

**NINTH RACE**  
**Belmont**  
**OCTOBER 3, 2009**

**1½ MILES. (Turf) (2241) 33RD RUNNING OF THE JOE HIRSCH TURF CLASSIC INVITATIONAL. Grade I. Purse \$600,000 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. By invitation only with no subscription fee. The 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 remaining finishers. Weight for age. Three year olds, 121 lbs.; older, 126 lbs. Fillies and Mares allowed 3 lbs. Trophies will be presented to the winning owner, trainer and jockey. The New York Racing Association reserves the right to transfer this race to the Main Track. In the event that this race is taken off the turf, it may be subject to downgrading upon review by the Graded Stakes Committee. (If the Stewards consider it in advisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at One Mile and One Eighth on the main track.). (Rail at 18 feet).**

**Value of Race: \$600,000 Winner \$360,000; second \$120,000; fourth \$30,000; third \$60,000; fifth \$18,000; sixth \$12,000. Mutuel Pool \$528,403.00 Exacta Pool \$347,635.00 Trifecta Pool \$272,240.00**

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	¼	½	1	1¼	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds	\$1	
19Sep09 10Pha4	Interpatation	L	f	7	126	1	11	11	11	1½	24½	11¾	Albarado R J	43.75	
8Aug09 9AP1	Gio Ponti	L		4	126	5	4½	4½	31	21	1hd	21¾	Dominguez R A	0.85	
15Aug09 10Sar1	☐Telling	L	f	5	126	3	5½	5½	6	4½	31	3½	Castellano J J	6.80	
13Sep09 9Bel1	GrandCouturier-GB	L	f	6	126	6	6	6	51½	6	42	47¼	Garcia Alan	2.60	
6Sep09 9Sar1	Al Khali	L		3	121	2	24	23	21½	3½	51	53½	Desormeaux K J	9.50	
15Aug09 10Sar9	Musketier-Ger	L		7	126	4	3½	31	4½	51	6	6	Prado E S	6.70	

☐ - Telling disqualified and placed 4th

**OFF AT 5:09 Start Good. Won driving. Course soft.**

**TIME :26, :541, 1:221, 1:483, 2:142, 2:411 (:26.01, :54.22, 1:22.20, 1:48.79, 2:14.59, 2:41.22)**

**\$2 Mutuel Prices:**

2 - INTERPATATION	89.50	14.40	4.30
1 - GIO PONTI	2.80		2.10
8 - GRAND COUTURIER-GB			2.40

**\$2 EXACTA 2-1 PAID \$230.50 \$2 TRIFECTA 2-1-8 PAID \$536.00**

**Dk. b or br. g, (Feb), by Langfuhr - Idealistic Cause , by Habitony . Trainer Barbara Robert. Bred by Larry Cassaday & Jack O Thompson (Ky).**

INTERPATATION opened a clear advantage soon after the start, set the pace in hand under mild pressure along the backstretch, dug in when challenged nearing the quarter pole, relinquished the lead to GIO PONTI nearing the furlong marker then fought back gamely along the inside to edge clear in the final seventy yards. GIO PONTI was well placed in the two path along the backstretch, raced in the middle of the pack for a mile, rapidly closed the gap on the turn, lodged a bid three wide to challenge at the quarter pole, surged to the front in upper stretch, maintained a slim lead leaving the marker but couldn't stay with the winner through the final sixteenth. TELLING was outrun along the rail for a good part of the way, swung four wide while gaining on the turn, lugged in bothering GRAND COUTURIER in upper stretch then finished willingly to gain a share. Following a claim of foul by the rider of GRAND COUTURIER, TELLING was disqualified from third and placed fourth for interference through the stretch. GRAND COUTURIER (GB) raced well back for a mild, gained a bit on the turn, steadied and altered course to the outside in upper stretch and rallied mildly. AL KHALI pressed the winner in the two path to the turn and gave way. MUSKETIER (GER) raced just off the pace along the rail for seven furlongs and steadily tired thereafter.

**Owners-** 1, Mavorah Elliot; 2, Castleton Lyons; 3, Lieblong Alex and JoAnn; 4, Keller Marc; 5, Brous Stable and Wachtel Stable; 6, Glen-Teven Johanna L

**Trainers-** 1, Barbara Robert; 2, Clement Christophe; 3, Hobby Steve; 4, Ribaldo Robert J; 5, Mott William I; 6, Attfield Roger L

**Scratched-** Winchester (13Sep09 9Bel2), Ready's Echo (05Sep09 9Sar3), Presious Passion (08Aug09 9AP 8)

**\$2 Pick Three (4-3-2) Paid \$2,529.00 ; Pick Three Pool \$88,810 .**

**\$2 Daily Double (3-2) Paid \$482.00 ; Daily Double Pool \$93,373 .**

**\$2 Consolation Pick 3 (4-3-7) Paid \$39.20 .**