

BELMONT PARK - July 8, 2023 - Race 11

STAKES Victory Ride S. Grade 3 - Thoroughbred

FOR FILLIES, THREE-YEARS-OLD. Non-Lasix Race pursuant to 4043.2 (7)(e)(5) Lasix not permitted within 48 hours of post time.

By subscription of \$175 each which should accompany the nomination; \$875 to pass the entry box and an additional \$875 to start.

For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental payment of \$875 in addition to the entry and starting fees) may be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. The purse to be divided 55% to the owner of the winner, 20% to second, 12% to third, 6% to fourth, 4% to fifth and 3% divided equally amongst the remaining finishers. Weight, 124 lbs. Non-winners of a Graded sweepstake allowed 2 lbs.; of a sweepstake in 2023 allowed 4 lbs.; of a sweepstake or a race other than maiden, claiming, starter or sstate-bred allowance in 2023 allowed 6 lbs. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. Closed Saturday, June 24, 2023 with 22 Nominations.

Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Super Shape (ARG) - 1:14.46 - October 21, 2009)



Purse: \$175,000 Added

Available Money: \$175,000

Value of Race: \$175,000 1st \$96,250, 2nd \$35,000, 3rd \$21,000, 4th \$10,500, 5th \$7,000, 6th \$1,750, 7th \$1,750, 8th \$1,750

Weather: Clear **Track:** Fast

Off at: 6:24 **Start:** Good for all **Timer:** Electronic

| Last Raced | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey) | Wgt | M/E | PP | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | Str | Fin | Odds | Comments |
|--|-----|---|-----|-----|----|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 19May23 ¹⁰ PIM ¹ | 5 | Maple Leaf Mel (Rosario, Joel) | 124 | -- | 5 | 1 | 1 ¹ | 1 ^{1/2} | 1 ² | 1 ^{2 1/2} | 2.75 | in hand 2p, held clear |
| 19May23 ² CD ¹ | 2 | Dazzling Blue (Prat, Flavien) | 120 | -- | 2 | 2 | 3 ^{1/2} | 3 ^{1/2} | 2 ^{4 1/2} | 2 ^{1 1/2} | 5.60 | chased ins, willingly |
| 5May23 ² CD ¹ | 3 | Vahva (Velazquez, John) | 120 | -- | 3 | 3 | 4 ^{Head} | 4 ^{1 1/2} | 3 ^{2 1/2} | 3 ⁷ | 8.00 | 5w upper, mild kick |
| 16Apr23 ⁸ KEE ² | 1 | Interpolate (Ortiz, Jr., Irad) | 122 | -- | 1 | 8 | 8 | 7 ^{Head} | 4 ¹ | 4 ^{3 1/2} | 5.60 | bobbled after start |
| 29May23 ¹ BEL ¹ | 6 | Downtown Mischief (Lezcano, Jose) | 122 | -- | 6 | 4 | 5 ¹ | 5 ⁴ | 6 ⁴ | 5 ^{4 1/4} | 16.80 | 3w pursuit, tired |
| 11Jun23 ⁸ ELP ² | 7 | Topsy (Ortiz, Jose)  | 120 | -- | 7 | 5 | 7 ^{4 1/2} | 8 | 8 | 6 ^{1 1/4} | 16.70 | 4-3w pursuit, tired |
| 5May23 ⁷ CD ¹ | 8 | Red Carpet Ready (Saez, Luis)  | 124 | -- | 8 | 6 | 2 ^{Head} | 2 ¹ | 5 ³ | 7 ^{Head} | 1.55* | 2-3w bid 5/16, folded |
| 23Jun23 ⁸ BEL ² | 4 | Adeliese's Smile (Castellano, Javier) | 118 | b | 4 | 7 | 6 ^{1/2} | 6 ^{1/2} | 7 ^{1/2} | 8 | 74.75 | chased 3-2w, tired |


Fractional Times: 22.54 45.52 1:09.48

Final Time: 1:15.74

Split Times: (22:98) (23:96) (6:26)

Run-Up: 48 feet

Winner: Maple Leaf Mel, Gray or Roan Filly, by [Cross Traffic](#) out of City Gift, by City Place. Foaled Feb 17, 2020 in New York.

 Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift Farm

Breeder: Joe Fafone

Owner: August Dawn Farm

Trainer: Giddings, Melanie

Total WPS Pool: \$809,353

| Pgm | Horse | Win | Place | Show | Wager Type | Winning Numbers | Payoff | Pool |
|-----|----------------|------|-------|------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| 5 | Maple Leaf Mel | 7.50 | 4.70 | 3.50 | \$1.00 Exacta | 5-2 | 29.25 | 582,148 |
| 2 | Dazzling Blue | | 6.20 | 4.70 | \$0.50 Trifecta | 5-2-3 | 68.87 | 290,937 |
| 3 | Vahva | | | 4.30 | \$1.00 Daily Double | 5-5 | 20.10 | 190,762 |
| | | | | | \$1.00 Pick 3 | 8-5-5 (3 correct) | 70.00 | 128,170 |
| | | | | | \$0.10 Superfecta | 5-2-3-1 | 47.70 | 176,263 |
| | | | | | \$1.00 Grand Slam | 4/5/9-4/8/9-5/9/11-5 (4 correct) | 53.25 | 64,033 |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | Str | Fin |
|-----|-------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 5 | Maple Leaf Mel | 1 | 1 ¹ | 1 ^{1/2} | 1 ² | 1 ^{2 1/2} |
| 2 | Dazzling Blue | 2 | 3 ¹ | 3 ^{1 1/2} | 2 ² | 2 ^{2 1/2} |
| 3 | Vahva | 3 | 4 ^{1 1/2} | 4 ² | 3 ^{6 1/2} | 3 ⁴ |
| 1 | Interpolate | 8 | 8 ^{7 3/4} | 7 ⁸ | 4 ⁹ | 4 ¹¹ |
| 6 | Downtown Mischief | 4 | 5 ^{1 3/4} | 5 ^{3 1/2} | 6 ¹³ | 5 ^{14 1/2} |
| 7 | Topsy | 5 | 7 ^{3 1/4} | 8 ⁸ | 8 ^{17 1/2} | 6 ^{18 3/4} |
| 8 | Red Carpet Ready | 6 | 2 ¹ | 2 ^{1/2} | 5 ¹⁰ | 7 ²⁰ |
| 4 | Adeliese's Smile | 7 | 6 ^{2 3/4} | 6 ^{7 1/2} | 7 ¹⁷ | 8 ²⁰ |

Trainers: 5 - Giddings, Melanie; 2 - Cox, Brad; 3 - DeVaux, Cherie; 1 - Brown, Chad; 6 - Rice, Linda; 7 - Asmussen, Steven; 8 - Arnold, II, George; 4 - Jimenez, Jose

Owners: 5 - August Dawn Farm; 2 - Juddmonte; 3 - Belladonna Racing, LLC, Hudson, Jr., Edward J., West Point Thoroughbreds, LBD Stable LLC, Nice Guys Stables, Manganaro Bloodstock, Runnels Racing, Hornstock, Steve and Twin Brook Stables; 1 - Klaravich Stables, Inc.; 6 - Lady Sheila Stable; 7 - Heiligbrodt, L. William, Heiligbrodt, Corinne and Jackpot Farm; 8 - Ashbrook Farm and Upland Flats Racing; 4 - R.T Racing Stable;

Footnotes

MAPLE LEAF MEL established the front and showed the way in hand just off the inside through swift splits, had RED CARPET READY advance and latch on outside near the five-sixteenths, remained patiently handled shaking off that rival continued just off the inside into upper stretch, got placed to light urging and edged away to the eighth pole, got roused under a light drive inside that station being shown the crop to the right side and receiving a lone tap until the sixteenth marker and then got hand urged to the finish to hold well and clear to the end. DAZZLING BLUE chased along the inside coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, swung three wide into upper stretch, proved no match for the top one while chasing her home along willingly for the place honors. VAHVA chased just off the inside coming under coaxing at the five-sixteenths, angled five wide into upper stretch, offered up a mild kick. INTERPOLATE bobbed after the start, chased along the inside under coaxing from the three-eighths, continued in the inside route into upper stretch and passed tired rivals. DOWNTOWN MISCHIEF three wide in pursuit, came under coaxing at the three-eighths, angled five wide into upper stretch and tired. TOPSY four then three wide in pursuit, came under coaxing at the three-eighths, angled out five wide into upper stretch and tired. RED CARPET READY forwardly placed four to five paths off the inside down the backstretch, tucked three then two wide offering up a bid at the five-sixteenths to latch on the eventual winner to the outside, angled four wide into upper stretch and was shaken off, then folded in the stretch. ADELIESE'S SMILE chased three then two wide under coaxing from the three-eighths, tipped three to four wide at the head of the stretch, tired in the drive.

