

1 1/8 MILES. (147) 97TH RUNNING OF THE EXCELSIOR. Grade III. Purse \$200,000 (includes \$50,000 BC - Breeders' Cup ) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$150 each, which should accompany the nomination; \$750 to pass the entry box and an additional \$750 to start. This race includes an additional \$50,000 in Breeders' Cup Funds for Cup nominees only. The NYRA purse to be divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% divided equally among the remaining finishers. Three Year Olds 118 lbs, Older 123 lbs. Non-winners of a \$90,000 at a mile or over since October 1, 2008 allowed 3 lbs. A sweepstakes since then, 5 lbs. (Maiden, claiming, starter, Restricted allowance races or Restricted State Breed Stake not considered in allowances). Breeders' Cup Fund monies also correspondingly divided providing a Breeders' Cup nominee has finished in an awarded position. Any Breeders' Cup Fund monies not awarded will revert back to the Fund. A Trophy will be presented to the winning owner. Closed Saturday, March 21, 2009 with 21 Nominations.

**EIGHTH RACE**  
**Aqueduct**  
APRIL 4, 2009

Value of Race: \$199,334 Winner \$120,000; second \$40,000; third \$20,000; fourth \$10,000; fifth \$6,000; sixth \$1,000; seventh \$1,334; eighth \$1,000. Mutuel Pool \$634,515.00 Exacta Pool \$478,251.00 Trifecta Pool \$329,142.00 Superfecta Pool \$117,846.00 Grand Slam Pool \$29,674.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds	\$1
6Mar09 3Aqu1	Giant Moon	L	b	4	118	8	6	21	21	21 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	Prado E S	13.70
14Mar09 10GP5	Cool Coal Man	L		4	118	6	2	11	1 1/2	1 1/2	23	22	Lopez C C	3.25
28Feb09 8Aqu1	Barrier Reef	L		4	120	1	5	8	8	6hd	3hd	31 1/2	Dominguez R A	1.25
21Feb09 8Tam4	Atoned	L		4	123	7	7	4 1/2	41	3hd	41 1/2	42 3/4	Velazquez J R	9.50
8Mar09 7Aqu1	Alaazo	L	b	4	118	2	3	7 1/2	6hd	8	7 1/2	5hd	Napravnik A R	25.25
28Feb09 8Aqu2	Real Merchant-Chi	L		5	118	3	4	5 1/2	5 1/2	51	6 1/2	6no	Castro E	11.10
28Feb09 8Aqu3	True Resurgence	L		5	118	5	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	4hd	5 1/2	7 1/2	Sanchez J	11.90
6Feb09 8Lr1	Kurbat-Chi	L		5	118	4	8	61	7 1/2	7 1/2	8	8	Talamo J	5.30

**OFF AT 4:46 Start Good For All But KURBAT (CHI). Won driving. Track fast.**

**TIME :25.2, :50.3, 1:14.3, 1:38.3, 1:50.4 (:25.45, :50.69, 1:14.76, 1:38.62, 1:50.90)**

**\$2 Mutuel Prices:**

8 - GIANT MOON.....	29.40	11.60	4.90
6 - COOL COAL MAN.....		4.60	3.10
1 - BARRIER REEF.....			2.40

**\$2 EXACTA 8-6 PAID \$155.50 \$2 TRIFECTA 8-6-1 PAID \$419.50**

**\$2 SUPERFACTA 8-6-1-7 PAID \$1,671.00**

**B. c. (Feb), by Giant's Causeway - Moonlightandbeauty, by Capote. Trainer Schosberg Richard. Bred by Albert Fried Jr (NY).**

GIANT MOON pressed the pace in the two path entering the backstretch, forced the issue from outside to the top of the stretch, surged to the front nearing the furlong marker, battled into deep stretch and prevailed after a long drive. COOL COAL MAN sprinted clear on the first turn, set the pace along the inside while being pressured to the top of the stretch, dug in when challenged in midstretch and yielded grudgingly. BARRIER REEF was under a firm hold between horses for five furlongs, waited between horses on the far turn, was blocked behind the leaders midway on the turn, swung five wide to get clear entering the stretch and closed late in the middle of the track. ATONED was well placed just off the early pace, raced in good position for six furlongs, lodged a mild three wide move on the turn and flattened out in upper stretch. ALAAZO was outrun while saving ground for six furlongs, was boxed in along the rail on the turn, advanced inside entering the stretch, altered course five wide for room in midstretch and finished evenly. REAL MERCHANT (CHI) steadied in traffic between horses on the first turn, raced in midpack between horses for seven furlongs, raced in traffic between horses while gaining slightly on the turn and lacked a strong closing bid. TRUE RESURGENCE raced in good position along the rail, saved ground just behind the dueling leaders to the turn and faded in the stretch. KURBAT (CHI) stumbled badly at the start and failed to mount a serious rally while four wide.

**Owners-** 1, Fried Albert Jr; 2, LaPenta Robert V; 3, Darley Stable; 4, Dogwood Stable; 5, Zayat Stables LLC; 6, Gomez Pablo; 7, Dubinsky Vernon and Donna; 8, Augustin Stable

**Trainers-** 1, Schosberg Richard; 2, Zito Nicholas P; 3, Albertrani Thomas; 4, Pletcher Todd A; 5, Pletcher Todd A; 6, Benzel Seth; 7, Terranova John P II; 8, Motion H Graham

**\$2 Daily Double (4-8) Paid \$124.00 ; Daily Double Pool \$75,504.**

**\$2 Pick Three (7-4-8) Paid \$256.50 ; Pick Three Pool \$76,504.**

**\$2 Consolation Pick 3 (7-8-8) Paid \$94.00.**

**\$2 Grand Slam (1/4/7-3/7/9-4/9/10-8) Paid \$111.50 ; Grand Slam Pool \$29,674.**