

SARATOGA - July 11, 2026 - Race 2

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred
(UP TO \$20,010 NYSBFOA) FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 123 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of \$55,000 Or Less In The Last 5 Starts Preferred).

Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Motivated Seller - 1:02.48 - September 2, 2021)

Purse: \$115,000

Available Money: \$115,000

Value of Race: \$115,000 1st \$63,250, 2nd \$23,000, 3rd \$13,800, 4th \$6,900, 5th \$4,600, 6th \$1,725, 7th \$1,725

Weather: Cloudy, 82° Track: Fast

Off at: 1:11 Start: Good for all except 4 Timing Method: Electronic

[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
---	5	Angel of Kirk (Prat, Flavien)	123	--	4	3	2 ²	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ⁶	1 ^{4 3/4}	1.33*	out,4-2p trn,kept task
---	4	Rum Twist (Velazquez, John) 	123	--	3	7	6 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	3 ³	2 ^{2 1/2}	16.80	stdy brk,ins trn,angld
---	7	Aerial Affair (Zayas, Edgard)	123	--	6	6	5 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	3 ²	2.54	frctious gate,4-3p trn
---	8	Christopher Vedder (Rodriguez, Jaime)	123	--	7	5	7	6 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{5 1/2}	4 ^{2 3/4}	16.40	3-4p turn,5p into lane
---	2	Hormesis (Franco, Manuel)	123	--	1	2	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{Neck}	6.80	headed ins7/16,wknd
---	6	Harpoon (Ortiz, Jose)	123	--	5	4	4 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{Head}	6 ⁴	6.70	2-3p turn,4p into lane
---	3	Hot Fries (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	123	--	2	1	3 ^{1 1/2}	7	7	7	7.90	stdy7/16,lost position

Fractional Times: 22.57 46.27 58.59

Final Time: 1:05.35 Time from Gate: 1:07.82

Split Times: (23:70) (12:32) (6:76)

Run-Up: 54 feet

Winner: Angel of Kirk, Dark Bay or Brown Filly, by [Yaupon](#) out of Crazy Sweet, by Majestic Warrior. Foaled Mar 21, 2024 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift Farm

Breeder: BWB Bloodstock, LLC

Owner: Greenwell Thoroughbreds

Trainer: Cox, Brad

Scratched Horse(s): Bluegrass Princess (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$468,370

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Angel of Kirk	4.66	3.34	2.44	\$1.00 Exacta	5-4	26.25	363,106
4	Rum Twist		10.00	5.16	\$1.00 Quinella	4-5	19.80	14,082
7	Aerial Affair			3.08	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-4-7	57.50	147,025
					\$1.00 Daily Double	1-5	4.71	179,775
					\$0.10 Superfecta	5-4-7-8	69.60	57,390

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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7	Aerial Affair	6	5 ⁴	3 ²	2 ⁶	3 ^{7 1/4}
8	Christopher Vedder	5	7 ^{5 1/2}	6 ⁵	6 ^{10 1/4}	4 ^{9 1/4}
2	Hormesis	2	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/2}	4 ¹⁰	5 ¹²
6	Harpoon	4	4 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ¹⁰	6 ^{12 1/4}
3	Hot Fries	1	3 ²	7 ^{7 1/2}	7 ^{15 3/4}	7 ^{16 1/4}

Trainers: 5 - Cox, Brad; 4 - Hennig, Mark; 7 - Antonucci, Jena; 8 - Cox, Brad; 2 - LaRose, Kinnon; 6 - Casse, Mark; 3 - Asmussen, Steven

Owners: 5 - Greenwell Thoroughbreds; 4 -R. Lee Lewis; 7 - Late Night Stables LLC; 8 - Dubb, Michael and The Elkstone Group LLC (Stuart Grant); 2 -Joel Politi; 6 - D. J. Stable LLC and West Point Thoroughbreds; 3 - Robison, J. Kirk and Robison, Judy;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ANGEL OF KIRK stalked the pace on the outside, made a bid in the four path early on the turn, took the lead while moving to the three path shortly thereafter, controlled the action in the two path late on the bend, responded well when asked at the quarter-pole, drew off under a hand-ride into the final furlong and proved much the best while kept to the task under hand-urging to the finish. RUM TWIST was last away then steadied while having her path taken at the start, was urged along towards the rear, saved ground on the the turn, angled out in upper stretch and finished willingly for the place. AERIAL AFFAIR was fractious in the gate, broke near the back of the field, was urged along on the outside, gained in the four then three path on the turn, chased into the stretch then drifted in near the three-sixteenths pole and weakened but was clear for the show. CHRISTOPHER VEDDER was urged along at the rear on the outside, went around the turn in the three then four path, spun into the stretch in the five path and failed to threaten. HORMESIS was hustled to the front, showed the way on the inside of foes, lost the lead while inside early on the turn, moved to the two path near the five-sixteenths pole, chased in the three path into the stretch and tired. HARPOON angled in while coaxed along off the pace, weas roused in the two then three path on the turn, turned into the stretch in the four path and failed to rally. HOT FRIES pressed the pace loosely between horses, steadied while lugging out some early on the turn and lost position quickly, retreated to the rear under extra left-rein pressure in the two path on that bend, moved to the rail outside the quarter-pole and failed to respond.

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