wide on the first turn, was urged along towards the back, went around the far turn in the two path and failed to threaten. KINETIC SKY was hustled from the gate, went three wide on the first turn, settled off the pace, was urged four wide on the far turn and failed to rally. CURBSTONE was hustled from the start then caught in the seven path on the first turn, raced on the outside near the back under urging, dropped from the five path to the three path on the far turn, spun four wide into the stretch and was no factor. OLYMPIC DREAMS was hustled from the start then caught in the six path on the first turn, stalked the pace on the outside, dropped back with five furlongs to run, went five wide on the far turn and had nothing left. ROCCO STRONG was fractious in the gate then hustled from the start, came outward early, raced in the four path on the first turn, prompted the pace on the outside, was urged along passing the nine-sixteenths, dropped back in the three path on the far turn and faltered. FOLLOWING THE RACE, THE RIDER OF LAUGHING BOY CLAIMED FOUL AGAINST MESSIER ALLEGING INTERFERENCE INSIDE THE THREE-SIXTEENTHS POLE. AFTER THE STEWARDS' REVIEW, MESSIER WAS DISQUALIFIED FROM FIRST AND PLACED SECOND.

Owners- 1, SF Racing LLC Madaket Stables LLC Robbins III Lansdon B Ryan Tom J Masterson; 2, Roman Lawrence P and Jacobson David; 3, LSU Stables; 4, Roman Lawrence P and Jacobson David; 5, Goldfarb Sanford J Kahn Alan Tanzman David and Speranza Steven; 6, Moseley Patricia L; 7, Gallagher's Stud; 8, Ten Strike Racing Four Corners Racing and Cory Moelis Racing LLC

Trainers- 1, Dutrow Richard E Jr; 2, Jacobson David; 3, Rodriguez Rudy R; 4, Jacobson David; 5, Dutrow Richard E Jr; 6, Morley Thomas; 7, Quick Patrick J; 8, Giangiulio Michelle

**\$1 Daily Double (7-1) Paid \$85.75 ; Daily Double Pool \$50,600 .
 \$1 Pick Three (5-7-1) Paid \$749.00 ; Pick Three Pool \$29,901 .
 \$1 Grand Slam (2/3/6-1/5/6-2/5/7-1) Paid \$58.00 ; Grand Slam Pool \$39,347 .**