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BW’s Chestnut

Fawn, F, 08/02/99. Winning Kick - Riverview Ammie

12/04/01E 9  TU 5/16  F  31.10  63.0  3  1  1  1  1  1 3.10  0.05  A Seven in A Row!!
11/30/01E 9  TU 5/16  F  30.63  63.0  4  1  1  1  1  1 3.03  0.30  A All The Way
11/21/01E 9  TU 5/16  F  30.67  61.5  8  6  1  1  1  1 3.67  0.20  A Won Going Away
11/17/01E10 TU 5/16  F  30.70  62.0  1  4  1  1  1  1 3.70  0.10  TA Cleared 1st Turn

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CA Caliente Tijuana, Mexico LI Lincoln Lincoln, RI S0 Sanford-Orlando Longwood, FL
CC Corpus Christi Corpus Christi, TX LR Lakes Region Belmont, NH ST St. Croix Hudson, WI
CL Cloverleaf Loveland, CO MB Melbourne Melbourne, FL TP Tampa Tampa, FL
DB Daytona Beach Daytona Beach, FL MH Mile High Commerce City, CO TS Tri-State Cross Lanes, WV
DP Dairyland Kenosha, WI MO Mobile Theodore, AL TU Tucson Tucson, AZ
DQ Dubuque Dubuque, IA OP Orange Park Jacksonville,FL VG Valley Harlingen, TX
EB Ebro Ebro, FL PB Palm Beach West Palm Beach, FL WD Wheeling Downs Wheeling, WV
FL Flagler Miami, FL PE Pensacola Pensacola, FL Wo Wonderland Revere, MA
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