

SARATOGA - July 12, 2026 - Race 8

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
INNER TURF (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, 121 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). (Rail at 9 feet). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$45,000

Distance: One Mile On The Inner turf **Current Track Record:** (Got Stormy - 1:32.00 - August 10, 2019)

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 \$335, 7th \$335, 8th \$335, 9th \$335, 10th \$335, 11th \$335, 12th \$330

Weather: Clear, 85° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 5:48 **Start:** Good for all except 1 **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
11Jun26 ⁸ BAQ ¹	6	Highlands Way (Prat, Flavien)	126	L b	6	11	8 ¹	10 ^{Head}	9 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	1 ^{Neck}	4.24	2-3w uppr,gd finish,up
26Jun26 ⁸ BAQ ⁴	8	Hard Circle (Gaffalione, Tyler)	126	L b	8	7	4 ²	4 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 3/4}	9.70	3w uppr, clear, nailed
7Jun26 ⁷ SAR ¹¹	2	Rabaja (Zayas, Edgard)	126	L b	2	5	10 ¹	8 ^{1/2}	7 ^{Head}	7 ¹	3 ^{Nose}	28.93	5w upper, belatedly
7Jun26 ⁷ SAR ³	3	Gene and Jude (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	126	L	3	2	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	4 ²	4 ^{Neck}	10.10	4w upper, kept on
23May26 ⁹ BAQ ⁵	9	Freaky (Davis, Dylan)	126	L	9	6	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	6 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 3/4}	12.77	bumped st, outfinished
13Jun26 ¹⁰ BAQ ⁴	4	Remi's Moon (Franco, Manuel)	126	L b	4	4	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	6 ^{1 3/4}	5.28	2p betw in aim, wknd
7Jun26 ⁷ SAR ²	12	The Paddock Pastor (Rodriguez, Jaime)	126	L b	12	12	12	11 ¹	8 ¹	9 ¹	7 ^{3/4}	7.51	7w uppr, passed tired
4Apr26 ¹⁰ TAM ⁷	7	Ottawaterbury (Davis, Katie)	126	L b	7	9	11 ¹	12	12	10 ^{1/2}	8 ^{1/2}	66.10	ins from 7/16, no kick
7Jun26 ⁷ SAR ⁷	1	Mo Kreesa (Velazquez, John)	126	L b	1	1	6 ²	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{Head}	8 ^{Head}	9 ^{1/2}	19.22	stumbled st, weakened
19Jun26 ⁸ LRL ¹	5	Alexis Zorba (GB) (Carmouche, Kendrick)	126	L b	5	3	1 ¹	1 ³	1 ¹	2 ^{Head}	10 ^{1 1/4}	33.01	in hand ins, weakened
13Jun26 ¹⁰ BAQ ⁶	11	City of Oscars (Ortiz, Jose)	126	L b	11	10	9 ¹	9 ^{Head}	11 ¹	11 ¹	11 ²	9.11	3w pursuit, empty
14Sep25 ⁵ MTH ²	10	High Beta (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	126	L	10	8	7 ^{1 1/2}	7 ¹	10 ^{1/2}	12	12	3.14*	5w into 1st trn, tired

Fractional Times: 23.55 46.94 1:10.99 1:22.54 **Final Time:** 1:34.32 **Time from Gate:** 1:37.48

Split Times: (23:39) (24:05) (11:55) (11:78)

Run-Up: 80 feet **Temporary Rail:** 9 feet

Winner: Highlands Way, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Not This Time out of Street Mate, by Street Cry (IRE). Foaled Mar 08, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Bret Jones

Owner: Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.

Trainer: Pletcher, Todd

2 Claimed Horse(s): **Hard Circle** New Trainer: Michael J. Maker New Owner: Paradise Farms Corp.
High Beta New Trainer: Antonio Arriaga New Owner: Aci Racing Stable LLC

Claiming Prices: 8 - Hard Circle: \$45,000; 7 - Ottawaterbury: \$45,000; 10 - High Beta: \$45,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Blast Furnace (Also-Eligible), Boltage (Also-Eligible), Golden Symphony (Main-Track-Only), Pineapple Man (Main-Track-Only)

Total WPS Pool: \$768,056

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Highlands Way	10.48	6.16	5.22	\$1.00 Exacta	6-8	73.96	607,103
8	Hard Circle		10.40	8.16	\$0.50 Trifecta	6-8-2	692.71	278,881
2	Rabaja			15.56	\$1.00 Grand Slam	6/7/9-1/2/4-6/8/9-6 (4 correct)	42.02	79,201
					\$1.00 Pick 3	4-9-6 (3 correct)	636.91	84,733
					\$1.00 Daily Double	9-6	134.17	126,209
					\$0.10 Superfecta	6-8-2-3	987.45	163,169

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
6	Highlands Way	11	8 ⁸	10 ^{9 3/4}	9 ^{5 1/4}	5 ^{3 3/4}	1 ^{Neck}
8	Hard Circle	7	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{4 1/2}	3 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Neck}
2	Rabaja	5	10 ¹⁰	8 ⁹	7 ^{4 1/4}	7 ⁴	3 ²
3	Gene and Jude	2	3 ²	3 ⁴	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{1 3/4}	4 ²
9	Freaky	6	5 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{5 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{3 3/4}	5 ^{2 1/4}
4	Remi's Moon	4	2 ¹	2 ³	2 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	6 ⁴
12	The Paddock Pastor	12	12 ¹²	11 ^{9 3/4}	8 ^{4 1/4}	9 ⁵	7 ^{5 3/4}
7	Ottawaterbury	9	11 ¹¹	12 ^{10 3/4}	12 ⁷	10 ⁶	8 ^{6 1/2}
1	Mo Kreesa	1	6 ^{4 1/2}	5 ^{5 1/2}	6 ⁴	8 ⁵	9 ⁷
5	Alexis Zorba (GB)	3	1 ¹	1 ³	1 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	10 ^{7 1/2}
11	City of Oscars	10	9 ⁹	9 ^{9 1/2}	11 ⁶	11 ^{6 1/2}	11 ^{8 3/4}
10	High Beta	8	7 ^{6 1/2}	7 ⁸	10 ^{5 1/2}	12 ^{7 1/2}	12 ^{10 3/4}

Trainers: 6 - Pletcher, Todd; 8 - Kantarmaci, Mertkan; 2 - Bond, H. James; 3 - Maker, Michael; 9 - Handal, Raymond; 4 - Sharp, Joe; 12 - Green, Amelia; 7 - Donk, David; 1 - Hennig, Mark; 5 - Brown, Bruce; 11 - Casse, Mark; 10 - Brown, Chad

Owners: 6 - Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.; 8 - Kantarmaci, Mertkan, Five Horsemen Stables and Mandal, Abdool J.; 2 - Bond Racing Stable; 3 - Staudacher, David and Paradise Farms Corp.; 9 - BKLYN Racing; 4 - Epona Racing Stable, Toga Party Racing Stable and Bogey's Bets, LLC; 12 - The Elkstone Group LLC (Stuart Grant); 7 - Another Step Stable; 1 -Alan Brodsky; 5 -Ross Burdette; 11 -Gary Barber; 10 - Klaravich Stables, Inc.;

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HIGHLANDS WAY chased just off the inside coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, spun two to three wide into upper stretch, tipped out to the four path near the eighth pole and offered up a good finish once in the clear to get up in the last jumps and prevail. HARD CIRCLE broke out at the start bumping FREAKY, raced three wide through the first turn forwardly placed outside the top pair, raced two to three wide in aim, coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, spun three wide into upper stretch, seized command straightened away and edged clear to inside the eighth pole, dug in under late threat and was nailed in the final strides to the finish. RABAJA coaxed from the gate, chased along the inside and then just off the inside from near the rear of the field, made headway to mid pack, when called upon with five-sixteenths to go, swung five wide into upper stretch and kicked on belatedly to secure the show honors. GENE AND JUDE coaxed from the start, chased along the inside from just off the pace coming under encouragement near the quarter pole, angled four wide into upper stretch and kept on to the wire. FREAKY got bumped at the break by HARD CIRCLE, raced four wide into the first turn before tucking three then two wide into the backstretch, chased just off the inside from mid pack, came under urging near the quarter pole and angled out four wide for home, offered up a bid but was outfinished. REMI'S MOON coaxed from the gate, raced just off the inside in closest aim of the leader coming loosely between foes through the far turn when placed to coaxing near the quarter pole, spun just off the inside into upper stretch and weakened in the late stages. THE PADDOCK PASTOR three wide through the first turn, chased three to four wide under a ride from the five-sixteenths pole, angled out seven wide into upper stretch and passed tired rivals. OUTTAWATERBURY raced just off the inside through the first turn, chased two to three paths off the inside down the backstretch until tucked inside at the seven-sixteenths marker, took the inside route into upper stretch and offered no kick. MO KREESA stumbled forward and broke on top and then was quickly engulfed by the field settling along the rail in pursuit from mid pack, came under coaxing near the quarter pole and continued in the inside route into upper stretch and weakened. ALEXIS ZORBA (GB) established the front and showed the way in hand along the inside, came under urging with five-sixteenths to go and spun just off the inside into upper stretch before taking to the inside straightened away, got collared by HARD CIRCLE and weakened through to the finish. CITY OF OSCARS raced three then two wide through the first turn, chased three wide under a ride from the five-sixteenths marker, spun three wide for home and came up empty. HIGH BETA five wide into the first turn, tucked four then three wide before heading to the two path nearing the backstretch, chased two then three wide under a ride from the five-sixteenths marker, swung four wide into upper stretch and tired.