

**NINTH RACE**  
**Aqueduct**  
**April 2nd, 2011**

1 1/2 MILES. (1.47) STAKES. Purse \$100,000 *EXCELSIOR S. (GRADE III)* FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. No nomination fee. A supplemental nomination fee of \$1,000 may be made on or before the closing time of entries. \$500 to pass the entry box and an additional \$500 to start. Supplemental nominees will be required to pay both entry and start fees. 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 2010-2011 allowed 2 lbs.; a graded sweepstake at a mile or over since Decemeber 15, allowed 4 lbs.; \$60,000 since December 1 or \$40,000 in 2011 allowed 6 lbs. (Maiden, claiming, starter and restricted allowance races not considered). A Trophy will be presented to the winning owner. Closed Saturday, March 19, 2011 with 26 Nominations. (Clear 53)

Value of Race: \$98,000 (\$2,000 reverts) Winner \$60,000; second \$20,000; third \$10,000; fourth \$5,000; fifth \$3,000. Mutuel Pool \$335,974 Pick 3 Pool \$31,655 Daily Double Pool \$47,147 Exacta Pool \$217,920 Trifecta Pool \$128,664 Grand Slam Pool \$20,999

Last Raced	#	Horse	M/Eqt.	A/S	Wt	PP	St	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1			
12Mar11	9	Aqu <sup>1</sup>	2	Inherit the Gold	L	5G	117	2	2	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 1/2	2 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>4</sup>	16 1/4	Castro E	1.40	
29Jan11	3	Aqu <sup>1</sup>	5	Modern Cowboy	L	4C	117	5	4	4 <sup>4</sup>	4 1/2	4 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>4</sup>	24 1/4	Dominguez R A	1.95	
23Jan11	8	Aqu <sup>2</sup>	1	Understatement	L	b	6H	117	1	1	1 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	11 1/2	2hd	3 <sup>2</sup>	Cohen D	2.70
26Feb11	9	Aqu <sup>2</sup>	4	More Than a Reason	L	6H	119	4	5	5	5	5	5	4hd	44 1/4	Hill C	17.20
26Feb11	9	Aqu <sup>1</sup>	3	Goombada Guska	L	b	4C	117	3	3	3 <sup>1</sup>	3 1/2	3 <sup>1</sup>	5	5	Velasquez C H	7.50

OFF AT 5:15 Start Good. Won driving. Track Fast.

TIME :243, :492, 1:132, 1:374, 1:50<sup>1</sup> (:24.75, :49.47, 1:13.48, 1:37.93, 1:50.34)

**\$2 Mutuel Prices:**

2- INHERIT THE GOLD	4.80	2.40	2.10
5- MODERN COWBOY		2.70	2.10
1- UNDERSTATEMENT			2.30

\$2 EXACTA 2-5 PAID \$11.60 \$2 TRIFECTA 2-5-1 PAID \$21.40

\$2 GRAND SLAM 1/3/4/6/7-2/3/5/8-2/3/8-2 PAID \$9.30 4 Correct

Gray or Roan Gelding, (Mar), by Gold Token - Melissa's Sunshine by Personal Flag. Trainer Hooper James. Bred by Susanne G. Hooper, Edmond Murray, MaryMurray & James Hooper(NY).

INHERIT THE GOLD away in good order, moved up to assume to role of stalker, patiently sat a short distance in the two path for nearly three-quarters, was put to some coaxing midpoint on the turn, responded positively to his cue, advancing steadily towards the pacesetter, drew alongside as the pair headed into the stretch, was immediately set down, drove past that opponent with unexpected ease coming to the three-sixteenths pole, then drew off for a convincing score under steady hand encouragement to the end. MODERN COWBOY rated along the outside until the quarter pole, was put to encouragement heading into the stretch, proved no match for the top one, but finished willingly to be well clear for second. UNDERSTATEMENT broke alertly and quickly established control, was rated on the rail as he sailed along on a loose lead for six furlongs, felt some pressure for the initial moment nearing the quarter pole, succumbed despite strong handling after putting up brief resistance and steadily tired thereafter. MORE THAN A REASON dove quickly to take up residence along the rail, judiciously took the inside route around the opening bend, swung into the two path entering the backstretch, remained unhurried, was asked to pick up the pace prior to angling four wide for the stretch run, but failed to muster up the needed closing punch. GOOMBADA GUSKA three wide around both turns, was through after completing three-quarters.

Owners- 2, Glas-Tipp Stable and Hooper, Susanne ; 5, Green Hills Farm Inc. ; 1, Pompa, Jr. Paul P. ; 4, Calabrese Anthony ; 3, Turtle Bird Stable

Trainers- 2, Hooper James ; 5, Pletcher Todd A. ; 1, Pletcher Todd A. ; 4, Persaud Randi ; 3, Asmussen Steven M.

Breeders- 2, Susanne G. Hooper, Edmond Murray, MaryMurray & James Hooper (NY); 5, Chestnut Farm (KY); 1, Brenda Jones (KY); 4, Ron Kirby & Tom Kirby (KY); 3, Navesink Thoroughbreds (NJ)

\$2 Daily Double (2-2) Paid \$50.50; Daily Double Pool \$47,147.

\$2 Pick Three (3-2-2) Paid \$140.00; Pick Three Pool \$31,655.

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