

1½ MILES. (2.24) 150TH RUNNING OF THE BELMONT STAKES PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS. Grade I. Purse \$1,500,000 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS. By subscription of \$600 each, to accompany the nomination, if made on or before January 20, 2018, or \$6,000, if made on or before March 19, 2018. At any time prior to the closing time of entries, horses may be nominated to The Belmont Stakes upon payment of a supplementary fee of \$50,000 to the New York Racing Association, Inc. \$15,000 to pass the entry box and \$15,000 additional to start. All entrants will be required to pay entry and starting fees; but no fees, supplemental or otherwise shall be added to the purse. The purse to be divided \$800,000 to the winner, \$280,000 to second, \$150,000 to third, \$100,000 to fourth, \$60,000 to fifth, \$45,000 to sixth, \$35,000 to seventh and \$30,000 to eighth. Colts and Geldings, 126 lbs.; Fillies, 121 lbs. The winning owner will be presented with the August Belmont Memorial Cup to be retained for one year as well as a trophy for permanent possession and trophies to the winning trainer and jockey.

ELEVENTH RACE
Belmont
JUNE 9, 2018

Value of Race: \$1,500,000 Winner \$800,000; second \$280,000; third \$150,000; fourth \$100,000; fifth \$60,000; sixth \$45,000; seventh \$35,000; eighth \$30,000. Mutuel Pool \$27,346,262.00 Exacta Pool \$13,325,959.00 Trifecta Pool \$18,820,467.00 Superfecta Pool \$11,323,159.00

| Last Raced | Horse | M/Eqt. | A. | Wt | PP | ¼ | ½ | 1 | 1¼ | Str | Fin | Jockey | Odds \$1 | |
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| 19May18 13Pim1 | Justify | L | 3 | 126 | 1 | 11½ | 11½ | 12 | 12 | 12 | 11¾ | Smith M E | 0.80 | |
| 30Mar18 5NC1 | Gronkowski | L | b | 3 | 126 | 6 | 10 | 91½ | 31½ | 21½ | 21¾ | Ortiz J L | 24.75 | |
| 5May18 12CD7 | Hofburg | L | 3 | 126 | 4 | 6hd | 82 | 6½ | 41½ | 42 | 3nk | Ortiz I Jr | 5.20 | |
| 5May18 12CD9 | Vino Rosso | L | b | 3 | 126 | 8 | 7½ | 5hd | 3½ | 2½ | 3½ | Velazquez J R | 7.50 | |
| 19May18 13Pim3 | Tenfold | L | 3 | 126 | 7 | 41 | 61 | 71 | 51½ | 51 | 51¼ | Santana R Jr | 10.70 | |
| 19May18 13Pim2 | Bravazo | L | 3 | 126 | 3 | 31 | 31 | 41 | 61½ | 61 | 61 | Saez L | 8.00 | |
| 5May18 12CD16 | Free Drop Billy | L | 3 | 126 | 2 | 98 | 96 | 10 | 7¾ | 716 | 729¼ | Albarado R J | 32.25 | |
| 5May18 10CD12 | Restoring Hope | L | 3 | 126 | 5 | 2hd | 2hd | 2hd | 92 | 81 | 813 | Geroux F | 37.50 | |
| 12May18 10Bel1 | Blended Citizen | L | bf | 3 | 126 | 10 | 81½ | 71½ | 82 | 10 | 10 | 92¼ | Frey K | 23.90 |
| 5May18 12CD17 | Noble Indy | L | 3 | 126 | 9 | 51 | 41 | 51½ | 82 | 95 | 10 | Castellano J J | 23.80 | |

OFF AT 6:50 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :231, :48, 1:131, 1:38, 2:024, 2:28 (:23.37, :48.11, 1:13.21, 1:38.09, 2:02.90, 2:28.18)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

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| 1 - JUSTIFY..... | 3.60 | 3.50 | 2.80 |
| 6 - GRONKOWSKI..... | 13.80 | 7.00 | |
| 4 - HOFBURG..... | | 3.70 | |

\$1 EXACTA 1-6 PAID \$44.50 50 CENT TRIFECTA 1-6-4 PAID \$114.87 10 CENT SUPERFACTA 1-6-4-8 PAID \$105.15

Ch. c. (Mar), by Scat Daddy - Stage Magic, by Ghostzapper. Trainer Baffert Bob. Bred by John D Gunther (Ky).

JUSTIFY hustled along springing from the starting gate, established control, showed the way, coaxed along from the rail on a loosely-contested lead, continued along under the same scenario all the way to the quarter pole, shifted into the two path when asked for a bit more turning into the stretch, would continue to drift out a bit more, but dug in gamely to stay in the clear. GRONKOWSKI lumbered his way out of the starting gate, got tucked into the two path, proceeded along one-paced, picked up interest coming up to the half mile pole, moved by the rail-hugging FREE DROP BILLY and was guided over to the inside at the three-eighths pole, responded when put to a drive and reached contention with a strong rail run, tipped to the outside nearing the head of the stretch, shouldered his way back into the two path, shadowed the winner by moving wider himself in the last eighth, showed willingness to the end but had to settle for the place. HOFBURG unhurried two wide during the initial stages, tipped into path four by the top of the far turn, got driven six wide into the stretch, shied out a couple of paths between the furlong marker and the eighth pole, rallied well enough to secure the show. VINO ROSSO raced in the three path on the first turn, inched his way into the two path by the end of the backstretch, prompted the top one during the ensuing quarter pole, got out-muscled for position by the runner up as they stepped into lane side by side, failed to make any headway in the final furlong. TENFOLD angled sharply to the rail after the start, was steadied as BRAVAZO worked his way into the pocket on the opening bend, was maneuvered into the three path leaving the half mile pole, making it there a furlong later, swung five wide into lane, drifted a bit wider afterward while not making his presence felt. BRAVAZO took up the chase from path two during the initial stages, got set up in the pocket shortly after entering the clubhouse turn, was firmly rated keeping watch on JUSTIFY, was tipped into path approaching the five-sixteenths pole, got driven six wide into the lane, had no response. FREE DROP BILLY made it to the rail before reaching the conclusion of the homestretch, loped along towards the back of the field, was sent to the outside heading home, wandered seven wide a sixteenth into the stretch then drifted out a couple of additional paths and made no impact. RESTORING HOPE three wide entering the first turn, moved in a bit stepping onto the backstretch, appeared done by the three-eighths pole and was allowed to steadily back away thereafter. BLENDED CITIZEN four to three wide on the first turn, worked his way closer to the rail by the half mile pole, never reached a contending position during the opening mile, retreated in hand down the lane. NOBLE INDY out with his initial step and brushed right side of the starting gate, accelerated upon recovery and took up position in midpack, went about four wide around the clubhouse bend, continued his pursuit slightly closer to the rail after entering the backstretch, arrived at the top of the lane appearing to have little left and backed away.

Owners- 1, China Horse Club International Ltd WinStar Farm Starlight Racing Head of Plains Pa; 2, Phoenix Thoroughbred III; 3, Juddmonte Farms Inc; 4, Repole Stable and St Elias Stable; 5, Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; 6, Calumet Farm; 7, Albaugh Family Stables LLC; 8, Gary and Mary West; 9, Sayjay Racing LLC Hall Greg and Hubbard Brooke; 10, WinStar Farm LLC and Repole Stable

Trainers- 1, Baffert Bob; 2, Brown Chad C; 3, Mott William I; 4, Pletcher Todd A; 5, Asmussen Steven M; 6, Lukas D Wayne; 7, Romans Dale; 8, Baffert Bob; 9, O'Neill Doug; 10, Pletcher Todd A

\$1 Daily Double (13-1) Paid \$44.50 ; Daily Double Pool \$1,021,036 .

\$1 Daily Double ((GOLD CUP/BELMONT DBL)

1-1) Paid \$8.20 ; Daily Double Pool \$494,391 .

\$1 Pick Three (10-13-1) Paid \$268.50 ; Pick Three Pool \$1,071,513 .

50 CENT Pick Four (7-10-13-1) Paid \$639.25 ; Pick Four Pool \$4,668,608 .

\$2 Pick Six (5-6-7-10-13-1) 6 Correct Paid \$81,026.00 ; Pick Six Pool \$1,658,160 .

\$2 Pick Six (5-6-7-10-13-1) 5 Correct Paid \$457.00 .

50 CENT Pick Five (6-7-10-13-1) 5 Correct Paid \$5,684.00 ; Pick Five Pool \$494,856 .
