#### Churchill Downs 11/4 MILES (1:592) KyDerby-G1 THE KENTUCKY DERBY

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Post time: 6:57 ET Wagers: Daily Double, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick 3 (Races 12-13-14), Super Hi-5 Beyer par: 103 B. c. 3 (Apr) KEESEP22 \$325,000 4 2 1 \$393,775 Life 6 3 2 0 \$552,275 91 Dornoch Sire: Good Magic (Curlin) \$125,000 Wet(324) 2 \$158,500 91 Own: West Paces Racing R A Hill Stable Be 2 1 0 0 \$294,875 90 Dam: Puca (Big Brown) Synth(256) 0 0 0 0 \$0 20-1 Bright Salmon, Light Grey 'Rah', Light Br: Grandview Equine (Ky) 126 2023 \$257,400 91 Turf(258) 0 0 0 \$0 Tr: Gargan Danny(—) 2024:(41 7 .17) SAEZ L (27 2 4 2 .07) 2024: (482 72 .15) \$0 Dst(267\*) 0 0 0 0 \$0 TimeformUS Pace: Early 118 Late 79 :4621:1041:3631:50 6Apr24-10Kee fst 11/8 BlueGras-G1 88 4/10 32 42 42 54 2.64 85–11 Sierra Leone 1231 Just a Touch 1233 Epic Ride 1231 Keen ins, ask 2nd, nobid Saez L 90 3/5 11 11 1hd 11/2 2Mar2414GP fst 116 S:241:48 1:1121:433 FntnOYth-G2 113 Saez L 123h \* 20 91-11 Dornoch12313 Le DomBro119nk Frankie's Empire12153 Rated pace 2p, drvng 91 3/10 1hd 1½ 90 2/9 11 1½ 2Dec23-9Aqu myS 11/8 :4641:1121:3721:501 1<u>1</u> 1hd 1no Remsen-G2 Saez L 118h 88-08 Dornoch118no Sierra Leone11843 Drum RollPlease11822 2p-ins,headed1/8,game 161 140ct23-6Kee fst 116 \*.56 78-25 Dornoch1196½ Django1191 Lat Long1199¾ Md Sp Wt 99k 13 S:232:473 1:1241:45 Saez L 119b Drewoff 3/16 left lead @:231:473 1:1231:384 77 8/9 44½ 3nk 1½ 11 21 Carmon 70 4/10 7 3½ 41¼ 21½ 21¾ Saez L 26Aug23-8Mth fst 1 SaplingL206k Carmouche K 119h \*1.50 83-19 Noted1171 Dornoch1199 Frankie's Empire120nk 6w, bump 7/8, 3w bid **29JIy23-7S**ar sly<sup>S</sup> 6½f :222:46 1:1111:174 119 b 2.60 80–13 Seizethe Grey 1151 Dornoch 119nk Globl Perspectiv 119 Bump after st, willing Md Sp Wt 105k WORKS: 27Apr24 CD 4f fst :463 B 2/130 20Apr24 CD 4f fst :481 B 16/123 ●30Mar24 PmM 4f fst :471 B 1/36 22Mar24 PmM 4f fst :501 B 8/26 16Mar24 PmM 4f fst :494 B 54/92 24Feb24 PmM 4f fst :474 B 7/90 TRAINER: Dirt(86 .20 \$2.03) Routes(103 .22 \$1.43) GrdStk(14 .14 \$0.56) J/T 2023-24(29 .24 \$1.56) CLOSER LOOK: The full-brother to last year's winner Mage entered this season as one of the early Derby favorites; really came to hand late in his 2YO season, gamely fending off Sierra Leone in the Remsen after getting passed by that rival in deep stretch; however, his 3Y0 campaign has been a little underwhelming; was merely workmanlike in the Fountain of Youth when digging deep to put away overmatched rivals; then was never really a factor in the Blue Grass when rated just off the pace; connections have been explicit about wanting to send him forward here, but that task becomes much trickier breaking from the rail; just starting to wonder if he hasn't really gone on with his development since last year; others appeal more. Dk. b or br c. 3 (Mar) FTSAUG22 \$2,300,000 0 \$918,000 98 2 2 0 \$628,000 98 Sierra Leone Sire: Gun Runner (Candy Ride\*Arg) \$250,000 Own: Peter M Brant Mrs John Magnier Michae Wet(459) 2 1 1 0 \$290,000 95 Dam: Heavenly Love (Malibu Moon) 2 2 0 0 \$821,250 3-1 Navy, Navy Cap Synth(271) 0 0 0 0 \$0 Br: Debby M Oxley (Ky) 126 2023 2 1 1 0 \$96,750 91 Turf(239) 0 0 0 \$0 Brown Chad C(2 1 0 0 .50) 2024:(274 70 .26) GAFFALIONE T (37 6 5 5 .16) 2024; (536 78 .15) CD \$0 0 0 0 0 Dst(284) 0 0 0 0 \$0 TimeformUS Pace: Early 61 Late 120 :4621:1041:3631:50 92-11 Sierra Leone 1231 Just a Touch 1233 Epic Ride 1231 Fig. 1231 Epic Ride 1231 6Apr24-10Kee fst 11/8 BlueGras-G1 123h \*166 Tough load,6p1/4,clear \*2.70 17Feb24-14FG sly<sup>S</sup> 11/<sub>8</sub> C:4931:1431:3921:52 RisenStr-G2 122 b 78-14 SierrLeone122<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> TrckPhntom1221<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> CtchingFreedom1221<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> 10p upr,rally,shftd,up 2Dec23-9Aqu myS 11/8 :4641:1121:3721:501 91 7/10 10121012 1081 1hd 2no Ortiz J L 118 4.00 88-08 Dornoch118no Sierra Leone1184 DrumRollPlease1182 2p1st,mvd out2nd,7w1/4 Remsen-G2 71 5/7 52½ 62¼ 52½ 42½ 11¼ Franco M 4Nov23-7Aqu fst 1 :232:471 1:1141:364 Md Sp Wt 85k 119 3.20 91-11 SirrLon1191 ChngofCommnd114nk IgntthLght1191 Bobbld after brk,3w,5w WORKS: 27Apr24 CD 5f fst 1:001 B 15/58 20Apr24 Kee 4f fst :484 B 19/127 30Mar24 Pay 4f fst :493 B 12/47 24Mar24 Pay 4f fst :493 B 22/44 16Mar24 Pay 4f fst :483 B 5/62 9Mar24 Pay 4f fst :49 B 5/44 2Mar24 Pay 4f fst :49 B 5/52 10Feb24 Pay 4f fst :491 B 10/56 TRAINER: 20ff45-180(145.29 \$2.14) WonLastStart(237.24 \$1.82) Dirt(511.24 \$1.54) Routes(924.25 \$1.72) GrdStk(253.19 \$1.89) J/T 2023-24 CD(10 .20 \$1.17) J/T 2023-24(107 .21 \$1.56) Expensive yearling purchase is a nose away from being undefeated, coming into this Derby as one of the main players; arguably ran the best race in defeat behind neighbor Dornoch in the Remsen; this season he's just continued his steady improvement; overc ame a slow pace to win the Risen Star with a powerful stretch bid; got a much faster pace in the Blue Grass and capitalized on it, rallying to a clear victory while earning a careerbest 98 Beyer; he's among the strongest finishers in this field once he gets rolling, and 10F is not supposed to be a problem; this inside draw isn't exactly ideal, but it's less of a disaster for a deep closer like him; contender. B. c. 3 (Mar) Mystik Dan 6 2 1 1 \$641,360 101 Sire: Goldencents (Into Mischief) \$10,000 Wet(350) 1 \$408,000 101 1 0 Own: 4 G Racing LLC Lance Gasaway Daniel H Dam: Ma'am (Colonel John) 1 \$550,050 101 Synth(310) 0 0 0 0 \$0 20-1 Black, Green Hoops, Green Bars On Br: Lance Gasaway Daniel Hamby & 4G Racing LLC (Ky) 126 \$91,310 96 1 0 Turf(321) 0 0 0 0 \$0 HERNANDEZ B J JR (7 1 0 1 .14) 2024: (261 45 .17) McPeek Kenneth G(3 0 0 0 .00) 2024:(252 35 .14) \$72,810 96 2 1 0 0 Dst(278) 0 0 0 0 \$0 TimeformUS Pace: Early 98 Late 97 :4721:1211:3711:492 91-12 Muth1242 Just Steel12444 Mystik Dan1242 30Mar24-120P fst 11/8 Ark Derby-G1 **89** 9/10  $83\frac{3}{4}$   $86\frac{1}{4}$   $73\frac{1}{4}$   $43\frac{1}{2}$   $36\frac{1}{4}$ Hernandez B J Jr 4.00 Bothr4w3/4,4w2nd,up3rd 3Feb24110P myS 116 101 9/11  $6^{5}$   $6^{3\frac{1}{4}}$   $4^{2}$   $1^{\frac{1}{2}}$  82 4/9  $2^{\frac{1}{2}}$   $2^{1}$   $2^{\frac{1}{2}}$  2hd (h):232:474 1:1311:433 Southwst-G3 18 Hernandez B J Jr 118 92-14 Mystik Dan1188 Just Steel117nk Liberal Arts1199 Patient, rail, riddn out **82** 4/9 2½ 21 **64** 8/11 31 52 fst 1<sub>16</sub> 2½ 2hd 2½ 41 1hd 14 1Jan24-90P (i):23 :47 1:1211:442 SmrtyJnsL300k 531/4 Leparoux J R 117 85-15 CtchingFrdom1172 JustStl119nk InformdPtriot117nk Brk out,gave way btwn @:222:452 1:1111:374 \*2.14 70-20 Who Dey12214 Bergen1202 Informed Patriot1203 25Nov23-7CD O.C. 100k/N1x -N 58 Hernandez B J Jr 2w-ins,rail bd1/4,tire fst 120 173 211 12Nov23-4CD fst 5½f 22Oct23-8Kee fst 6½f 2hd \*.82 :223:454 :571 1:031 **96** 7/10 119 97-09 Mystik Dan11973 Eusebius119no Evan On Earth1193 Md Sp Wt 121k Hernandez B J Jr Vied 2wd,ridden out **78** 4/11 3 1½ 11/2 11 12.83 82-21 Agoo11914 Mystik Dan1194 Linebacker11944 :22 :461 1:1121:181 Md Sp Wt 100k Hernandez B J Jr 119 Ins, shk clear, bstd 1/16 WORKS: 27Apr24 CD 5f fst 1:011 B 35/58 •20Apr24 CD 5f fst :592 B 1/71 13Apr24 CD 4f fst :48 B 14/123 23Mar24 FG 5f fst 1:014 B 20/36 16Mar24 FG 5f fst 1:00 B 10/42 10Mar24 FG 4f fst :483 B 22/110 3Mar24 FG 4f sly :481 B 3/75 23Feb24 FG 4f fst :49 B 38/102 TRAINER: 20ff45-180(91.12 \$1.03) 31-60Days(219.16 \$2.14) Dirt(665.15 \$1.63) Routes(729.13 \$1.62) GrdStk(104.09 \$1.16) J/T 2023-24 CD (111 .14 \$1.31) J/T 2023-24 (375 .15 \$1.84) Ran one of the fastest Beyers in this field when winning the Southwest by 8 lengths; yet he achieved that career-best mark in the mud, riding the inside path over a track that appeared to be favoring rail runners; was unable

to back up that performance in the Arkansas Derby, but he was bumped and far back early in a race won by horses with more forward position; does own a big win over this track last year, but that was sprinting; not sure that added distance benefits him, and unless you're Calvin Borel , it's pretty hard to work out a perfect rail-skimming trip in the Derby; tough read.

#### B. c. 3 (Mar) KEESEP22 \$575,000 \$837,350 97 1 \$877,350 97 4 3 0 **Catching Freedom** Sire: Constitution (Tapit) \$110,000 \$40,000 0 92 Wet(379) 1 0 Own: Albaugh Family Stables LLC Dam: Catch My Drift (Pioneerof the Nile) 3 2 0 1 \$802,000 97 Synth(347) 0 0 0 0 \$0 8-1 Blue, White Star, Blue Bars On Grey Br: WinStar Farm LLC (Ky) 126 2023 2 1 0 0 \$75,350 77 Turf(338) 0 0 0 \$0 PRAT F (5 0 1 1.00) 2024: (260 62.24) Tr: Cox Brad H(4 2 1 0 .50) 2024:(275 76 .28) 2 1 0 0 \$75,350 77 | Dst(268) 1 1 0 0 \$600,000 97 TimeformUS Pace: Early 73 Late 113 23Mar24-12FG fst 136 C:4811:1221:3711:56 91-12 Catching Freedom 1221 Honor Marie 122 Tuscan Gold 122 5-8p1/4, drove past LaDerby-G2 11 Prat F 17Feb24-14F G sly\$ 11/8 C:4931:1431:3921:52 RisenStr-G2 313 Saez L 122 b 5.70 76-14 SierrLeone122½ TrckPhntom1221¼ CtchingFreedom1221¾ 3w,8p1/4,left ld,tight fst 11/16 **87** 2/9 84 73 52 31 88-15 CtchingFrdom11723 JustStl119nk InformdPtriot117nk Steered 4w 1/4.surged 1Jan24-90P @:23 :47 1:1211:442 SmrtvJnsL300k 121 Torres C A 117 b \*1.70 ©:232:472 1:1221:441 62 513 42 1 122b \*1.09 83-20 ParchmentParty1221½ FirstWorldWr122nk Lgynos120½ Btw 2nd,stymied 1/16 77 5/10 75 76 9Nov23-8CD OC 100k/n1x-N fst 116 Geroux F 72 5/9 64 62 42 12 119b \*1.16 85-15 Catching Freedom11933 Cash Only1192 Planet11911 10ct23-4CD fst 1 :23 :463 1:1141:362 Md Sp Wt 120k 133 Geroux F Tight.4-6w1/4.bid.clrd WORKS: 27Apr24 CD 5f fst :591 B 2/58 20Apr24 CD 5f fst 1:004 B 20/71 13Apr24 CD 4f fst :48 B 14/123 5Apr24 CD 4f fst :482 B 9/65 15Mar24 FG 5f fst 1:01 B 7/30 9Mar24 FG 5f fst 1:004 B 9/22

3Mar24 FG 4f sly:511 B 62/75 10Feb24 FG 5f fst 1:00 B 6/46

TRAINER: 31-60Days(526.28 \$1.69) WonLastStart(299.27 \$1.70) Dirt(912.29 \$1.78) Routes(749.28 \$1.81) GrdStk(183.22 \$1.68)

J/T 2023-24 CD(21 .33 \$3.30) J/T 2023-24(115 .29 \$2.03)

Was immature through the early part of his career, showing a tendency to lug in, which got him beat in his 2nd start; also struggled with his lead changes in the stretch, which may have muted his late kick in the Risen Star; yet he seemed to get over tho se issues in the Louisiana Derby, launching a terrific last-to-first rally; while that race did go to closers, it's not as if he got some fast pace up front; appears to want every bit of this distance, and he's really taken a step forward in his morning training over the last few months; Flavien Prat seems to ride a perfect race in the Derby almost every year, so wouldn't be too worried about an inside draw; legitimate player.

5 Catalytic

Own: Tami Bobo Julie Davies and George G I 30-1 White, Red Key On Grey And Blue Padlock

ORTIZ J L (20 2 0 3 .10) 2024: (492 104 .21)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 107 Late 79

30Mar2414GP fst 11/8 :4721:1111:3531:481 FlaDerby-G1 C:214:442:563 1:094 8Mar24-6Tam fst 6f OC 75k/n1x-**n** 70ct23-5GP fst 61f

:223:454 1:11 1:172 Md Sp Wt 43k

**90** 6/9 21½ 21 21½ 28 213½ Leparoux J R 77 1/7 5 78 67½ 55½ 2¾ Gonzalez E 77 7/10 2 41 1hd 1½ 15½ Krigger K

B. c. 3 (Mar) FTSAUG22 \$125,000

Br: Fred W Hertrich III (Ky)

Sire: Catalina Cruiser (Union Rags) \$10,000

Tr: Joseph S A Jr(1 0 0 0 .00) 2024:(336 75 .22)

Dam: One Show Only (Distorted Humor)

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Wet(414)

Dst(285)

Synth(349) 0

Turf(313) 0 0 0

Dst(254) 0 0 0

84-07 Fierceness12213 Catalytic1222 Grand Mo the First122no Hit gate, 4wd 1st 93-12 Classic Joke 118 Catalytic 118 Rocket Dragon 1181 3p,bid1/4,late gain

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3.40 89-10 Ctlytic1185 SecretLover11811 CtlinWinemixr118 Bid4p turn,opnd2p lane WORKS: 28Apr24 CD 4f fst :474 B 13/60 19Apr24 GP 5f fst 1:003 B 2/7 12Apr24 GP 4f fst :491 B 4/20 24Mar24 GP 4f fst :483 B 24/66 29Feb24 GP 5f fst 1:021 B 1/2 22Feb24 GP 4f fst :481 B 4/18

11Feb24 GP 4f fst :493 B 25/75 4Feb24 GP 3f fst :372 B 8/17

**TRAINER:** 31-60Days(449.23 \$1.76) Dirt(425.25 \$2.00) Routes(638.21 \$1.85) GrdStk(111.11 \$2.08)

J/T 2023-24(48 .27 \$1.99)

\$575.845

\$148,700

4w turns, clear 2nd

5w both turns.flat str

No match, saved 2nd

3w bid,no match late

Step slow, chs 3-4p, wkn

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He's one of the most inexperienced horses in this field, with just a single route attempt under his belt; missed some time after his visually impressive debut as a 2YO, and just got rolling too late when he returned from a layoff in March; connections to ok a shot wheeling him back in the Florida Derby, and it paid off; he got a great trip just following Fierceness through moderate early splits, but he still did well to get hold 2nd in a his first attempt going that far; yet he would need another similar step forward to contend here, and it's asking a lot for him to improve again in just the 4th start of his career.

## Just Steel b

Own: BC Stables LLC and Henry Schmueckle 20-1 Tan, Green And Burgundy Panel, Burgundy

ASMUSSEN K J (11 0 2 1 .00) 2024: (343 53 .15)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 105 Late 91 30Mar24-120P fst 11/8 :4721:1211:3711:492 Ark Derby-G1 24Feb24110P C:231:473 1:1241:44 fst 11/16 Rebel-G2 3Feb24-110P ():232:474 1:1311:433 myS 11/16 Southwst-G3 1Jan24-90P fst 11/16 25Nov23-9CD fst 61/27 29Oct23-9CD sly<sup>S</sup> 7f 1Jan24-90P fst (i):23 :47 1:1211:442 SmrtyJnsL300k (i):221:453 1:1011:164 EdBrownB222k Č:23:463 1:1121:242 OC 100k/n1x-N 70ct23-9Kee fst 116 :234:474 1:1241:443 BrdrsFut-G1 @:22 :444 1:1041:242 4Sep23-10Sar fst 7f Hopeful-G1 5Aug23-2Sar fst 6f :222:453 :573 1:101 Md Sp Wt 105k

B. c. 3 (Mar) KEESEP22 \$500,000 Sire: Justify (Scat Daddy) \$100,000 Dam: Irish Lights\*Aus (Fastnet Rock\*Aus) Br: Summerhill Farm (Ky)

Tr: Lukas D Wayne(7 0 2 0 .00) 2024:(103 15 .15) **95** 8/10 42 31½ 31

Asmussen K J **77** 11/12 83\(\frac{3}{4}\) 93\(\frac{1}{4}\) 63 78 710 Vazquez R A **88** 10/11 42 41½ 31 21/2 28 Vazquez R A 83 7/9 31 32 31 221/2 Vazquez R A 51<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 63 53 90 6/8 1½ 24 121 Rosario J **73** 1/9 9 63 38 Saez L 68 6/8 21 1hd 1hd 674 616 Rosario J 1hd 1hd 2hd 773 **57** 1/10 7 Rosario J **88** 10/10 2 21/2 2hd 2hd 1no Rosario J 32½ 21 23½ 34 34½ 48½ **69** 2/6 3 **17** 3/7 7 23 Rosario J

124b 32.50 95-12 Muth1242 Just Steel1244 Mystik Dan1243 4.70 80-14 Timberlke1192 Common Defense1173 NorthrnFlm1221 117 b 117 b 10.30 84-14 Mystik Dan1188 Just Steel117nk Liberal Arts1199 85-15 CtchingFredom1172 JustStl119nk InformdPtriot117nk 119b 122b 12.54 90-12 Just Steel 1222 Agoo 1221 Normandy Hero 1221 Urged 4w.bid 5p1/4.clr 73–20 Otto the Conqueror 1224 Honor Marie 1224 Just Stee 1221 Pull, gain 5–4w, aim, lvl 64–20 Locked 1221 The Wine Stewrd 1223 Generous Tipper 122nk Pace 2p, gave way, \*1.93 122 h 16.93 122 h 120 h 13.30 74-14 Nutella Fella 1201½ *Timberlake* 120nk Pirate 1202½ Vied, dueled, weakened 119 h 5.40 91-11 Just Steel119no Be You11931 Locked11961 Prompted, duel, game 9.80 85-14 Pirate1193 Just Steel11944 Special Element1197 Shy 5w uppr, 2nd best

Life 11 2 4 1 \$724,545 95

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7 2 1 1 \$240,795 90

2 1 0 1 \$147,945 90

17Jun23-4EIP fst 51f :22 :45 :58 1:044 Md Sp Wt 120k 5161 Saez G 6.07 70-10 Woodcourt 1191 Balta 1191 Shakin Loose 11912 WORKS: 28Apr24 CD 4f fst :502 B 52/60 20Apr24 CD 1 fst 1:40 B 1/1 11Apr24 OP 5f my 1:004 B 1/2 22Mar24 OP 5f fst 1:03 B 14/17 14Mar24 OP 1 fst 1:40 B 1/1 6Mar24 OP 5f fst 1:011 B 8/22

B. c. 3 (May) KEESEP22 \$40,000

15Feb24 OP 6f fst 1:15 B 1/3 ● 26Jan24 OP 5f my 1:01 B 1/39

:221:453 :581 1:044

TRAINER: 31-60Days(85.07 \$1.46) Dirt(374.11 \$1.81) Routes(182.08 \$1.59) GrdStk(40.10 \$2.15)

Md Sp Wt 105k

J/T 2023-24 CD(5 .00 \$0.00) J/T 2023-24(37 .19 \$2.75)

The most experienced horse in the main body of the field hasn't always looked like a Derby horse, excelling in sprints early in his career; yet he's steadily come along, benefiting from his foundation and ample seasoning; ran better than the result might suggest in the Southwest when always wide against a rail bias; then got an even wider trip in the Rebel, legitimately 5-wide on the turns; finally got a better journey last time and showed he belongs here with a solid 2nd in the Arkansas Derby; probably needs to do a little better than that to actually win here, but he's heading in the right direction and has a trainer in his corner who certainly knows how to win this race.

# **Honor Marie**

15JIy23-1Sar fst 5½f

Own: Ribble Farms LLC Michael H Eiserman E 20-1 Orange, Blue Circled 'Rf', Blue 'Rf' On

CURTIS B (5 0 1 1 .00) 2024: (203 32 .16) TimeformUS Pace: Early 51 Late 119

23Mar24-12FG fst 13/16 C:4811:1221:3711:56 LaDerby-G2 17Feb24-14FG slyS 11/8 C:4931:1431:3921:52 RisenStr-G2 25Nov2341CD fst 11/16 29Oct23-9CD sly<sup>S</sup> 7f :233:482 1:1321:441 KyJC-G2 C:23:463 1:1121:242 OC 100k/n1x-N :213:451 :573 1:102 RMd Sp Wt 91k 29Sep23-10CD fst 6f

Sire: Honor Code (A.P. Indy) \$20,000 Dam: Dame Marie (Smart Strike) Br: Royce Pulliam (Ky) Tr: Beckman D Whitworth(3 0 1 1 .00) 2024:(44 4 .09) **96** 6/11 97¼106¼ 95 62¾ 21 Curtis B

**85** 3/12 1110119 117 87 56 1 Bejarano R 92 2/8 893 851 721 12 Bejarano R 86 851 81 9/9 4 24 Bejarano R 71 9/9 8 95 85 65 1hd Bejarano R

5 2 2 0 \$526,175 96 D.Fst \$492,775 Wet(390) 2 0 1 0 \$33,400 85 1 0 \$208,000 96 Synth(336) 0 0 0 0 \$0 126 1 0 \$318,175 92 Turf(315) 0 0 0 \$0 0 3 2 1 0 \$318,175 92 Dst(257) 1 0 1 0 90-12 CtchingFreedom1221 HonorMrie1223 TuscnGold1223 3-4p,7pupr,rally,outkk 7.30 72-14 SierrLeone122½ TrckPhntom1221¼ CtchingFreedom1221¾ Ins,5p1/4,8p1/8,ran on 85-20 HonorMrie1222 RelMenViolin1221 StretchRid12253 Swng 6w1/4,drove clear 77-20 Otto the Conqueror 1224 Honor Marie 1224 Just Stee 112213 Gain 5p, edge place 1/16

13.67 85-12 Honor Mrie 119hd Bourbon Boss 119nk Run Jlen Run 11514 6wd, rally, late bid, up WORKS: • 25Apr24 CD 5f fst :591 B 1/11 14Apr24 CD 4f fst :484 B 24/77 7Apr24 CD 4f fst :474 B 3/36 16Mar24 FG 4f fst :483 B 14/64 10Mar24 FG 5f fst 1:004 B 4/34 29Feb24 FG 4f fst :483 B 19/95

5Feb24 FG 5f fst 1:01 B 7/24 29Jan24 FG 5f fst 1:013 B 8/39

TRAINER: 31-60Days(58 .09 \$1.45) Dirt(39 .18 \$2.92) Routes(110 .10 \$2.04) GrdStk(16 .06 \$1.23)

J/T 2023-24 CD(1 .00 \$0.00) J/T 2023-24(5 .00 \$0.00)

Showed some promise in those first couple of starts, but didn't display his true talent until stretched out in the Kentucky Jockey Club; the pace wasn't even that strong, and he launched an eye-catching rally to swoop past the field, putting him on the map as a player in this division; ran like a horse who needed a start off the layoff in the Risen Star, a race that didn't really set up for him from a pace standpoint; with a new rider, he got going a bit earlier in the Louisiana Derby to punch his ticke t here; since then he's trained like he's reached top fitness, working far better than earlier in the season in the leadup to this race; don't underestimate.

# Just a Touch

Own: Qatar Racing LLC Resolute Racing and Claret, Gold Frogs, Claret Cap

GEROUX F (7 2 1 1.29) 2024: (170 40 .24)

6Apr24-10Kee fst 11/8 :4621:1041:3631:50 2Mar2410Aqu slyS 1 :232:463 1:1041:361 Gotham-G3 27Jan24-2FG slys 6f

TimeformUS Pace: Early 124 Late 77 BlueGras-G1 :221:46 :574 1:102 Md Sp Wt 57k

Tr: Cox Brad H(4 2 1 0 .50) 2024:(275 76 .28)

B. c. 3 (May) OBSAPR23\$300,000

Sire: Justify (Scat Daddy) \$100,000

Br: Don Alberto Corporation (Ky)

Dam: Touching Beauty (Tapit)

3 1 2 0 \$281,700 96 \$187,500 Wet(416) 2 1 1 0 \$94,200 \$281,700 Synth(342) 0 0 0 0 \$0 126 2023 \$0 Turf(320) 0 0 0 0 \$0 CD \$0 Dst(293) 0 0 0 0 90–11 **Sierra Leone**1231½ Just a Touch1233¾ **EpicRide**1231¼ Press 2wd,led,no match 88–18 Deterministic118² Just a Touch118½ ElGrande01192¼ Chased 7-6w, willingly 3 31 \*170 \*.50 90-11 JustTouch1204 GunPrty1205 CpitlConncton1202 Prompt 2wd,ridden out

WORKS: 27Apr24 CD 5f fst 1:004 B 26/58 20Apr24 CD 4f fst :481 B 16/123 31Mar24 Kee 5f wf :591 B 4/15 ●25Mar24 Kee 5f fst :594 B 1/17 15Mar24 Bel tr.t 4f fst :483 B 24/78 24Feb24 FG 5f fst 1:003 B 3/28

16Feb24 FG 5f fst 1:00 B 2/45 9Feb24 FG 4f fst :494 B 46/65

TRAINER: Dirt(912 .29 \$1.78) Routes(749 .28 \$1.81) GrdStk(183 .22 \$1.68)

J/T 2023-24 CD (67 .30 \$1.67) J/T 2023-24 (317 .30 \$1.70)

Inexperience isn't as detrimental as it used to be in the Derby, with horses coming into the race off 3 starts winning twice in the last 6 years; that's the main obstacle for this talented Cox trainee; dazzled right from the start with that impressive de but score; while he's lost both stakes attempts, he's improved his speed figures while holding his own against stiff competition; arguably ran just as well as Sierra Leone in the Blue Grass after chasing a very fast early pace; it's a feather in his cap that he's proven he can handle some taxing early fractions; just wonder what kind of trip he'll work out in a race that could feature another honest pace.

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Q Encino		Dk. b or br c. 3 (Mar) Sire: Nyquist (Uncle Mo) \$85,000		Life	4 3	1 (	0 \$378,315	94				0	1 /	
Own: Godolphin LLC		Dam: Glittering Jewel (Bernardini)		2024	3 3	0	0 \$364,853	94	Wet(406) Synth(317)					
20-1 Royal Blue, Royal Blue Cap CONCEPCION A (6 1 0 0 .17) 2024: (280 38 .14)		Br: Godolphin (Ky) Tr: Cox Brad H(4 2 1 0 .50) 2024:(275 76 .28)	120	2023	1 M	1	0 \$13,462	65					. ,	
TimeformUS Pace: Early 95 Late 86				CD	0 0	0	0 \$0	-	Dst(275)	0	0	0 (	\$0	-
13Apr24-10Kee fst 1 C:232:471 1:1141:434	Lexingtn-G3	<b>94</b> 7/9 11 11 1½ 1½ 1¾ Geroux F	118 3.31	95-06 I	Encino11	183 Th	e Wine Stew	ard1'	188¼ Dilger118	12	2	p,dug	in,brushed,ga	ame
2Mar24-6TP fst 116 3 :234:481 1:1241:441	JBttglaMmL142	2k <b>89</b> 10/11 54 64 4 <sup>1</sup> ½ 2 <sup>1</sup> 1 <sup>1</sup> Concepcion A	118 5.69	90-18	Encino11	81 <b>Epi</b>	c Ride1241¾ [	Blue I	Eyed George'	1204	Ì	4	v run 1/4p clea	ared
26Jan24-5TP fst 116 :244:494 1:1431:464	Md Sp Wt 70k	<b>68</b> 3/12 11 11 11 11 11 11 Concepcion A	L120 *.73	77-22	Encino12	0월 Phr	eddie Mac12	20 <del>1</del> Sa	and Pipes 1202	!	ŀ	(ept 1	o task much b	best
29Dec23-5TP fst 1 🔷 :233:48 1:14 1:394	Md Sp Wt 69k	<b>65</b> 10/12 105¼105 22 21½ 2nk Concepcion A5	115 *2.10	78-27	Stingy11	9ñk En	ncino1153½ Ga	ambli	in George119¾			Tai	dy st, late cha	arge
WORKS: 27Apr24 CD 5f fst :591 B 2/58 6Apr24 Kg	ee 4f fst :481 B 4/13	31 30Mar24 Kee 5f fst 1:01 B 6/31 23Mar24 Kee 5f fst 1:014 B 11	/27 16Mar24 TP	♦ 4f f:	st :48 <sup>1</sup> B	18/110	24Feb24 <b>TP</b>	♦ (	4f fst :482 B 9/	67			•	-

TRAINER: WonLastStart(299.27 \$1.70) Dirt(912.29 \$1.78) Routes(749.28 \$1.81) GrdStk(183.22 \$1.68)

J/T 2023-24 CD(6 .33 \$1.52) J/T 2023-24(78 .32 \$1.92)

Wasn't on the radar as a Derby candidate until very recently, beginning his career on synthetic at Turfway; that seemed like an interesting move for a horse who has a dirt route pedigree through and through; he's by a Derby winner out of a dam who is a half-sister to Derby winner Street Sense; proved that dirt was no issue when he finally tried it in the Lexington, producing a career-best 94 Beyer; did get to the front in a race that lacked pace, riding the inside path, which seemed like an advantage that day; it won't be easy wheeling back in 3 weeks with so little experience on this surface; yet he appears to be training well and goes out for a top barn; mixed signals.

TO Password (Jpn) 30-1 To Password (Jpn) Own: Tomoya Ozasa Yellow, Red Diamonds, Blue Sleeves KIMURA K (—) 2024: (176 20 .11)	TANK THE TAN	B. c. 3 (May) Sire: Copano Rickey*Jpn (Gold Allure*Jpn) Dam: T O Rachel*Jpn (King Kamehameha*Jj Br: Yanagawa Bokujo (Jpn) Tr: Takayanagi Daisuke(—) (—)			126	2024 2023 CD	2 2 2 2 0 M 0 0	0	0	\$163,339 \$163,339 \$0 \$0	-	D.Fst Wet(395) Synth(316) Turf(316) Dst(289)	0 0 0	0 0	0 (	\$0 0 \$0	-   -	
23Mar24 Nakayama (Jpn) ft *11/8 RH 1:54 Timeform Rating: 102	Fukuryu S. Stk 225800	11 1hd	Sameshima K	126	13.60		T 0 Pa	SSW0	ord12	26hd Arare	Taba	ashiru126≩ An	ber	Doll	1263			
6Jan24 Kyoto (Jpn) ft *11/8 RH 1:57	Maiden <b>81900</b>	16 12	Sakai R	126	2.60		T O Pas	sswor	rd126	32 Smart L	ia Fa	iil <b>126<sup>nk</sup> M</b> ate	ıro l	Brav	o126	1 2		

WORKS: 30Apr24 CD 4f gd :464 B 1/2

Qualified for this race by earning the Japan Road to the Derby berth; was prominent throughout on debut, sharing the lead before going clear late; broke better in the Fukuryu Stakes, running off to a clear lead early before backing down the pace; opened up in the stretch before getting leg-weary late to just barely hang on; though he's a front-running type in Japan, it's unclear if he possesses the natural speed to contest the pace in a race like the Kentucky Derby; he's the most lightly raced horse in the field with just 2 starts under his belt; also has major class questions to answer, having never faced a group this talented; ambitious task.

11 Forever Young (Jpn) Own: Susumu Fujita Maroon, White Bars On Sleeves, Maroon SAKAIR (—) (—)	B. c. 3 (Feb) Sire: Real Steel*Jpn (Deep Impa Dam: Forever Darling (Congrats) Br: Northern Racing (Jpn) Tr: Yahagi Yoshito(—) (—)			126	Life   5   5   0   0 \$2,049,451   -   D.Fst   3   3   0   0   \$1,528,136   -
30Mar24 Meydan (UAE) ft $\star 1\frac{3}{16}$ LH 1:574 Timeform Rating: 107	UAE Derby-G2 Stk 1000000	11 12 Sakai R	121	-	Forever Young1212 Auto Bahn13143 Pandagate1211 Wide, in touch, went second 2f out, led 1f out, kept on well
24Feb24 K. Abdulaziz (KSA) ft *1 LH 1:36 Timeform Rating: 105	Saudi Derby-G3 Stk 1500000	12 1 <sup>hd</sup> Sakai R	121	-	Forever Young121hd Book'em Danno1216 Bentornato1225 Read midfield, rally 3f out, chased 2f out, led last stride
13Dec23 Kawasaki (Jpn) gd *1 LH 1:432 Timeform Rating: 100	Zennippon Nisai Yushun Stk 490800	12 17 Sakai R	123	1.10	Forever Young123 <sup>7</sup> Aigle Noir1232½ Saint Honore1231 Went right start, led over 2f out, kicked clear 1f out, easily
3Nov23 Mombetsu (Jpn) gd *11/6 RH 1:541 Timeform Rating: 91	Nisai Yushun Stk 395400	12 11½ Sakai R	121	1.20	Forever Young1211½ Sunrise Zipangu1218 Black Butler1213 Driven to win
140ct23 Kyoto (Jpn) ft *11% RH 1:544 Timeform Rating: 76 WORKS: 30Apr24 CD 5f pd 1:03 B 2/3 24Apr24 CD	Maiden Special Weight Maiden 91700 I <b>6f fst 1-19</b> 3 <b>R</b> <i>1/1</i>	14 14 Sakai R	123	3.20	Forever Young1234 Shiliushi1231 Ballon d'Or1231½ Easily

Japan has sent some nice horses to contest this race in recent years, but this might be the most convincing candidate they have ever produced; undefeated colt got some education while overcoming adversity in his first couple of starts; hinted at possessing remarkable quality when turning Japan's top 2YO dirt race into a demolition last December; connections mapped out a path to get here through Riyadh and Dubai, and he passed both tests; ran down solid American dirt sprinter Book'em Danno in the Saudi D erby, winning in fast time despite 1M being short of his best; then handled the UAE Derby assignment with greater ease; still has to prove himself against the best American 3YOs, but he's given every indication he's up to the task.

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19 Track Phantom	B. c. 3 (Feb) KEESEP22 \$500,000 Sire: Quality Road (Elusive Quality) \$200.000	Blinkers ON Life 7 3 2 1 \$405,000 94 D.Fst 5 3 0 1 \$301,000 94
Own: L and N Racing LLC Clark O Brewster	Dam: Miss Sunset (Into Mischief)	2024 3 1 1 0 \$240,000 94 Wet(423) 2 0 2 0 \$104,000 94
Black, Red Chevrons, Red Cap	Br: Breeze Easy LLC (Ky)	126 2022 4 2 4 4 0405 000 00 Synth(3bU) U U U U SU -
ROSARIO J (8 2 1 0 .25) 2024: (228 47 .21)	Tr: Asmussen Steven M(17 2 2 1 .12) 2024:(849 143 .17)	Turi(337) 0 0 0 0 50 =
TimeformUS Pace: Early 123 Late 73		251(000) 1 0 0 0 010,000 01
23Mar24-12FG fst 1-3 C:4811:1221:3711:56 LaDerby-G2	<b>94</b> 11/11 11 1½ 1½ 1½ 42½ Rosario J	122 *2.00 88-12 CatchingFreedom1221 HonorMrie1223 TuscnGold1223 3-2p,bestd 1/16,yieldd
17Feb24-14FG sly <sup>S</sup> 1½ C :4931:1431:3921:52 RisenStr-G2	<b>94</b> 11/12 11½ 11½ 1½ 1½ 2½ Rosario J	122 3.00 77-14 SierrLeone122½ TrckPhntom1221¼ CtchingFredom1221¾ 2p,5p1/4,cleard,caught
20Jan2413FG fst 11 S:24:481 1:13 1:443 Lecomte-G3	<b>90</b> 6/6 11½ 11 11 13 12¾ Rosario J	122 1.40 87–13 Track Phantom 1222 Nash 1221 Lat Long 1228 2p, cleard 1/4, held swy
23Dec23-12FG fst 116 :233:464 1:12 1:442 GunRunnerB9	k <b>89</b> 7/7 2hd 2hd 11 12 11 Torres CA	122 4.90 88–14 Track Phantom1221 Snead1221 Nash122 2w,cleard3/8,held sway
25Nov23-8CD fst 116 (0):234:48 1:1311:443 Md Sp Wt 123k	<b>88</b> 7/12 2hd 1½ 1½ 14½ 14¾ Rosario J	119 *2.10 83-20 Track Phantom1194 Lat Long1191 D Day Sky1192 2w,ins-2p2nd,kckd away
290ct23-5CD slys 1 C:224:461 1:12 1:381 Md Sp Wt 121k	<b>81</b> 2/10 1½ 1½ 1½ 12½ 2½ Torres C A	119 4.73 75–30 RIMnVioln119 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> TrckPhntom1197 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> TopGunRockt1192 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> 2p,drew off,bestd late
10ct23-7CD fst 1 :224:461 1:1111:354 Md Sp Wt 120k		119 10.89 85-15 Stronghold119 <sup>7</sup> ½ Resilience119 <sup>1</sup> Track Phantom119 <sup>3</sup> ½ 3-2p,headed upr,yieldo
WORKS: 28Apr24 CD 5f fst 1:00 B 5/16 21Apr24 CD 5f fst 1:004 B	5/32 7Apr24CD 5f fst 1:02 B 9/19 16Mar24FG 5f fst 1:013 B 25/42	42 3Mar24 FG 5f gd 1:023 B 19/28 11Feb24 FG 4f fst :50 B 27/43

3Feb24 FG 5f fst 1:01 B 5/34 14Jan24 FG 4f fst :503 B 64/96
TRAINER: 1stBlink(65.15 \$1.30) BlinkOn(79.15 \$1.26) 31-60Days(1016.18 \$1.52) Dirt(2429.18 \$1.49) Routes(1162.16 \$1.60) GrdStk(132.17 \$2.26)

J/T 2023-24 CD(15 .27 \$1.63) J/T 2023-24(150 .22 \$1.69)

Looked like one of the leading contenders for this race early in the season following a gritty victory in the Lecomte; while he's run well in both preps since then, he's been mildly disappointing at relatively short prices; and more than the results, it's the fact that he got very good trips in both the Risen Star and Louisiana Derby and wasn't able to capitalize on them; set a legitimately slow pace two back before getting slightly more pressure last time; just isn't finishing like a horse who really w ants more ground; Asmussen adds blinkers for this, but has also indicated he doesn't necessarily see this horse on the lead; has talent, but just not sure this is the ideal situation for him.

13	<b>West Saratoga</b>
Ĭ,	Own: Harry L Veruchi

Yellow, Colorado Flag, Blue And Red Bars



Gr/r	o. c. 3 (Mar) KEESEP22\$11,000
Sire	Exaggerator (Curlin) \$5,000
Dam	: Mo Wicked (Uncle Mo)
Br:	Two Hearts Farm II LLC (Ky)
Tr:	Demeritte Larry(—) 2024:(14 1 .07

\$324,140 81 Life 10 2 5 1 \$460,140 85 D.Fst 9 2 4 1 Wet(378) 0 0 0 0 \$0 3 0 2 1 \$166,000 85 Synth(330) 1 0 1 0 \$136,000 85 7 2 3 0 \$294.140 81 Turf(250) 0 0 0 \$N

CASTANUN J L (1 U U U .UU) 2024: (125 15 .12)	ir: Demeritte Larry(—) 2024:	(14 1 .07)	Tun(230) 0 0 0 50 =
TimeformUS Pace: Early 110 Late 74			CD 3 1 2 0 \$217,115 79 Dst(292*) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
23Mar24-12TP fst 11/8 ◆ C:4821:13 1:3741:50	JRSteaks-G3 <b>85</b> 9/10 63 31 3½	3½ 24 Castanon J L 123 b	36.25 89–10 Endlessly1234 WestSartog123hd SeizetheGrey123hd Pressed 3wd, outgamed
10Feb2440Tam fst 11 :232:463 1:1041:431	SFDavis-G3 <b>70</b> 10/12 42½ 3½ 2hd	22 36 <u>1</u> Castanon J L 122 b	31.00 86-07 No More Time1201 AgateRoad1245 WestSaratoga122hd Stalk,3p,chase on
13Jan24-9Tam fst 7f :222:453 1:1031:231	PascoB50k <b>62</b> 1/6 3 43 31	34½ 21½ Camacho S 124b	4.50 71–15 BookemDanno12412½ WestSaratoga124nk Rthmore1181½ Inside,2p,chase on
70ct23-9Kee fst 11 :234:474 1:1241:443	BrdrsFut-G1 <b>75</b> 4/8 31 31½ 3nk	54 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 5 <sup>11</sup> Corrales G 122b	17.51 69-20 Locked122½ TheWineStwrd1223¾ GnrousTippr122nk Stlkd 3p,5w uppr,faded
16Sep23–9CD fst 1	Iroquois-G3 <b>79</b> 2/8 44 46 33½	11 113 Bejarano R 122b	12.48 81–13 West Saratoga 1221 Risk It 122nk Liberal Arts 122nk 2p,5w upr, bid, inch clr
5Aug23-4EIP fst 1 :233:474 1:1221:372	Md Sp Wt 70k <b>81</b> 8/10 11 1½ 12	13 11¼ Bejarano R 119b	3.91 84-14 West Saratoga 1191 Generous Tipper 11913 Django 119 2p, drew off, kept task
21JIy23-6EIP fst 7f :221:451 1:1011:231	Md Sp Wt 70k <b>68</b> 1/9 7 3 <sup>1</sup> ½ 2 <sup>2</sup>	23 29¼ Bejarano R 119b	8.78 78-20 Timberlake1199\(\frac{1}{4}\) West Saratoga1196\(\frac{1}{4}\) Can Group1192 Chased 2p, 2nd best
4Jun23-1CD fst 5f :224:463 :593	RMd Sp Wt 90k 44 1/9 1 1hd 1hd	2hd 21½ Bejarano R 119b	3.57 83-10 UnifiedPoint1191½ WestSrtog119½ BytownPrfit1191¼ Dueld inside trio,game
11May23–1CD fst 5f :221:454 :584	RMd Sp Wt 92k 43 1/11 3 33½ 43½	34½ 26 Bejarano R 119b	8.32 83-13 FrostytheGint1196 WestSrtog119hd PtchOBrien1193 Ins,up plc btw1/16,hld
7Apr23-1Kee fst 4½f :23 :464 :531	$\overline{M}$ d Sp $\overline{W}$ t 74k - 3/11 5 53 $\frac{3}{4}$	53½ 45 Calleja A7 112b	42.86 85–13 Bledsoe1191½ Mischief Joke1191¾ Callin My Nme1191¾ Midpack 2p, rail chase
WORKS: 27Apr24 CD 3f fst :371 B 8/27 19Apr24 I	Kee 6f wf 1:161 B 1/1 6Apr24 TTC 3f fst :362 B 5/31	16Mar24 TTC 4f my :492 B 2/11 8Mar24 T	TP � 6f fst 1:184 B 1/1 2Mar24TTC 5f fst 1:05 B 4/6

24Feb24 TTC 4f fst :502 B 28/47 6Feb24 Tam 3f fst :381 B 3/3

TRAINER: 31-60Days(14.21 \$11.29) Dirt(28.14 \$2.29) Routes(30.17 \$5.76) GrdStk(4.25 \$6.74)

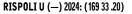
J/T 2023-24(6 .17 \$0.80)

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This colt might be the feel-good story of the race, an \$11k yearling who has defied the odds to make it here for connections that are hardly household names; he's always appeared to be just a cut below the best in this division; yet this plucky grey son of Exaggerator managed to eke out the necessary points in the Sam F. Davis and Jeff Ruby Steaks, winning a pair of photo finishes for minor awards which guaranteed his spot in this field; that said, a victory would still be a massive surprise, since he just has never run fast enough to win a race at this level.

# **Endlessly**

Own: Amerman Racing Stables LLC Navy, White Epaulets, White Bars On



TimeformUS Pace: Early 84 Late 103 JRSteaks-G3 10Feb24–7GG fst 1%◆ (**0**:4731:13 1:38 1:503 EICamRIDL101k 3Nov23-9SA fm 1 ① :221:463 1:1011:333 BCJuvTrf-G1 80ct23-6SA fm 1 ① :224:461 1:0941:342 7umaBch-G3 :223:463 1:1121:351 10Sep23-7Dmr fm 1 🕤 DMRJvTrf-G3 30JIy23-2Dmr fm 1 ① S:231:482 1:14 1:381

B. c. 3 (Mar) Sire: Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy) \$25,000 Dam: Dream Fuhrever (Langfuhr) Br: Mrs Jerry Amerman (Ky)

Dk. b or br c. 3 (Feb)

80 3/8 54 54 43

**72** 7/8 63½ 64½ 31

McCarthy Michael W(3 0 0 0 .00) 2024:(150 26 .17) 91 8/10 74 731 731 11 14 Rispoli U **87** 6/8  $77\frac{1}{2}$  77  $64\frac{3}{4}$   $2\overline{2}\frac{1}{2}$   $11\frac{1}{4}$ Rispoli U **79** 8/11 53 32½ 51¾ 42½ 83½

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2024 0 0 \$468,000 126 2023 4 3 0 0 \$239,200 80 CD 0 0 0 0 \$0 -93-10 Endlessly 1234 WestSaratoga 123hd Seizethe Grey 123hd Circled field ran away 98–15 Endlessly1221<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Tapalo1221<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Guy Named Joe1224

Life 6 5 0 0 \$707,200 91

0 0 0 \$0 Wet(334) 0 \$468,000 91 Synth(392) 2 2 0 0 Turf(326) 4 3 0 \$239,200 Dst(303\*) 0 0 0 \$0

0 0 0 0

D.Fst

Roused 3w, strong rally

5.10 88-11 Unquestionbl1221 MountinBr122hd MyBoyPrinc122 3-4wide, no response 88–13 Endlessly1242 $\frac{1}{4}$  Ngannou1181 $\frac{1}{4}$  Grand Mo the First120 $\frac{1}{2}$  2w-ins,tipped out,best 2.80 89-12 Endlessly1202 Lord Bullingdon1181 Boltage1201 Bullingdon1181 Boltage1201 Bid3deep,kicked clear Wait uper, burst btwn

72 7/8  $63\frac{1}{2}$   $64\frac{1}{2}$  31  $1\frac{1}{2}$  47 6/8 32  $31\frac{1}{2}$  32  $4\frac{3}{4}$ 121/4 Md Sp Wt 83k 2.90 74-16 Endlessly12024 TrackandField1201 MstersSundy1201 WORKS: 26Apr24 CD 4f fst :474 B 19/68 20Apr24 CD 5f fst 1:004 B 20/71 13Apr24 CD 4f fst :49 B 54/123 6Apr24 CD 4f fst :49 B 78/111 16Mar24 SA 5f fst 1:011 H 39/80 9Mar24 SA 5f fst 1:023 H 44/54

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29Feb24 SA 4f fst :483 H 9/30 3Feb24 SA 5f fst 1:014 H 68/122

TRAINER: 31-60Days(241.19 \$1.51) WonLastStart(82.22 \$1.78) Dirt(198.15 \$1.17) Routes(361.17 \$1.58) GrdStk(72.11 \$0.98)

J/T 2023-24(90 .23 \$1.56)

\$312,700 87

He hasn't done much wrong in his races, winning 5 of 6 starts with the lone loss coming in a tough Breeders' Cup event last fall; however, all of his success has come over turf and synthetic courses; earned his way here by winning the Jeff Ruby Steaks, a race he absolutely dominated; yet there have to be real concerns about his ability to translate that form to dirt; has never trained particularly well over the surface, and even his trainer has been fairly candid about his feeling that the horse isn't really suited to this task; he obviously has some talent, but the path through the Jeff Ruby has yielded some success in recent years; would just be skeptical of this runner continuing that trend.

#### 15 **Domestic Product** Own: Klaravich Stables Inc 30-1 White, Red 'Ks' And Braces, Red And

ORTIZ I JR (17 2 4 0 .12) 2024: (550 116 .21) TimeformUS Pace: Early 83 Late 94

9Mar2411Tam fst 1指 :251:51 1:1611:452 TamDby-G3 Non-wagering event 3Feb2412GP fst 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> :25 :502 1:1411:46 HolyBull-G3 2Dec23-9Aqu myS 11/8 :4641:1121:3721:501 Remsen-G2 270ct23-1BAQ fst 11/8 S:4831:1411:3811:504 Md Sp Wt 90k 5Aug23-2Sar fst 6f :222:453 :573 1:101 Md Sp Wt 105k

Sire: Practical Joke (Into Mischief) \$65,000 Dam: Goods and Services (Paynter) Klaravich Stables (Ky) Tr: Brown Chad C(2 1 0 0 .50) 2024:(274 70 .26)

> **82** 5/10 52½ 51¾ 42 31 1nk Gaffalione T 87 5/7 41½ 51¾ 53 32 22 Gaffalione T 67 2/10 42 41½ 41½ 43½ 716¼ Franco M **75** 4/8 21 21 1½ 15½ 14½ Franco M **59** 5/10 6 67½ 66¼ 611 512¾ Prat F

D.Fst Life 5 2 1 0 \$314,200 87 2 1 1 0 \$259,000 126 2023 \$55,200 1 0 0 75 CD 0 0 0 0 \$0

14.40 77-19 Hades 1182 Domestic Product 1181 Fierceness 1242

5.70 78-11 **Just Steel**119no Be You1193½ *Locked*1196½

Wet(377) 1 0 0 \$1,500 0 67 Synth(361) 0 0 0 0 \$0 Turf(266) 0 0 0 \$0 n Dst(282) 0 0 0 0 \$0 82-13 DomstcProdct120nk NoMrTm120hd GrndMthFrst1203 4p2,bmp1/8,up in time

4 2 1 0

Bmp btw st,ins,6w 3/16 8.50 72-08 Dornoch118no Sierra Leone1184 Drum Roll Please1182 Rated ins,3w1/4,empty 2.65e 85-12 Domestic Product1194 Sturdy1191 Eliminate1197 Chased 2p, edged clear Veered in st. no rally

\$140,250 87

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\$0

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\$50,400 79

\$24,000

WORKS: 27Apr24 CD 5f fst 1:001 B 15/58 20Apr24 Pay 4f fst :482 B 3/38 •13Apr24 Pay 4f fst :482 B 1/58 6Apr24 Pay 4f fst :483 B 3/61 •30Mar24 Pay 4f fst :482 B 1/47 24Mar24 Pay 4f fst :491 B 8/44 2Mar24 Pay 4f fst :49 B 5/52 24Feb24 Pay 4f fst :484 B 5/56

TRAINER: 31-60Days (441.25 \$1.67) WonLastStart (237.24 \$1.82) Dirt (511.24 \$1.54) Routes (924.25 \$1.72) GrdStk (253.19 \$1.89)

J/T 2023-24 CD (5 .20 \$2.39) J/T 2023-24(234 .27 \$1.53)

Rarely will you see Chad Brown and Irad Ortiz go off at this big a price; this colt was no match for Dornoch and stablemate Sierra Leone in the Remsen last year, but he's clearly improved as a 3Y0; was one of the only runners to actually pass horses in a slow-paced Holy Bull; then overcame another dawdling pace in the Tampa Bay Derby, sprinting home to just get up on the wire; both of those races got relatively low Beyers, but those numbers were likely held down by the slow early splits; it remains to be seen if he can run faster if given a guicker pace ahead of him; that's a big guestion, but he's training well and appears to be flying under the radar.

### 16 Grand Mo the First Own: Granpollo Stables LLC

50 - 1Yellow, Red Blocks On Sleeves. Yellow

JARAMILLO E (-) 2024: (257 38 .15) TimeformUS Pace: Early 85 Late 91

30Mar2 <del>4-1</del> 4GP fst 1%	:4/21:1111:3531:481	FlaDerby-G1
9Mar24-11Tam fst 116	:251:51 1:1611:452	TamDby-G3
Non-wagering event		
3Feb24–9GP fst 7f	:222:451 1:1041:241	SwaleL125k
80ct23-6SA fm 1 ①	:224:461 1:0941:342	ZumaBch-G3
1Sep23-6GP fst 5½f◆	:222:454 :58 1:041	OC 75k/n2L -N
6Aug23−3GP fst 5f �	:214:452 :574	Md Sp Wt 43k

Sire: Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie) \$150,000 Dam: Lilies So Fair (Giant's Causeway) Br: John D Gunther (Ky) Tr: Barboza V Jr(-) 2024:(109 18 .17)

Dk. b or br c. 3 (Feb) FTK0CT22 \$135,000

87 3/9 413 411 311 316 Jaramillo E 82 9/10 42 31 31 41½ 3nk Camacho S **72** 3/7 6 51¼ 62 52½ 34¼ Lopez P 33<u>1</u> 1nk 883 53 43 5/8 89 Jaramillo E 79 3/6  $3 \quad 31\frac{7}{2} \quad 21$  $2\frac{1}{2}$ Jaramillo E 66 1/8 7 42 21 1½

Life 6 2 0 4 \$214,650 87 D.Fst 3 0 0 Wet(399) 0 0 0 3 \$140,250 Synth(385) 2 2 0 0 126 1 \$74,400 79 Turf(349) 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 \$0 Dst(333) 0 0 0 0 21.50 82-07 Fierceness122133 Catalytic12223 GrndMotheFirst122no Bump st, rail, 4wd 1/4

82-13 DomstcProdct120nk NoMrTm120hd GrndMthFrst1201 4-5p,bmp3/16,late gain 7.80 80–15 FrnksEmpr1203½ LDomBro118¾ GrndMothFrst120nk Bmp stdy,3p,6p stretch 84–13 Endlessly1242<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Ngannou1181<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Grand MotheFirst120<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Bit slow,3-4w mv,evnly 90-11 Grand Mo the First 120nk Prevent 1202 Okiro 1152 3p.bid4p upr.inch past

121 Jaramillo E 1.80 88-12 GrandMotheFirst1182 CtchTiger1183 Improptude 1184 Hit gate, 3w bid, lug in WORKS: 23Apr24 GP 6f fst 1:162 B 2/2 14Apr24 GP 5f fst 1:034 B 9/9 2Mar24 GP 5f fst 1:012 B 3/9 24Feb24 GP 4f qd :511 B 72/82 27Jan24 GP 4f fst :494 B 22/46 20Jan24 GP 5f fst 1:031 B 26/36

●7Jan24 GP ◆ 5f fst :592 B 1/11 31Dec23 GP 4f fst :513 B 69/85

TRAINER: 31-60Days(196.24 \$1.93) Dirt(224.29 \$2.06) Routes(214.20 \$1.50) GrdStk(5.20 \$1.45)

Didn't exactly shape up as a Derby candidate early on, beginning his career on synthetic and turf; yet he handled that initial switch to dirt well enough for his connections to try a couple of Derby preps; didn't run much worse than Domestic Product in the Tampa Bay Derby, where the top 5 or 6 were all sprinting to the line together; was obviously no match for Fierceness last time at Gulfstream, just nosing out a rival for 3rd; that was enough to get him into this field; yet getting to the Derby and having success in the Derby are two very different ambitions, and he has some serious improvement to find if he's to make an impact in this race.

17 Fierceness	Sire: City of Light (	Quality Road) \$35,000		Life 5 3 0	1 \$1,703,850 110		1 /- /
	Dam: Nonna Bella (			2024 2 1 0	1 \$601,100 110	Wet(388) 2 1 0	0 \$62,750 95
5-2 Royal Blue, Orange Circled 'R', Royal	Br: Repole Stable		126		` '	Synth(341) 0 0 0	0 \$0 -
Royal Diuc, Oralige Officied It, Royal		A(5 0 1 0 .00) 2024:(313 67 .21)	126	2023 3 2 0	0 \$1,102,750 105	Turf(295) 0 0 0	0 \$0 -
VELAZQUEZ J R (8 1 2 2 .12) 2024: (234 36 .15)	ir: Fletcher Ivuu	TA(3 0 1 0 .00) 2024:(313 07 .21)		CD 0 0 0			
TimeformUS Pace: Early 109 Late 83				00 0 0	υ φυ -	Dst(223*) 0 0 0	0 \$0 -
30Mar2414GP fst 11/8 :4721:1111:3531:481 FlaDerby	/-G1 <b>110</b> 8/9	11½ 11 11½ 18 113½ Velazquez J R	122 *1.10 9	98–07 Fierceness 122	213 <b>3 Catalytic</b> 1222 <b>3</b> (	Grand Mo the First122no	Pace 3-2p, handily
3Feb2412GP fst 116 :25 :502 1:1411:46 HolyBull	-G3 <b>84</b> 6/7	31 3nk 1hd 2hd 33½ Velazquez J R	124 *.20	75–19 Hades1182 <i>Do</i>	mestic Product1181½	Fierceness12421 Pir	ıballed start, 4-3wd
3Nov23-8SA fst 11 :231:47 1:1041:414 BCJuvnl	e-G1 <b>105</b> 7/9	2½ 2½ 2hd 12 16¼ Velazquez J R	122 16.50 10	01-05 Fierceness12	261 Muth1221 Locke	ed1221 <u>1</u> Pr	essed, led, widened
70ct23-8BAQ slyS 1 C:222:452 1:1021:354 Champa	gn-G1 <b>59</b> 6/8	62 62 35 57 720 Ortiz I Jr	122 *.55	76–12 Timberlake12	241 General Partne	er1226¼ DancingGroom122	22½ Lunge st, tired
25Aug23-6Sar my <sup>S</sup> 6f :22 :443 :563 1:092 Md Sp W	/t 105k	1 11 12½ 17 111¼ Ortiz I Jr	119 *1.10 9	95–11 Fierceness119	111 Air of Defiance	119hd <i>Billal</i> 11913	3-2w, geared down
WORKS: 26Apr24 CD 4f fst :484 B 43/68 ● 19Apr24 PBD 5f f	st 1:002 B 1/5 12Apr24 PB	D 4f fst :501 B 13/22 • 22Mar24 PBD 4f fst :472 I	<b>B</b> <i>1/38</i> <b>15</b> Mar <b>2</b>	24 PBD 5f fst 1:01 B 3	/10 8Mar24 PBD 5f	wf 1:004 B 5/10	

1Mar24 PBD 4f fst :484 B 3/26 ●23Feb24 PBD 4f fst :482 B 1/27

TRAINER: 2Off45-180(137.21 \$1.35) 31-60Days(518.19 \$1.51) WonLastStart(228.19 \$1.24) Dirt(711.22 \$1.52) Routes(908.19 \$1.45) GrdStk(236.14 \$1.12)

J/T 2023-24(63 .17 \$1.36)

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The likely favorite is a generational talent at his best; we saw that on debut, in the Breeders' Cup, and last time in Florida when he silenced many doubters, recording one of the fastest Derby trail Beyers of the last decade; this colt's critics will note that he has failed to deliver those types of performances when he's had trouble at the start, and that has to be a concern in a race like the Derby, which can feature a chaotic run down the first turn; another issue is that he's encountered moderate p aces when achieving the last 2 of those victories, and he's likely to face more pressure up front this time; he may be the best horse, but the best horse doesn't always win the Derby.

18 Stronghold		. C. 3 (Jan)		Life 6 3 3 0 \$827,200 89   D.Fst 6 3 3 0 \$827,200 89
Own: Sharon and Rick Waller		ire: Ghostzapper (Awesome Again) \$75,000		2024 2 2 0 0 ccg2 000 00 Wet(442) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
20-1 Purple, Purple 'Swj' On Lime Diamond	Dai	am: Spectator (Jimmy Creed)	12	2024 2 2 0 0 \$682,800 89 Synth(423) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
r urpic, r urpic 5mj on Ennic Diamona		r: Eric Waller & Sharon Waller (Ky) r: D'Amato Philip(—) 2024:(196 31 .16)	12	126 2023 4 1 3 0 \$144,400 85 Turf(328) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
FRESU A (1 1 0 0 1.00) 2024: (276 47 .17)	ır:	r: D'Amato Philip(—) 2024:(150 51 .10)		
TimeformUS Pace: Early 101 Late 90				251(000) 0 0 0 0
6Apr24-10SA fst 11/8 C:4631:1041:3641:494	SADerby-G1	<b>89</b> 3/8 42½ 42½ 42 1½ 1nk Fresu A	124 2.20	$1.20$ 89-09 Stronghold $124$ nk Imginton $1243\frac{1}{4}$ EJW on th Cup $1244\frac{1}{2}$ Traffc $1/4$ , bid btw, game
18Feb24-9Sun fst 1 <sub>16</sub> :233:472 1:1111:423	SunDrby-G3	<b>89</b> 5/8 2½ 2hd 1hd 1½ 12½ Fresu A	122 *1.20	1.20 94–12 Stronghold1222½ Alotaluck122hd Lucky Jeremy1226 Between1/2,bid3w,clear
16Dec23-9LRC fst 116 S:232:474 1:12 1:432	LosAlFut-G2	85 2/5 41½ 41½ 31 1hd 2½ Fresu A	120 4.10	1.10 90-14 Wynstock 120½ Stronghold 120½ Coach Prime 1202½ Pull, bid ins, drftd/bpd
19Nov23-8Dmr fst 7f :221:444 1:0911:213	BobHope-G3	<b>80</b> 3/4 1 31 1hd 22 283 Fresu A	120 4.50	l.50 86–11 <i>Nysos</i> 1208 Stronghold 1203 Tejon Pass 12016 3deep, duel 2–3 w, yield
10ct23-7CD fst 1 :224:461 1:1111:354	Md Sp Wt 120k	<b>78</b> 5/9 42 21½ 1hd 1½ 11½ Talamo J	119 *.55	: .55 88-15 Stronghold1191½ <b>Resilience</b> 1191 <b>Track Phantom</b> 1193½ 4-3p,bid 3/8,clrd,held
27Aug23-7EIP fst 6f :222:453 :58 1:104	Md Sp Wt 70k	<b>82</b> 6/8 2 3½ 2hd 2½ 22¾ Talamo J	119 5.35	5.35 83-17 Awesome Road 11923 Stronghold 11910 Time Song 1193 Spar 3w btw, long duel
WORKS: 28Apr24 CD 5f fst :594 B 3/16 ●20Apr2	4 SA 4f fst :463 H 1/70	70 1Apr24 SA ♦ 4f fst :48 H 4/21 •25Mar24 SA 5f fst :582 H :	<i>1/64</i> <b>18</b> Mar <b>2</b> 4	ar24 SA 5f fst 1:003 H 8/45 11Mar24 SA 5f fst 1:003 H 25/65
5Mar24 S A 4f fst :491 H 37/68 12Feh24 S	S Δ 5f fst 1:003 H 21/72	72		

TRAINER: 20ff45-180(153.15 \$1.31) WonLastStart(148.23 \$1.75) Dirt(186.18 \$1.44) Routes(456.16 \$1.31) GrdStk(175.16 \$1.69)

J/T 2023-24(85 .19 \$1.55)

He's never finished out of the exacta in 6 starts, showing up with a competitive effort every time; took an unconventional path when going to Sunland Park for his first prep this year, doing what was required to beat an overmatched field; at that time it looked like qualifying out of Southern California might be impossible given the strength in Baffert's stable; yet some key defections from that stable made the Santa Anita Derby a more attainable target, and this colt passed that test in gritty fashion; secured a spot between horses in upper stretch to battle gamely for the victory; he has some likeable attributes, but he's never broken the 90-Beyer threshold, and it's unclear if added distance really suits him.

10 Resilience	B. c. 3 (Mar) Sire: Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday) \$250,000	Life 6 2 1 1 \$494,630 90 D.Fst 5 2 1 1 \$478,630 90
Own: Emily Bushnell and Ric Waldman Blue, Lime Diamond Hoops, Lime Diamond	Dam: Meadowsweet (Smart Strike)	2024 3 2 0 0 \$458,000 90 Synth(380) 0 0 0 0 \$16,000 90
ALVARADO J (11 1 4 3 .09) 2024: (257 38 .15)	Br: Pam & Martin Wygod (Ky) Tr: Mott William I(7 1 3 3 .14) 2024:(171 30 .18)	2025 3 W 1 1 \$30,030 73 Turf(345) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
TimeformUS Pace: Early 98 Late 90		CD 2 0 1 1 \$36,000 79   Dst(323) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
6Apr24-10Agu fst 11/8 C:4721:1211:3711:501 WoodMem-G	2 <b>90</b> 1/12 31 32 31 12½ 12½ Velazquez J R 123 b 4.50	88-14 Resilience 1232 Society Man 1231 Protective 1233 Ins 1st, bid 4p2nd, clear
17Feb2414FG slyS 11/8 C :4931:1431:3921:52 RisenStr-G2	<b>90</b> 10/12 32 21½ 2½ 21½ 43½ Velazquez J R 122 16.90	74-14 SierrLeone122½ TrckPhntom122½ CtchingFredom122½ Stalk 2w-3p,6p1/4,chsd
1Jan24-6GP fst 116 S:233:472 1:1131:434 Md Sp Wt 711	<b>80</b> 6/8 51 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 32 3 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>3</sub> 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> 14 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Velazquez J R <b>L</b> 118 *1.30	90-15 Resilience 1184 Skipthe Line 1182 Lims Journy 1181 2-3wd, drew off, drvng
12Nov23-7CD fst 11 :234:474 1:1221:43 Md Sp Wt 120		80-19 Nash119 <sup>10</sup> Justifreak119 <sup>1</sup> Resilience119 <sup>1</sup> Trail 4p,5-6pupr,rally
10ct23-7CD fst 1 :224:461 1:1111:354 Md Sp Wt 120	k <b>76</b> 3/9 32 51 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 32 33 21 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Graham J 119 6.37	86–15 Stronghold 1191 Resilience 1191 Track Phantom 1193 3-4p, late grind, up plc
1Sep23–5Sar fst 1 :234:473 1:12 1:36 Md Sp Wt 105	k <b>57</b> 9/10 76 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 67 49 512 62 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Ortiz I Jr 119 12.60	78–05 Locked 1197 4 Drum Roll Please 11913 Sturdy 1192 4 6-3 p1st turn, jstld 5/16
WORKS: 28Apr24 CD 4f fst :491 B 37/60 22Apr24 CD 5f fst 1:013	B 10/12 18Apr24 CD 4f fst :501 B 12/18 ● 30Mar24 Pay 4f fst :482 B 1/47 ● 24Mar24	24 Pay 5f fst 1:012 B 1/9 17Mar 24 Pay 5f fst 1:021 B 2/7

10Mar24 Pay5f fst 1:01 B *3/18* 1Mar24 Pay4f fst :501 B *20/29*TRAINER: 20ff45-180(127.15 \$1.10) WonLastStart(117.27 \$1.74) Dirt(517.19 \$1.55) Routes(432.14 \$1.37) GrdStk(104.25 \$2.21)

 $\label{eq:conditional} \text{J/T 2023-24 CD (18 .22 $0.74) J/T 2023-24 (319 .17 $1.31)}$ 

Like his neighbor to the inside, he's another who has never run a particularly fast Beyer, but he has been moving forward in almost every start; was beaten by a few of these in the Risen Star, but that's been the key prep race for this Derby, producing 5 runners in the main body of this field; seemed to put it all together with blinkers last time in the Wood Memorial; though he won decisively, that was not the strongest prep from a quality standpoint; gives the impression that a little added distance sh ould be within his scope, but he does need another step forward to overtake the key players in this year's Run for the Roses.

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20 Society Man	Ch. g(12.02.23) 3 (Apr) KEESEP22 \$85,000 Sire: Good Magic (Curlin) \$125,000	Life 5 1 1 1 \$196,705 87 D.Fst 3 0 1 1 \$150,830 87
Own: Reeves Thoroughbred Racing West Page	Dam: You Cheated (Colonel John)	2024 3 1 1 0 \$185,875 87 Wet(333) 2 1 0 0 \$45,875 82
White, White 'R' On Hunter Green	Br: SF Bloodstock LLC (Ky) 126	Synth(250) 0 0 0 50 -
DETTORI L (2 0 1 0 .00) 2024: (192 37 .19)	Tr: Gargan Danny(—) 2024:(41 7 .17)	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
TimeformUS Pace: Early 80 Late 96		CD 0 0 0 0 \$0 - Dst(268*) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
6Apr24-10Aqu fst 11/8 C:4721:1211:3711:501 WoodMem-G2		86–14 <b>Resilience</b> 1232 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Society Man 1231 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Protective 1233 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 3-4wide turns, chased
9Mar24- 9Aqu my <sup>S</sup> 1 :231:461 1:1131:38 Md Sp Wt 80k		81–19 Society Man1203 True Connection1203 Glint1202 Hrd to load,2-4p,5p1/4
3Feb24-9Aqu my <sup>S</sup> 11/ <sub>8</sub> C:4921:1421:40 1:533 Withers-G3		56-26 Uncle Heavy 118no El Grande 01192½ Lightline 118½ Bmpd brk, 3-4w turns
8Dec23–1Aqu fst 11/8 :4931:1441:3921:52 Md Sp Wt 85k	<b>67</b> 5/6 42½ 52½ 53½ 32½ 34½ Rivera L R Jr <sup>5</sup> 115 11.50	74–15 SpeedRunner119nk <i>Malarchuk</i> 1194 <sup>‡</sup> Society Mn1151 <sup>‡</sup> Bmp st,3-4w trns,5w1/4
22JIy23-7Sar fst 6f :22 :454 :582 1:113 Md Sp Wt 105k	<b>48</b> 3/10 8 914 1083 813 7161 Franco M 119 35.75	67-11 Valentine Candy 1193 Protective 11911 Annointed 11912 Chased ins, no impact
WORKS: 27Apr24 CD 4f fst :463 B 2/130 20Apr24 CD 4f fst :481 B 1	6/123 30Mar24 Bel tr.t 4f fst :502 B 183/220 22Mar24 Bel tr.t 4f fst :474 B 5/162 2N	Mar24 Bel tr.t 4f fst :493 B 43/85 21Feb24 Bel tr.t 4f fst :494 B 4/39

24Jan24 Beltr.t 5f fst 1:003 B *9/15* 15Jan24 Beltr.t 4f fst :50 B *7/29* TRAINER: Dirt(86 .20 \$2.03) Routes(103 .22 \$1.43) GrdStk(14 .14 \$0.56)

Danny Gargan, West Paces, et al. had to be frustrated with the post position draw, their 2 runners getting stuck in bookend positions; the wide draw is probably less of an issue for this gelding, who is has time to cross over and slot in as a closing typ e; he was slow to come around early on, taking 4 starts to break his maiden; yet he followed that up with his best effort in the Wood, getting up for 2nd at 106-1; distance doesn't seem to be an issue for him, though he will need to get significantly fas ter to seriously impact the outcome here; attracts Frankie Dettori, and will likely require a stellar ride to get a piece of this.

# Also Eligible:

B. c. 3 (May) KEESEP22 \$160,000 **Epic Ride** Life 5 2 2 1 \$253,166 90 D.Fst 0 0 \$93,750 90 Sire: Blame (Arch) \$25,000 Wet(393) 0 0 0 0 \$0 Own: Welch Racing LLC Dam: Pick a Time (Gio Ponti) 2024 \$239,627 90 Synth(348) 4 2 2 \$159,416 87 Red, Blue 'W' On Blue Framed White Star 126 Br: Fred W Hertrich III (Ky) 2023 \$13,539 75 Turf(317) 0 0 0 0 \$0 Tr: Ennis John(1 0 1 0 .00) 2024:(62 13 .21) BESCHIZZA A (6 1 1 1 .17) 2024: (178 29 .16) CD 0 **\$0** TimeformUS Pace: Early 114 Late 75 Dst(320) 0 0 0 0 \$0 87-11 Sierra Leone1231½ Just a Touch1233¾ Epic Ride1231¼ Stalk 3w-4p, held show 6Apr24-10Kee fst 11/8 :4621:1041:3631:50 90 8/10 42 32 51.37 BlueGras-G1 Beschizza A 87 5/11 43 43 2½ 11 21 Beschizza A 84 3/6 2hd 1hd 1½ 12 14 Beschizza A 86 2/12 3 1½ 1½ 1½ 15 Beschizza A 75 1/11 5 2½ 41 2hd 2nk Beschizza A 2Mar24-6TP fst 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub>◆ :234:481 1:1241:441 JBttglaMmL142k 124 \*1.16 89-18 Encino 1181 Epic Ride 1241 Blue Eyed George 1204 3wd run, outkicked 2Feb24-6TP fst 1 4 :243:483 1:1321:391 120 1.78 81-24 Epic Ride1204 Blue Eyed George 12013 Good Bali 1202 Confident trip cleared Leonatus B116k 5Jan24-5TP fst 6f 🚸 :22 :453 :574 1:10 L120 2.46 91–15 Epic Ride1205 Bowstreet1204 Sharp Shot115nk Md Sp Wt 69k All pace/found more 8Dec23-9TP fst 6f :221:461 :582 1:104 9.38 87-13 SmokySmoky115nk EpcRd12013 TroublsRorng11944 Awk st, chased, gamely Md Sp Wt 69k 120 WORKS: 26Apr24 TTC 4f fst :511 B 22/23 18Apr24 TTC 4f fst :481 B 2/9 31Mar24 TTC 4f my :523 B 4/4 21Mar24 Kee 5f fst :59 B 1/3 ● 16Feb24 TTC 4f fst :473 B 1/46 23Jan24 TTC 5f fst 1:01 B 4/8

22Dec23 TTC 3f fst :361 B 2/21 1Dec23 TTC 3f my :393 B 8/11

TRAINER: Dirt(112.17 \$1.41) Routes(85.11 \$1.23) GrdStk(4.00 \$0.00)

AE began his career as a synthetic specialist, showing speed in his first few starts; yet he's apparently matured with racing, showing a new dimension adapting to stalking tactics in his last couple of route attempts; couldn't hold off today's rival Enci no two back at Turfway; yet he moved forward when switched to dirt in the Blue Grass last time; was chasing a pretty taxing pace, and he did well to hold on for 3rd behind a couple of rivals who look like key players in this race; would need another step forward to contend here, and it's unclear if 10F really suits him; yet one could argue he has better credentials than a few who qualified for the main body of the field.

	Ch. c. 3 (Apr) OBSAPR23\$14,000		1						_		******	_
22 Mugatu	Sire: Blofeld (Quality Road) \$5,000		Life	12 1	1 3	\$80,570	I			0 0	\$26,957 8	
22 IVIUGATU Own: Average Joe Racing Stables Ltd and Da	Dam: Union Way (Union Rags)		2024	5 0	0 2	\$36,678	87 Wet(385)				\$0	
30-1 Lime, Lime 'Aj' On Blue Ball, Blue	Br: JSM Equine LLC (Ky)	126					Synth(20.	3*)5	1	02	\$36,771 7	/5
TALAMO J (4 1 0 0 .25) 2024: (114 5 .04)	Tr: Engler Jeff(—) 2024:(25 3 .12)	120	2023	7 1	1 1	\$43,892	65 Turf(212)	4	0	1 1	\$16,842 6	<b>i</b> 2
TimeformUS Pace: Early 61 Late 108			CD	0 0	0 0	\$0	- Dst(264)	0	0	0 0	\$0	-
6Apr2410Kee fst 11/8 :4621:1041:3631:50 BlueGras-G1	<b>87</b> 9/10 108 109 4 65 65 57 Talamo J	123 b 181.11	84-11 S	ierra Le	one 123	1½ Just a Tou	ch1233¾ Epic Ri	de 123	11/4	Ins,adv	anced 1/2,chas	se
23Mar24-8TP fst 146 :244:493 1:1331:443 RushawayB249		118 b 25.60	85-10 T	rikari11	8nk Fo	otprint118 <sup>nk</sup> 1	Twirling Point	201		Alonge	venly no punc	:h
2Mar24-6TP fst 1;6♦ :234:481 1:1241:441 JBttglaMmL14	2k <b>75</b> 9/11 10631061 743 551 471 Talamo J	118 b 68.36	82-18 E	<i>ncino</i> 118	1 Epic	Ride12413 Blu	ie Eyed Georg	1204		Bit slo	w st, improve	ed.
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18Jan24-7TP fst 1 ♦ :24 :483 1:1411:402 OC 50k/n1x-N	<b>71</b> 10/11 85 62 3½ 2hd 3¾ Talamo J						:hieM120nk Mu			Outkic!	ed late gamel	ly
31Dec23–5Tam fm $1\frac{1}{16}$ ① :243:51 1:1611:461 + OC 75k/N1x-N	<b>62</b> 6/7 52 51 41 64 65 Allen R D Jr	120 b 6.40	62-25 F	ull Nels	on120 <sup>2</sup> 2	Ninja Star 12	.2¾ Ruddy Budo	Ĭy 118n	0	3p	st,4p2nd,no bi	id
9Dec23-7GP fst 1 :232:463 1:1131:382 OC 75k/N1x-N	65 6/6 53¼ 52 55½ 57 410¾ Vasquez M A						<sup>Onk</sup> Chisparrajo			5p,not	hreat <b>6</b> p stretc	:h
18Nov23–6GP fst 170◆ C :251:501 1:1411:421 Md Sp Wt 42k	<b>62</b> 7/11 65 43½ 42½ 31½ 13¼ Bravo J	118 b 3.80	81-14 N	1ugatu1	183½ H	alon118¾ Myt	hic Performan	ce118	<u>'</u>	4-5wd,	drew off, drvn	19
120ct23-7Kee fm 1 ① :232:474 1:1211:364 Md Sp Wt 99k	<b>54</b> 9/10 32 32 53 53 107 Talamo J	119 34.12	75-16 F	rontlin\	Wrrior	119nk Edgrton	vn1192 RIMnVio	lin119	nk (	Bw,askd	2nd,wkn 6p up	ρr
31JJy23-5EIP fm 1 ① :25 :501 1:15 1:384 Md Sp Wt 53k	55 4/10 21 2½ 1hd 2½ 21¾ Talamo J	119 7.37	63-28 B	lue Eye	d Geor	ge1191¾ Mug	atu119½ Casper	1191		2w-3p,	ostd1/8,held pl	lc
14JIy23-4EIP fm 1 (r) S :25 :492 1:1421:382 Md Sp Wt 67k	<b>40</b> 6/8 1½ 1½ 1hd 31 32½ Talamo J	119 4.39	64-21 L	egal Ťit	an119h	ď Real MenV	iolin119̈̃2½ Mug	atu 119	21/2	Pace in	side,grudgingl	ly
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●310ct23TP ◆ 4f fst :471 B 1/20 ●240ct23TP ◆ 5f fst 1:001 B 1/8
TRAINER: Dirt(71.11 \$0.47) Routes(90.10 \$1.20) GrdStk(1.00 \$0.00)

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AE is another who took the Turfway route to get here; was no match for Encino and Epic Ride in the Battaglia Memorial, and was even less effective against a weaker group in the Rushaway next time; he did outrun massive 181-1 odds in the Blue Grass, passi ng half the field to get up for 5th, albeit well behind winner Sierra Leone; it's good news that he earned his best career Beyer switching to dirt last time, but he needs to do better still to have any sort of chance in the Derby; a win by this guy would be an upset on the level of Rich Strike. -David Aragona