

# NINTH RACE Belmont

SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

**6½ FURLONGS. (1.142) 16TH RUNNING OF THE GALLANT BLOOM HANDICAP. Grade II. Purse \$150,000 (includes \$50,000 BC - Breeders' Cup) A HANDICAP FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. No nomination fee. \$500 to pass the entry box and an additional \$500 to start with \$100,000 added. This race includes an additional \$50,000 in Breeders' Cup Funds for Cup nominees only. The NYRA added money to be divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% divided equally among remaining finishers. 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 to the winning owner given by Breeders' Cup Ltd. Closed Saturday, September 12, 2009 with 21 Nominations.**

Value of Race: \$156,500 Winner \$93,900; second \$31,300; third \$15,650; fourth \$7,825; fifth \$4,695; sixth \$3,130. Mutuel Pool \$481,702.00  
Exacta Pool \$329,149.00 Trifecta Pool \$262,014.00 Grand Slam Pool \$25,388.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds	\$1
29Aug09 10Sar <sup>2</sup>	Indian Blessing	L	4	123	1	6	3½	1½	11	1 <sup>hd</sup>	Velazquez J R	1.40	
29Aug09 7Sar <sup>1</sup>	Sara Louise	L	3	117	2	3	4 <sup>2½</sup>	2 <sup>hd</sup>	22	2 <sup>3½</sup>	Prado E S	1.35	
29Aug09 7Sar <sup>4</sup>	Sky Haven	L	3	113	3	5	5 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>3</sup>	3½	3¾	Garcia Alan	22.30	
16Aug09 4Sar <sup>1</sup>	Thunders Dove	L	5	116	5	2	21	31½	46	48¾	Maragh R	3.85	
29Aug09 10Sar <sup>4</sup>	P. S. U. Grad	L	4	116	6	4	6	6	5 <sup>16</sup>	5 <sup>32¼</sup>	Desormeaux K J	19.20	
24May09 4Bel <sup>4</sup>	Any Limit	L	f	6	119	4	1	1½	51	6	Velasquez C	14.10	

**OFF AT 5:16 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.**

**TIME :22.1, :45, 1:08.4, 1:15.1 (:22.29, :45.15, 1:08.91, 1:15.29)**

## \$2 Mutuel Prices:

2 - INDIAN BLESSING.....	4.80	2.70	2.20
3 - SARA LOUISE.....		2.90	2.20
4 - SKY HAVEN.....			4.20

**\$2 EXACTA 2-3 PAID \$8.60 \$2 TRIFECTA 2-3-4 PAID \$46.40**

**Dk. b or br. f, (Apr), by Indian Charlie - Shameful, by Flying Chevron. Trainer Baffert Bob. Bred by Hal Earnhardt & Patti Earnhardt (Ky).**

INDIAN BLESSING broke a half step slowly, moved up quickly along the inside, raced in hand behind the leaders on the far turn, split rivals to take the lead at the five-sixteenths pole, briefly opened a clear advantage in midstretch, dug in when confronted by the winner inside the furlong marker, drifted out briefly, battled gamely under left hand whipping into deep stretch and prevailed after a hard drive. SARA LOUISE settled in good position for a half, launched her bid three wide on the turn, drew along side the winner nearing the sixteenth pole, but couldn't get by that one while clearly best of the others. SKY HAVEN was reserved for a half, swung four wide at the quarter pole, lodged a mild bid in midstretch but was no match for the top two. THUNDERS DOVE pressed the early pace from outside, battled heads apart between horses midway on the turn and weakened from her early efforts. P. S. U. GRAD never reached contention while trailing for most of the way. ANY LIMIT rushed up along the rail, set the pace to the far turn and gave way then was eased late.

**Owners-** 1, Earnhardt Patti & Hal J; 2, Godolphin Racing LLC; 3, Elite Racing Company; 4, Windmill Manor Farm; 5, Shustek Michael and Stanley W Don; 6, Shields Joseph V Jr

**Trainers-** 1, Baffert Bob; 2, bin Suuroo Saeed; 3, Asmussen Steven M; 4, Zito Nicholas P; 5, Baffert Bob; 6, Jerkens H Allen

**Scratched-** American Queen (07Sep09 7Pha<sup>1</sup>)

**\$2 Pick Three (5-4-2) Paid \$852.00; Pick Three Pool \$63,071.**

**\$2 Grand Slam (5/6/8-5/8/12-4/6/10/11-2) Paid \$86.00; Grand Slam Pool \$25,388.**

**\$2 Daily Double (4-2) Paid \$52.00; Daily Double Pool \$81,087.**