

SARATOGA - July 4, 2026 - Race 9

STAKES Belmont Derby S. Grade 1 - Thoroughbred
 AN INVITATIONAL FOR NORTHERN HEMISPHERE, AND SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE THREE YEAR OLDS FOALD AFTER
 AUGUST 1, 2022, AND BEFORE JULY 31, 2023.

Distance: One And One Eighth Miles On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Fionn - 1:44.84 - July 5, 2025)

Purse: \$750,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$750,000

Value of Race: \$750,000 1st \$412,500, 2nd \$150,000, 3rd \$90,000, 4th \$45,000, 5th \$30,000, 6th \$4,500, 7th \$4,500, 8th \$4,500, 9th \$4,500, 10th \$4,500

Weather: Cloudy, 80° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 5:31 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
25May26 KOL ¹	9	Title Role (GB) (Velazquez, John)	122	--	9	5	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Nose}	7.34	2p,out,lead3/16,respnd
4Jun26 ³ SAR ¹	8	West End Kid (Gaffalione, Tyler)	122	b	8	2	3 ^{Head}	3 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Neck}	5.25	takn back,out,3p,rally
2May26 ⁹ CD ²	3	Remember Mamba (Ortiz, Jose)	122	--	3	9	6 ^{1/2}	6 ¹	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	1.51*	off stp slw,2-3p,5p1/4
30May26 ⁵ CD ¹	10	Touch of Fire (Prat, Flavien)	122	--	10	6	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Nose}	7.86	2p-inside,headed3/16
4Jun26 ³ SAR ³	2	Bottas (Franco, Manuel)	122	--	2	3	7 ^{1/2}	7 ^{1/2}	7 ^{1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	16.67	keen,ins trns,mvd out
30May26 ⁵ MTH ¹	4	Third Coast (Lezcano, Jose)	122	--	4	1	4 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	4 ¹	6 ^{Nose}	30.15	inside turns,no kick
23May26 CUR ³	6	Pacific Avenue (IRE) (Buick, William)	122	v	6	10	10	9 ^{Head}	10	9 ^{1/2}	7 ^{Neck}	3.47	step slow st,2-3p trns
4Jun26 ³ SAR ²	1	Blackmail (Zayas, Edgard)	122	b	1	7	8 ^{1/2}	8 ^{1/2}	8 ^{1/2}	7 ^{1/2}	8 ³	35.95	2-3p turns,moved out
30May26 ⁵ CD ²	7	Tiernanogue (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	122	b	7	8	9 ^{1/2}	10	9 ^{1/2}	10	9 ^{1/2}	24.90	ins-2p turns,no threat
16May26 ⁹ LRL ¹	5	Turf Star (Davis, Dylan)	122	b	5	4	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{1/2}	8 ¹	10	44.56	4p turns,6p1/4,empty

Fractional Times: 23.65 49.20 1:13.15 1:36.04 **Final Time:** 1:47.55 **Time from Gate:** 1:50.10

Split Times: (25:55) (23:95) (22:89) (11:51)

Run-Up: 60 feet **Temporary Rail:** 12 feet

Winner: Title Role (GB), Bay Colt, by =Too Darn Hot (GB) out of Valiant Girl (GB), by Lemon Drop Kid. Foaled Apr 05, 2023 in Great Britain.

Breeder: Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd

Owner: Stroud, Will, Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael B. and Smith, Derrick

Trainer: Crisford, Simon

Total WPS Pool: \$1,334,044

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
9	Title Role (GB)	16.68	8.10	4.44	\$1.00 Exacta	9-8	47.74	916,760
8	West End Kid		6.70	4.00	\$0.50 Trifecta	9-8-3	90.96	447,024
3	Remember Mamba			2.70	\$1.00 Pick 3	3-6-9 (3 correct)	1,184.55	239,838
					\$0.50 Pick 5	1/2/6/7-4-3-6-9 (5 correct)	16,245.10	652,122
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-9	101.82	247,130
					\$0.10 Superfecta	9-8-3-10	52.59	224,799

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
9	Title Role (GB)	5	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Nose}
8	West End Kid	2	3 ^{2/2}	3 ²	4 ²	3 ²	2 ^{Nose}
3	Remember Mamba	9	6 ^{3/4}	6 ^{3/2}	5 ^{3/2}	5 ^{3/2}	3 ^{Neck}
10	Touch of Fire	6	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/4}
2	Bottas	3	7 ^{4/4}	7 ^{4/2}	7 ^{4/4}	6 ⁴	5 ^{1/4}
4	Third Coast	1	4 ^{2/2}	4 ³	3 ²	4 ^{2/2}	6 ^{1/2}
6	Pacific Avenue (IRE)	10	10 ^{6/3/4}	9 ^{6/2}	10 ^{6/3/4}	9 ⁷	7 ^{1/2}
1	Blackmail	7	8 ^{4/3/4}	8 ⁵	8 ^{4/3/4}	7 ^{5/2}	8 ^{1/3/4}
7	Tiernanogue	8	9 ^{6/1/4}	10 ^{6/3/4}	9 ^{6/1/4}	10 ^{8/1/2}	9 ^{4/3/4}
5	Turf Star	4	5 ^{3/1/2}	5 ^{3/1/2}	6 ^{3/3/4}	8 ⁶	10 ^{5/1/4}


Trainers: 9 - Crisford, Simon; 8 - Walden, William; 3 - DeVaux, Cherie; 10 - Cox, Brad; 2 - Clement, Miguel; 4 - Proctor, Thomas; 6 - Appleby, Charles; 1 - Casse, Mark; 7 - Walsh, Brendan; 5 - Motion, H.

Owners: 9 - Stroud, Will, Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael B. and Smith, Derrick; 8 - Mo Speed Racing; 3 - C R K Stable LLC; 10 - Juddmonte; 2 - Dahman; 4 - Glen Hill Farm; 6 - Godolphin, LLC; 1 - Gary Barber; 7 - Michael Gregg; 5 - Calumet Farm;

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TITLE ROLE (GB) established a forward position while inside of a rival early, went around the first turn in the two path, stalked outside on the backstretch, made a bid with three furlongs to run, was asked outside the quarter-pole, took the lead in upper stretch, responded well in the final furlong and just held under strong urging. WEST END KID was taken back between foes under a vigorous hold nearing the first turn, tracked the pace on the outside in the three path without cover, was given his cue on the far turn, pursued the winner while remaining on his inside lead in the stretch, gained into the final sixteenth and just missed while narrowly able to get the place. REMEMBER MAMBA broke a step slow, went around the first turn in the three then two path, settled off the pace, was roused in the two path on the far turn, swung out to the five path into the stretch, rallied outside into the final furlong, closed well to make a bid outside the top two late and just missed while able to get the show. TOUCH OF FIRE moved in while going to the front, rounded the first turn in the two path, showed the way down the backstretch, vied inside on the far turn, was asked near the quarter-pole, lost the lead in upper stretch, fought on into the final sixteenth but was out-kicked while just able to get the last spot in the superfecta. BOTTAS brushed the rail into the first turn, tossed his head keenly late on that bend while saving ground, was reserved off the pace, raced inside on the far turn, was roused near the five-sixteenths pole, angled out in upper stretch and finished willingly to just miss the superfecta. THIRD COAST was well placed just off the pace on the inside, came under urging around the five-sixteenths pole, pursued the leader under a drive while off the inside in the stretch and lacked the needed kick. PACIFIC AVENUE (IRE) broke a step slow, dropped from the three path to the two path early on the first turn, was unhurried near the rear, dropped back a bit under extra left-rein pressure early on the far turn, moved from the two path to the three path while roused on that bend, shifted out in upper stretch and finished with late energy. BLACKMAIL went around the first turn in the two path, was reserved off the pace, traveled around the far turn in the three path, moved out in upper stretch, shifted further out around the furlong marker and gained late but failed to menace. TIERNANOUE raced inside to the two path while reserved near the back, was roused on the far turn and gained ground late but failed to impact. TURF STAR was caught in the four path on the first turn, settled outside without cover, was asked in the four path on the far turn, spun into the stretch in the six path and came up empty. THIS RACE WAS DELAYED IN THE PADDOCK DUE TO

SADDLES BEING INCORRECT ON TWO PARTICIPANTS

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