

SARATOGA - July 9, 2026 - Race 8

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(UP TO \$13,572 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$55,000 OR LESS AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR CLAIMING \$45,000 WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price \$45,000 State Bred Starters Not Considered for Starter Eligibility Purposes(1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable torun this race on the turf course, this race will run at Five and One Half Furlongs on the Main Track). (Rail at 18 feet). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$45,000

Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Cogburn - 59.80 - June 8, 2024)

Purse: \$78,000

Available Money: \$78,000

Value of Race: \$78,000 1st \$42,900, 2nd \$15,600, 3rd \$9,360, 4th \$4,680, 5th \$3,120, 6th \$390, 7th \$390, 8th \$390, 9th \$390, 10th \$390, 11th \$390

Weather: Clear, 91° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 5:19 **Start:** Good for all except 5 **Timing Method:** Electronic

EQUIBASE

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments	
27Jun26 ⁵ BAQ ¹	11	After Taxes (IRE) (Davis, Dylan)	126	L	11	3	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	1 ¹	8.36	out,3-2p trn,responded	
7Jun26 ⁵ SAR ⁵	7	Joker On Fire (Lezcano, Jose)	126	L	7	4	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	3.16*	easd bck7/16,bid ins1F	
18Apr26 ⁴ GP ¹	1	Ambassador Blue (Rosario, Joel)	122	L	b	1	8	7 ^{1/2}	7 ¹	4 ¹	3 ^{3/4}	18.19	inside turn,improved
7Jun26 ⁷ SAR ⁵	2	Bridle a Butterfly (Prat, Flavien)	126	L	2	9	10 ^{1/2}	9 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	3.19	ins turn,2p1/4,mvd out	
5Jun26 ² SAR ⁸	3	Russi (Zayas, Edgard)	126	L	b	3	6	6 ¹	6 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1 1/4}	6.19	bmp brk,2-3path,6p1/4
14Feb26 ¹² GP ⁴	10	Global Prosperity (Ortiz, Jose)	126	L	10	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	3 ³	6 ^{4 1/4}	10.86	pace,2p-ins,gave way	
13Jun26 ¹⁰ BAQ ³	8	Counter Move (Gaffalione, Tyler)	126	L	8	10	9 ¹	10 ²	10 ¹	7 ¹	5.07	3-2path turn,no rally	
16May26 ⁷ BAQ ¹	9	Peyton (Franco, Manuel)	126	L	b	9	2	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	8 ^{1/2}	8 ^{Head}	28.10	outside,3p turn,4p1/4
15May26 ⁸ BAQ ⁷	6	Launch Control (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	126	L	6	5	5 ²	5 ¹	7 ^{1 1/2}	9 ^{Nose}	15.54	in tight4-1/2,2p turn	
13Jun26 ¹⁰ BAQ ¹¹	4	Roar of the Crowd (Gutierrez, Reylyu)	126	L	b	4	7	8 ^{1 1/2}	8 ¹	9 ³	10 ^{1 1/2}	76.88	bmpd brk,2-3path turn
17Apr26 ³ AQU ³	5	Kid Billy (Silvera, Ruben)	126	L	5	11	11	11	11	11	16.34	bmp brk,off step slow	

Fractional Times: 21.66 44.11 55.37

Final Time: 1:01.21 **Time from Gate:** 1:04.09

Split Times: (22:45) (11:26) (5:84)

Run-Up: 75 feet **Temporary Rail:** 18 feet

Winner: After Taxes (IRE), Bay Gelding, by =Kodiak (GB) out of =Jeva (IRE), by =Sea The Stars (IRE). Foaled Jan 20, 2022 in Ireland.

Breeder: John Yarr

Owner: The Luchncup Syndicate

Trainer: Brown, Bruce

1 Claimed Horse(s): Bridle a Butterfly

New Trainer: Oscar S. Barrera III

New Owner: Heart of a Warrior Racing LLC

Claiming Prices: 2 - Bridle a Butterfly: \$45,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Farm Team (Main-Track-Only), Golden Symphony (Main-Track-Only), Math Tutor (Main-Track-Only), Momentum Files (Main-Track-Only)

Total WPS Pool: \$472,607

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
11	After Taxes (IRE)	18.72	7.94	5.50	\$1.00 Exacta	11-7	40.53	377,975
7	Joker On Fire		4.68	3.28	\$0.50 Trifecta	11-7-1	329.14	178,376
1	Ambassador Blue			9.02	\$1.00 Grand Slam	2/3/5-1/2/5-2/3/9-11 (4 correct)	22.04	44,265
					\$1.00 Pick 3	1-2-11 (3 correct)	276.41	51,976
					\$1.00 Daily Double	2-11	60.10	88,646
					\$0.10 Superfecta	11-7-1-2	252.32	90,187

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
11	After Taxes (IRE)	3	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ¹
7	Joker On Fire	4	3 ¹	3 ²	2 ¹	2 ¹
1	Ambassador Blue	8	7 ^{5 1/2}	7 ^{5 1/2}	4 ⁴	3 ²
2	Bridle a Butterfly	9	10 ^{8 1/2}	9 ^{7 1/2}	6 ^{5 1/2}	4 ^{2 3/4}
3	Russi	6	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ⁵	5 ⁵	5 ^{3 3/4}
10	Global Prosperity	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	6 ⁵
8	Counter Move	10	9 ^{7 1/2}	10 ⁹	10 ¹¹	7 ^{9 1/4}
9	Peyton	2	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	8 ^{7 1/2}	8 ^{10 1/4}
6	Launch Control	5	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ⁴	7 ⁶	9 ^{10 1/4}
4	Roar of the Crowd	7	8 ⁶	8 ^{6 1/2}	9 ⁸	10 ^{10 1/2}
5	Kid Billy	11	11 ⁹	11 ¹¹	11 ¹²	11 ¹²

Trainers: 11 - Brown, Bruce; 7 - Levine, Bruce; 1 - Gargan, Danny; 2 - Green, Amelia; 3 - Bond, H. James; 10 - Lewis, Lisa; 8 - Weaver, George; 9 - Schettino, Domenick; 6 - Brion, Keri; 4 - DiPrima, Gregory; 5 - Rodriguez, Rudy

Owners: 11 - The Luchncup Syndicate; 7 - Blue Water Stables; 1 - Legendary Thoroughbreds, Arnmore Thoroughbreds LLC and Gargan, Danny; 2 - The Elkstone Group LLC (Stuart Grant); 3 - Bond Racing Stable; 10 -Hayward R. Pressman; 8 - Sequel Racing; 9 -Jan Durrschmidt; 6 - Three Diamonds Farm; 4 - Iglesias, Jesse and Abdala III, Albert P.; 5 - Rodriguez, Rudy R., Imperio, Michael and Brown, David William;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

AFTER TAXES (IRE) was hustled from the gate, stalked the pace on the outside, made a bid late on the backstretch, vied in the three then two path on the turn, was asked near the quarter-pole, took a short lead in upper stretch, responded well under threat in the final furlong and held under strong urging. JOKER ON FIRE pressed the pace on the inside of the leader, was eased back off the pace near the seven-sixteenths pole, moved from the rail to the two path on the turn, came out into upper stretch, chased outside into the final furlong then made a bid outside of the winner, battled with that foe to the finish

and was turned away while able to get the place. AMBASSADOR BLUE settled off the pace, saved ground while roused on the turn, swapped leads back and forth while improving in the stretch and finished willingly for the show. BRIDLE A BUTTERFLY was urged along off the pace, saved ground on the turn, spun into the stretch in the two path, chased under a drive into the final furlong, moved out around the sixteenth-pole and also improved position. RUSSI bumped with an opponent at the start, was urged along near the middle of the field, went around the turn in the two then three path, turned into upper stretch in the six path and lacked the needed kick. GLOBAL PROSPERITY angled in while going to the front, moved from the two path to the inside early on the turn, was asked near the quarter-pole, lost the advantage to the winner in upper stretch, dropped back into the final furlong and gave way. COUNTER MOVE settled on the outside without cover, dropped back in the three then two path on the turn and lacked the needed response. PEYTON was urged along on the outside, went around the turn in the three path, spun into the stretch in the four path and failed to rally. LAUNCH CONTROL was restless in the gate, showed early speed, dropped back in tight quarters near the seven-sixteenths pole, dropped back in the two path on the turn and came up empty. ROAR OF THE CROWD broke out then bumped with rivals on both sides, settled off the pace, was roused in the two to three path on the turn, moved out in upper stretch and was no factor. KID BILLY bumped with a rival at the start and was off a step slow, settled at the rear, went around the turn in the two then three path, moved out in upper stretch and failed to threaten.