

ELEVENTH RACE

Tampa Bay

MARCH 16, 2003

1¹⁶/₁₆ MILES. (1.43²) 23rd Running of THE TAMPA BAY DERBY, Grade III. Purse \$250,000 Guaranteed. **FOR THREE YEARS OLD.** By subscription of \$150 each which should accompany the nomination. \$1,500 to pass the entry box. \$1,500 additional to start with \$200,000 Guaranteed. With 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% to sixth. Weight: 123 lbs. Non-winners of \$60,000 allowed 3 lbs.; \$30,000 once or \$15,000 twice 5 lbs. \$15,000 once or \$7,500 twice, 7 lbs. (Maiden and Claiming races not considered). Starters and riders to be named through the entry box Thursday, March 13, 2003. **SUPPLEMENTARY NOMINATIONS OF \$7,500 EACH, WHICH INCLUDE ENTRY AND STARTING FEES, CLOSED THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2003.** Closed Saturday, March 1, 2003 with 38 nominations.

Value of Race: \$250,000 Winner \$150,000; second \$50,000; third \$25,000; fourth \$12,500; fifth \$7,500; sixth \$5,000. Mutuel Pool \$295,333.00

Exacta Pool \$186,360.00 Trifecta Pool \$159,593.00 Superfecta Pool \$51,160.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.Wt	PP	St	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1
15Feb03 3GP1	Region Of Merit	L	3 120	8	2	31 ¹ / ₂	31	2hd	2 ¹ / ₂	1 ³ / ₄	Coa E M	1.60
15Feb03 10GP1	Aristocat	L	3 118	6	3	41	4 ¹ / ₂	5 ¹ / ₂	5 ¹ / ₂	2nk	Velazquez J R	1.90
18Jan03 10Tam2	Hear No Evil	Lbf	3 123	7	1	12	12 ¹ / ₂	12	11	31 ³ / ₄	Cruz M R	34.60
22Feb03 10Tam1	White Buck	Lb	3 118	3	7	76	6 ¹ / ₂	42	32	4hd	Velez R I	27.40
15Feb03 9GP2	Strength Within	L	3 116	4	4	5hd	76	6 ¹ / ₂	63 ¹ / ₂	52	Guidry M	2.60
15Feb03 9GP6	Cajun Beat	L	3 118	2	5	21	21	3 ¹ / ₂	42	61 ¹ / ₄	Boulanger G	10.70
27Feb03 4Tam1	Fast Eddie D	Lb	3 116	1	8	8	8	8	72	77 ³ / ₄	Ramirez M R	43.50
8Feb03 9GP1	Popular Groom		3 118	5	6	6hd	5 ¹ / ₂	78	8	8	Judice J C	13.00

OFF AT 5:21 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :23¹/₁₆, :47, 1:11³/₁₆, 1:37³/₁₆, 1:44³/₁₆ (:23.33, :47.06, 1:11.68, 1:37.64, 1:44.61)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

9-REGION OF MERIT	5.20	3.00	2.40
6-ARISTOCAT		3.00	2.80
7-HEAR NO EVIL			5.60

\$2 EXACTA 9-6 PAID \$12.20 \$2 TRIFECTA 9-6-7 PAID \$127.60 \$2 SUPERFACTA 9-6-7-3 PAID \$773.60

Ch. c. (Feb), by Touch Gold-Innocently Astray, by Gone West. Trainer Clement Christophe. Bred by Louie J Roussel III (Ky).

REGION OF MERIT stalked the leader from the outset while four wide, rallied out of the second turn to go after HEAR NO EVIL, gained a short lead from that one inside the final furlong then held ARISTOCRAT safe under steady handling. ARISTOCRAT also stalked the leaders into the second turn, dropped back a bit through that turn then angled out five wide, brushing STRENGTH WITHIN in the process and finished willingly but too late. HEAR NO EVIL broke sharp, set a moderate pace under good handling then just hung late. WHITE BUCK made an inside middle move to be within striking distance a furlong out but was outfinished late. STRENGTH WITHIN was shuffled back early, made a four wide middle move but failed to respond to pressure. CAJUN BEAT chased for six furlongs then gave way. FAST EDDIE D bore in at the break and was no factor. POPULAR GROOM failed to menace.

Owners—1, Calumet Farm; 2, Tabor Michael B; 3, Jacks or Better Farm Inc; 4, Paradise Olga; 5, Glen Hill Farm; 6, Satish Sanan & Joe & John Iracane; 7, Alnwick James; 8, Firestone Bertram R

Trainers—1, Clement Christophe; 2, Pletcher Todd A; 3, Decker Kenneth; 4, Paradise Jerry P; 5, Proctor Thomas F; 6, Gambolati Cam; 7, Gibson Linda M; 8, Mott William I

Scratched—Freedom Lane (22Feb03 10TAM2)

\$2 Daily Double (6-9) Paid \$42.00 Daily Double Post \$9.50