SEVENTH RACE

Colonial

AUGUST 1, 2026

7 FURLONGS. (1.19[4]) REIGH COUNT S. Purse $100,000 (plus $2,400 Starters Bonus) FOR THREE–YEAR–OLDS AND UPWARD. Free nomination, $500 to pass the entry box and $500 additional to start. Supplementary nominations may be made at time of entry by payment of $2,000 (includes entry and starting fees). 60% to the owner of the winner, 20% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth and 3% to fifth. Weight: Three–Year–Olds, 122 lbs. Older, 126 lbs. Non–winners of $54,000 twice in 2026 allowed 2 lbs., An open sweepstakes in 2026, allowed 4 lbs., (Maiden, claiming and starter races not considered in allowances). Starters to be named through the entry box by the usual time of closing. The race will be limited to fourteen (14) starters. Preference to start will be given to graded stakes winners (in order I–II–III) then those horses having accumulated the highest earnings in 2025–2026. Any horse excluded from running because of the aforementioned preference shall be refunded the entry fee and the supplementary nomination fee if applicable. Nominations closed July 15, 2026 with 38 nominations. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner.

Value of Race: $102,400 Winner $60,000; second $20,000; third $11,000; fourth $6,000; fifth $3,000; sixth $1,200; seventh $1,200. Mutuel Pool $257,789.00 Exacta Pool $159,431.00 Superfecta Pool $59,644.00 Trifecta Pool $93,683.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
17Jun26 [8]CD[1]	Verifire	b	4	122	7	2	2½	2[3]	1[hd]	1[2¼]	Franco M	1.00
27Jun26 [10]Lrl[2]	Celtic Contender	f	5	122	6	1	1½	1½	2[4]	2[1½]	Boyce F	8.80
13Jly26 [3]Cnl[1]	Zero Blitz	b	4	122	1	5	3½	3[hd]	3[3]	3[2½]	Ruiz J	17.40
13Jly26 [3]Cnl[2]	Bold Diversion	b	4	122	3	7	7	6[1]	4[4½]	4[12½]	Marin S	36.20
3Jly26 [8]GP[1]	Back Em Up	f	4	122	4	4	5½	5[hd]	5[5½]	5[7]	Lopez P	5.00
6Jun26 [8]Sar[5]	Illuminare		5	126	5	6	6[1]	4[1½]	6[3]	6[4]	Gaffalione T	2.00
6Jly26 [5]Cnl[1]	Suremeanttoobe	b	4	122	2	3	4½	7	7	7	Sanchez M J	18.70

OFF AT 3:05 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME : :22[2], :44[2], 1:07[3], 1:20 (:22.42, :44.59, 1:07.71, 1:20.14)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

10 – VERIFIRE	**4.00**	**2.80**	**2.20**
9 – CELTIC CONTENDER		**5.60**	**4.00**
1 – ZERO BLITZ			**4.80**

$1 EXACTA 10–9 PAID $9.40 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 10–9–1–3 PAID $21.70 50 CENT TRIFECTA 10–9–1 PAID $23.95

Ch. c, (Apr), by Authentic – Ruby Trust , by Smart Strike . Trainer Cox Brad H. Bred by Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD (Ky).

VERIFIRE pressed the pace from the outside and then went up four wide to go on even terms for command and came off the turn together and then edged clear by the sixteenth marker and pulled away under crop urging to prove best. CELTIC CONTENDER set a pressured pace to the inside of the winner, raced in the two to three wide path on the turn and dueled for command off the turn and to the furlong marker but could not match strides with the winner by the sixteenth marker while keeping on to be second best. ZERO BLITZ tracked the pace on the rail and then eased off the rail by the five sixteenths and swung out five to six wide leaving the turn and ran on willingly to best the rest. BOLD DIVERSION was settled early and advanced three to four wide on the turn and had a mild late kick for the minor rewards. BACK EM UP chased the early pace in between rivals, then was three to four wide on the turn and came seven wide off the turn and weakened. ILLUMINARE bumped between rivals at the break while breaking flat, chased the pace from the outside and was five wide entering the turn and moved in to be four wide by the three furlong peg and in contention but then came up empty in the final quarter of a mile. SUREMEANTTOOBE tracked the early pace two wide and in between rivals and then stopped on the turn.

Owners– 1, Resolute Racing Delta Squad Racing LLC and Anderson Stables LLC; 2, Lewis Family Racing Stable; 3, Shankle Joanne; 4, Shankle Joanne; 5, Keough and Meaney LLC and TCC Stables LLC; 6, Centennial Farms; 7, Best A Luck Farm LLC

Trainers– 1, Cox Brad H; 2, Smith Hamilton A; 3, Shankle Joanne; 4, Shankle Joanne; 5, Dibona Robert S; 6, Pletcher Todd A; 7, Trombetta Michael J

Scratched– Slam Notion (06Jul26 [5]Cnl[2]) , Bracket Buster (25Oct25 [9]Kee[4]) , Crazy Mason (28Jun26 [10]CD[6])

$1 Pick Three (8–2/5/6–6/7/8/10) Paid $28.60 ; Pick Three Pool $22,595 .
$1 Daily Double (2–10) Paid $3.10 ; Daily Double Pool $22,352 .