

EIGHTH RACE Belmont

OCTOBER 8, 2016

1 MILE. (1.321) 145TH RUNNING OF THE CHAMPAGNE. Grade I. Purse \$500,000 FOR TWO YEAR OLDS.

Value of Race: \$500,000 Winner \$300,000; second \$100,000; third \$50,000; fourth \$25,000; fifth \$15,000; sixth \$10,000. Mutuel Pool \$784,695.00 Exacta Pool \$459,190.00 Trifecta Pool \$265,236.00 Superfecta Pool \$131,716.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1
5Sep16 10Sar1	Practical Joke	L	2	122	1	6	6	42½	47	24	1 ^{no}	Rosario J	2.95
26Aug16 1Sar1	Syndergaard	L	2	122	3	1	1½	1½	11½	1 ^{hd}	26½	Velazquez J R	1.90
20Aug16 7Sar1	Favorable Outcome	L	2	122	5	3	34	35½	3 ^{hd}	47½	3½	Castellano J J	2.55
5Sep16 9Dmr1	Big Gray Rocket	L	2	122	6	5	23	22½	21½	31	47¼	Smith M E	2.75
13Aug16 5Sar1	Thirst for Victory	L	2	122	2	2	4½	6	5 ^{hd}	52½	56¾	Franco M	44.75
11Sep16 2Bel1	Lookin At Blessing	L	2	122	4	4	5½	5½	6	6	6	Ortiz I Jr	33.75

OFF AT 4:15 Start Good For All But PRACTICAL JOKE. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :22³, :44³, 1:08³, 1:34³ (:22.74, :44.63, 1:08.76, 1:34.68)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

1 - PRACTICAL JOKE.....	7.90	3.90	2.60
3 - SYNDERGAARD.....		3.60	2.70
5 - FAVORABLE OUTCOME.....			2.60

**\$2 EXACTA 1-3 PAID \$22.00 \$2 TRIFECTA 1-3-5
PAID \$50.00 \$2 SUPERFACTA 1-3-5-6 PAID \$102.00**

B. c. (Apr), by Into Mischief - Halo Humor, by Distorted Humor. Trainer Brown Chad C. Bred by Whispering Oaks (Ky).

PRACTICAL JOKE was steadied after ducking in at the break, recovered in short order and took up residence along the inside route, was still down along the fence stepping onto the turn, picked up interest when let out at notch at the five-sixteenths pole, cut the corner into the stretch, altered sharply into the three path a sixteenth later, with BIG GRAY ROCKET, by this juncture in his final stages of being a prominent factor, shifting sliher wider too, moved up willingly to draw directly alongside the runner up by the beginning of the final furlong, vied with vigor, was maneuvered closer to the nemesis for a better view, got carried out several paths by SYNDERGAARD in the final strides, but got the head down in time at the finish line to prevail. SYNDERGAARD one of only two unscathed at the start, broke on top and retained the advantage, showed the way down the backstretch from the two path, shadowed by BIG GRAY ROCKET out towards the four path, moved closer to the rail in time for the run around the bend, with the aforementioned rival likewise getting guided closer to the rail too, began to inch away from the primary pursuer coming to the quarter pole, settled into upper stretch before given his cue, more in the two path however than before, was pounced upon by the top one, went at it head to head the rest of the way to the wire, came out several paths incrementally with less than a sixteenth to go, at times after some light left handed stick work and at times not, herding out the top one, lost the bob and had to settle for the place. FAVORABLE OUTCOME was bumped from both sides right after springing from the starting gate, was wedged between the winner and BIG GRAY ROCKET briefly before being allowed to drop back, was put to some hand urging nearing the end of the backstretch and began to close in on the front runners, entered the turn from the three path, swung from the same one into the lane but moved inward almost immediately afterwards, got outfinished. BIG GRAY ROCKET was bumped at the start, prompted the leader from the four path on the backstretch, went on to attend the same rival from thesecond one on the turn, appeared to have little left when taken in hand shying a bit to the outside after the winner angled out at the three-sixteenths pole, backed away readily thereafter. THIRST FOR VICTORY cut over to the rail a few jumps prior to reaching the half mile pole, took the inside route put to a drive on the turn, made no headway either on the turn or in the stretch. LOOKIN AT BLESSING was bumped after losing his footing at the start, took up the chase from the two path on the turn, drifted six wide into the stretch and had no offering.

Owners- 1, Klaravich Stables Inc and Lawrence William H; 2, Fein Eric McKenna Christopher Fein Harris Singh Guri and Walia Jerry; 3, Klaravich Stables Inc and Lawrence William H; 4, Frank Fletcher Racing Operations Inc; 5, Repole Stable; 6, Mossarosa

Trainers- 1, Brown Chad C; 2, Pletcher Todd A; 3, Brown Chad C; 4, Baffert Bob; 5, Pletcher Todd A; 6, Zito Nicholas P

\$2 Pick Three (5-5-1) Paid \$76.00 ; Pick Three Pool \$137,272 .

\$2 Daily Double (5-1) Paid \$37.20 ; Daily Double Pool \$77,046 .