

**TENTH RACE**  
**Belmont**

1 1/2 MILES. ( 1.581 ) 98TH RUNNING OF THE JOCKEY CLUB GOLD CUP. Grade I. Purse \$1,000,000 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD.

**OCTOBER 8, 2016**

Value of Race: \$980,000 Winner \$600,000; second \$200,000; third \$100,000; fourth \$50,000; fifth \$30,000. Mutuel Pool \$612,086.00 Exacta Pool \$278,201.00 Trifecta Pool \$146,003.00 Superfecta Pool \$68,252.00 Grand Slam Pool \$36,690.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	1/4	1/2	3/4	1	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1	
20Aug16 9Dmr4	Hoppertunity	L	bf	5	126	3	4 1/2	4 1/2	4hd	3 1/2	3 3/2	1 1/2	Velazquez J R	3.80
6Aug16 10Sar4	Effinex	L	b	5	126	5	21	21	1hd	1hd	2 1/2	2 1/2	Smith M E	1.25
9Sep16 3Bel1	Protonico	L	b	5	126	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	2 1 1/2	2 1 1/2	1hd	3 4 3/4	Castellano J J	6.40
3Sep16 10Sar2	Mubtaahij-Ire	L		4	126	2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	45	45 1/2	44 1/2	Ortiz I Jr	1.75
27Aug16 11Mth3	Watershed	L		4	126	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	Rosario J	18.90

**OFF AT 5:23 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.**

**TIME :24 4/5, :49, 1:12, 1:35 4/5, 2:00 3/5 ( :24.87, :49.03, 1:12.18, 1:35.98, 2:00.68 )**

**\$2 Mutuel Prices:**

3 - HOPPERTUNITY.....	9.60	4.00	2.60
6 - EFFINEX.....		3.00	2.20
1 - PROTONICO.....			3.80

**\$2 EXACTA 3-6 PAID \$24.40 \$2 TRIFECTA 3-6-1**

**PAID \$74.00 \$2 SUPERFECTA 3-6-1-2 PAID \$94.50**

**B. h. ( May ), by Any Given Saturday - Refugee , by Unaccounted For . Trainer Baffert Bob. Bred by Betz/DJ Stable/Kidder/J Betz/Robenalt (Ky).**

HOPPERTUNITY quickly tucked along the rail after the break, was patiently handled keeping watch on the front runners from the pocket, got switched over to a brisk hand ride at the three-eighths pole, slipped out into the two path a sixteenth later, spun about four wide into the stretch and hitched up to the ones to catch, battled hard outside them, forged to the front with slightly under a sixteenth remaining then edged away. EFFINEX bobbed at the start, worked out a tuck closer to the rail after being hung out three wide on the first turn, got rated prompting the pacesetter, continued to do so from the second path on the far turn, stepped into the stretch and after being allowed to settle in, was put to a drive, was forced to contend for command from between opponents, fought his way to slim and short-lived lead in the general area of the sixteenth pole, had it snatched away by the top one, finished in a willing manner to procure the place. PROTONICO broke on top and maintained the advantage, showed the way from the inside route, put to the mildest of hand encouragement by the pilot, arrived at the quarter pole having never been headed and with the pressure having increased greatly, that is with the top one now looming boldly, dug in well vying with the top twosome positioned to its outside, yielded with about a sixteenth to go, kept up the fight for a little while longer before weakening in the final seventy yards, then was vanned off after crossing the finish line. MUBTAAHIJ (IRE) sat reserved in the two path between rivals to the seven-sixteenths pole, lacked the needed response after coming into the stretch. WATERSHED was off a half length the slowest, raced three wide on both turns and tired.

**Owners-** 1, Watson Karl Pegram Michael E and Weitman Paul; 2, Tri-Bone Stables; 3, Sumaya US Stable; 4, Essafinaat; 5, Godolphin Racing LLC

**Trainers-** 1, Baffert Bob; 2, Jerkens James A; 3, Pletcher Todd A; 4, McLaughlin Kiaran P; 5, McLaughlin Kiaran P

**Scratched-** War Story ( 24Sep16 8Prx2 )

**\$2 Daily Double (1-3) Paid \$55.00 ; Daily Double Pool \$83,754 .**

**\$2 Pick Three (1-1-3) Paid \$222.50 ; Pick Three Pool \$84,726 .**

**\$2 Grand Slam (4,5,6,10/1,3,5,1,6,10/3) Paid \$32.40 ; Grand Slam Pool \$36,690 .**