

NINTH RACE

Belmont

JULY 12, 2008

1 $\frac{3}{8}$ MILES. (Inner Turf) (2.10¹) 50TH RUNNING OF THE MAN O' WAR. Grade I. Purse \$500,000
 INNER TURF FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD.

Value of Race: \$500,000 Winner \$300,000; second \$100,000; third \$50,000; fourth \$25,000; fifth \$15,000; sixth \$5,000; seventh \$5,000. Mutuel Pool \$941,273.00 Exacta Pool \$656,775.00 Trifecta Pool \$649,590.00 Grand Slam Pool \$37,942.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eq.t.	A. Wt	PP	¼	½	¾	1	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1
6Jun08 10EPS6	Red Rocks-Ire	L	bf 5 116	6	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	21	12	Castellano J J	6.20
14Jun08 10CD1	Curlin	L	4 116	7	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Albarado R J	0.45
7Jun08 10Bel5	Better Talk Now	L	bf 9 120	1	7	7	7	7	610	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	Dominguez R A	5.60
31May08 8GG1	Sudan-Ire	L	5 120	5	28	210	210	1hd	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	4nk	Velazquez J R	12.80
19Jun08 8Bel2	True Cause	L	b 5 116	4	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	51	5hd	Maragh R	28.75
19Jun08 8Bel3	GrandCouturier-GB	L	f 5 120	2	64	63 $\frac{1}{2}$	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	Borel C H	11.30
22Jun08 7WO1	Mission Approved	L	4 116	3	1hd	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	27	7	7	Cohen D	38.75

OFF AT 5:18 Start Good. Won driving. Course firm.

TIME :22 $\frac{3}{4}$, :47 $\frac{3}{4}$, 1:11 $\frac{1}{4}$, 1:35 $\frac{1}{4}$, 2:00 $\frac{3}{4}$, 2:12 $\frac{1}{2}$ (:22.69, :47.62, 1:11.92, 1:35.90, 2:00.74, 2:12.60)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:
 6 - RED ROCKS-IRE. 14.40 4.00 2.90
 7 - CURLIN. 2.50 2.10
 1 - BETTER TALK NOW. 2.70

\$2 EXACTA 6-7 PAID \$32.00 \$2 TRIFECTA 6-7-1 PAID \$76.00

Dk. b or br. h, (Apr), by Galileo-Ire - Pharmacist-Ire, by Machiavellian. Trainer Meehan Brian. Bred by Ballylinch Stud (Ire).

RED ROCKS (IRE) was well placed through the opening five furlongs while racing in the three path, closed a lengthy gap under his own power on the turn, angled three wide leaving the quarter pole, gained steadily to challenge in midstretch, surged to the front inside the furlong marker, dug in when threatened a sixteenth out then edged away under steady right hand encouragement. CURLIN hit the side of the gate after breaking slowly, was unhurried in the early stages, moved three wide leaving the first turn, was rated in the four path along the backstretch, moved into contention when asked midway on the turn, swung four wide at the top of the stretch, made a steady run to reach contention in midstretch, gained outside the winner to threaten leaving the furlong marker but couldn't stay with that one through the final sixteenth while holding well for the place. BETTER TALK NOW was taken in hand soon after the start, trailed while saving ground for a mile, launched a bid along the inside on the turn, swung four wide in upper stretch then finished willingly from outside to gain a share. SUDAN (IRE) moved up from outside to contest the early pace, was taken well out from the rail while pressing the pace along the backstretch, surged to the front at the three-eighths pole, continued on the lead into midstretch and weakened under pressure in the final eighth. TRUE CAUSE checked after breaking awkwardly, raced well back for a mile, saved ground to the turn, angled three wide at the quarter pole and finished evenly. GRAND COUTURIER (GB) hit the rail in the early stages, steadied while rank nearing the first turn, saved ground along the backstretch, came out briefly on the turn, went back to the rail in upper stretch and lacked a strong closing response. MISSION APPROVED set the pace in hand along the rail for a mile and steadily tired thereafter.

Owners- 1, Reddam J Paul; 2, Stonestreet Stables LLC; 3, Bushwood Stables LLC; 4, Tanaka Gary A; 5, Godolphin Racing LLC; 6, Keller Marc; 7, Coyro William F Jr

Trainers- 1, Meehan Brian; 2, Asmussen Steven M; 3, Motion H Graham; 4, Frankel Robert; 5, bin Suroor Saeed; 6, Ribaldo Robert J; 7, Contessa Gary C

**\$2 Pick Three (3-8-6) Paid \$524.00 ; Pick Three Pool \$83,198 .
 \$2 Grand Slam (1/4/6/7-2/3/8-2/8/9-6) Paid \$196.50 ; Grand Slam Pool \$37,942 .**