

**NINTH RACE**  
**Aqueduct**  
**March 23rd, 2013**

1 1/4 MILES. (1.471) STAKES. Purse \$150,000 *EXCELSIOR S. (GRADE III) INNER DIRT FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD.* No nomination fee. \$1,500 to pass the entry box. A supplemental nomination fee of \$3,000 in addition to the entry fee may be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. The purse to be divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% divided equally among the remaining finishers. Three year olds, 115 lbs. Older 123 lbs. Non-winners of \$90,000 at a mile or over in 2012-2013 allowed 2 lbs.; a graded sweepstake at a mile or over since September 1, 2012 allowed 4 lbs.; \$60,000; or \$40,000 in 2013 allowed 6 lbs. (Maiden, claiming, starter and restricted allowance races not considered). A Trophy will be presented to the winning owner. Closed Saturday, March 9, 2013 with 33 Nominations. (Clear 42)

Value of Race: \$150,000 Winner \$90,000; second \$30,000; third \$15,000; fourth \$7,500; fifth \$4,500; sixth \$1,500; seventh \$1,500.  
Mutuel Pool \$367,392 Pick 3 Pool \$34,743 Daily Double Pool \$63,460 Exacta Pool \$241,670 Superfecta Pool \$59,899 Trifecta Pool \$130,564 Grand Slam Pool \$21,875

| Last Raced | # | Horse                               | M/Eqt. | A/S | Wt  | PP | St | 1/4             | 1/2                | 3/4                | Str                | Fin                | Jockey         | Odds \$1 |
|------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------|-----|-----|----|----|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------|
| 19Jan13    | 8 | Aqu <sup>1</sup> 2 Last Gunfighter  | L b    | 4C  | 119 | 2  | 5  | 5 <sup>1</sup>  | 5 <sup>1 1/2</sup> | 3 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 2 <sup>4</sup>     | 1 <sup>2</sup>     | Maragh R       | 3.15     |
| 02Mar13    | 5 | Aqu <sup>2</sup> 4 Mordi's Miracle  | L      | 4C  | 119 | 4  | 2  | 2 <sup>1</sup>  | 1 <sup>hd</sup>    | 2 <sup>1 1/2</sup> | 1 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 2 <sup>5 1/2</sup> | DeCarlo C P    | 2.45     |
| 16Feb13    | 4 | Aqu <sup>2</sup> 3 Isn't He Perfect | L bf   | 5H  | 119 | 3  | 7  | 7               | 7                  | 7                  | 4 <sup>1 1/2</sup> | 3 <sup>3</sup>     | Desormeaux K J | 16.30    |
| 16Feb13    | 4 | Aqu <sup>1</sup> 6 Joan's Choice    | L b    | 6G  | 119 | 6  | 4  | 4 <sup>1</sup>  | 6 <sup>3</sup>     | 4 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 3 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 4 <sup>1 3/4</sup> | Ortiz J L      | 7.70     |
| 30Jan13    | 3 | Aqu <sup>1</sup> 7 Ruler On Ice     | L b    | 5G  | 119 | 7  | 6  | 6 <sup>5</sup>  | 4 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 5 <sup>1 1/2</sup> | 5 <sup>4</sup>     | 5 <sup>1 4/4</sup> | Ortiz, Jr. I   | 2.60     |
| 10Feb13    | 4 | Aqu <sup>1</sup> 1 Colizeo          | L bf   | 6H  | 119 | 1  | 1  | 1 <sup>hd</sup> | 2 <sup>1</sup>     | 1 <sup>hd</sup>    | 6 <sup>8</sup>     | 6 <sup>2 4/4</sup> | Velasquez C H  | 4.70     |
| 02Mar13    | 9 | Aqu <sup>9</sup> 5 Heart Butte      | L bf   | 6H  | 117 | 5  | 3  | 3 <sup>1</sup>  | 3 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 6 <sup>2</sup>     | 7                  | 7                  | Cohen D        | 21.60    |

**OFF AT 4:52 Start Good. Won driving. Track Fast.**

TIME :223, :464, 1:11<sup>2</sup>, 1:37<sup>4</sup>, 1:50<sup>3</sup> (:22.73, :46.84, 1:11.44, 1:37.87, 1:50.78)

**\$2 Mutuel Prices:**

|                           |      |      |      |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|
| 2- LAST GUNFIGHTER .....  | 8.30 | 3.90 | 2.80 |
| 4- MORDI'S MIRACLE .....  |      | 3.20 | 2.60 |
| 3- ISN'T HE PERFECT ..... |      |      | 4.30 |

**\$2 EXACTA 2-4 PAID \$29.20 \$2 SUPERFACTA 2-4-3-6 PAID \$1,089.00**

**\$2 TRIFECTA 2-4-3 PAID \$208.50 \$2 GRAND SLAM 2/3/8-1/2/4-2/4/6-2 PAID \$15.60 4 Correct**

Dark Bay or Brown Colt, (Maj), by First Samurai - Saratoga Cat by Sir Cat. Trainer Brown C. Chad. Bred by John D. Gunther (KY).

LAST GUNFIGHTER made contact with ISN'T HE PERFECT, went on for another stride or so then proceeded to bump lightly but repeatedly with the same opponent, had that foe ease back to end the bumping exchange, sat reserved from near the two path for over three-quarters, was kept to a firm hold by the pilot caught briefly in traffic approaching the quarter pole, altered course towards the inside entering the stretch, but failed to have the opening materialize into optimal racing clearance, had intentions of being taken outward but cancelled those plans after MORDI'S MIRACLE swerved out a bit in midstretch, dove eagerly towards the newly-created rail passageway and drew alongside the second place finisher, went by soon afterwards, and kicked clear, getting geared down in the final seventy yards. MORDI'S MIRACLE leaned upon the rival breaking to the left before moving up to confront COLIZEO, contested the pace outside that foe, with the riders of each mount attempting to keep something in reserve early, had the previously mentioned rival drop back soon after going six furlongs, only to have several others range up almost instantaneously thereafter to apply pressure of their own, spun into the stretch with those same rivals still in hot pursuit, came out slightly nearing the eighth pole, resulting in the top one ducking inward at that moment and quickly drawing alongside, yielded to that opponent after going a little further, held on willingly to secure second. ISN'T HE PERFECT traded a series of bumps with the winner in the very earliest stages, was taken hold and allowed to ease back, tucked along the rail and rode it into until nearing the quarter pole, swung outward eventually getting placed four wide by the head of the stretch, made up ground for the next furlong before flattening out. JOAN'S CHOICE off the inside, was taken hold before swinging three wide into the backstretch, fell back with the loss of momentum, raced a bit more closely to the inside on the far turn, launched an abbreviated bid to make his presence felt, couldn't sustain it and weakened. RULER ON ICE was strung out four wide nearly the entire way to the quarter pole, closed in on the frontrunners after leaving the first turn as the tempo was backed down, stayed within range for three-quarters, folded. COLIZEO disputed the pace from the rail for six furlongs, was steadied off another's heels while tiring cutting the corner into the stretch. HEART BUTTE three wide on both turns, tired.

**Owners-** 2, Gunther John D.; 4, Zayat Stables, LLC; 3, Guy Stables, LLC; 3, Guy American Racing Stables; 6, Saccardo Samuel; 7, Hall, George and Lori; 1, Speranza, Steven and Silver Streak Stables; 5, Paul Claude

**Trainers-** 2, Brown Chad C.; 4, Pletcher Todd A.; 3, Lotruglio Edward; 6, Violette, Jr. Richard A.; 7, Breen Kelly J.; 1, Rodriguez Gustavo; 5, Pletcher Todd A.

**Breeders-** 2, John D. Gunther (KY); 4, Zayat Stables, LLC (FL); 3, Diamond A Racing Corp. (KY); 6, Adena Springs (KY); 7, Liberation Farm & Brandywine Farm (KY); 1, Wertheimer & Frere (KY); 5, Dinwiddie Farm (KY)

**\$2 Daily Double (4-2) Paid \$63.50; Daily Double Pool \$63,460.**

**\$2 Pick Three (4-4-2) Paid \$106.00; Pick Three Pool \$34,743.**

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