

SARATOGA - July 16, 2026 - Race 2

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred
FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD FOALED IN NEW YORK STATE AND APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE-BRED REGISTRY. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of \$55,000 Or Less In The Last 3 Starts Preferred). (S)

Distance: One Mile On The Dirt Current Track Record: (Key Contender - 1:34.72 - August 9, 1992)

Purse: \$100,000

Available Money: \$100,000

Value of Race: \$100,000 1st \$55,000, 2nd \$20,000, 3rd \$12,000, 4th \$6,000, 5th \$4,000, 6th \$3,000

Weather: Hazy, 86° Track: Fast

Off at: 1:51 Start: Good for all except 4 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
---	7	Tuning In (Zayas, Edgard)	121 L b	6 3	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{4 1/2}	2 ^{6 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	8.75	4-5w uppr, duel, game
27Jun26 ¹¹ BAQ ⁵	3	Bubster (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	121 L f	3 1	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{9 1/2}	2 ^{9 1/2}	8.26	bobbled st, fought on
7Jun26 ¹¹ SAR ²	4	Irish Goodbye (Franco, Manuel)	121 L	4 6	6	6	5 ³	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	2.78	brush gate, bumped st
11Jun26 ⁶ BAQ ²	2	Term Premium (Prat, Flavien)	121 L	2 4	4 ¹	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/4}	4 ^{1 1/4}	1.17*	bumped st, tired
18Apr26 ⁹ AQU ⁷	1	Bakuto (Rodriguez, Jaime)	121 L b	1 2	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	3 ¹	5 ^{3 3/4}	5 ^{3 3/4}	10.92	veered out st, tired
20Mar26 ⁵ GP ⁴	6	In Front Runner (Ortiz, Jose)	121 L b	5 5	5 ²	5 ²	6	6	6	6	4.79	chased 3-2w, tired

Fractional Times: 24.44 47.84 1:11.44 1:24.32 Final Time: 1:38.34 Time from Gate: 1:39.91

Split Times: (23:40) (23:60) (12:88) (14:02)

Run-Up: 35 feet

Winner: Tuning In, Bay Gelding, by Upstart out of Forever Smart, by Smart Strike. Foaled Mar 09, 2023 in New York.

Breeder: Joanne Nielsen

Owner: Joanne T. Nielsen

Trainer: Bond, H. James

Scratched Horse(s): Roadie (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$339,114

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Tuning In	19.50	11.98	6.88	\$1.00 Exacta	7-3	59.39	215,555
3	Bubster		8.30	5.04	\$1.00 Quinella	3-7	26.81	9,676
4	Irish Goodbye			2.92	\$0.50 Trifecta	7-3-4	144.05	95,473
					\$1.00 Daily Double	1-7	39.47	67,119
					\$0.10 Superfecta	7-3-4-2	60.53	43,925

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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7	Tuning In	3	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}
3	Bubster	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}
4	Irish Goodbye	6	6 ^{5 1/2}	6 ^{6 1/2}	5 ^{8 1/2}	4 ^{7 1/2}	3 ¹⁰
2	Term Premium	4	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ²	4 ⁶	5 ⁸	4 ^{13 1/2}
1	Bakuto	2	3 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ⁵	3 ^{6 1/2}	5 ^{14 3/4}
6	In Front Runner	5	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{11 1/2}	6 ^{11 1/2}	6 ^{18 1/2}

Trainers: 7 - Bond, H. James; 3 - Levine, Bruce; 4 - Cox, Brad; 2 - Brown, Chad; 1 - De Paz, Horacio; 6 - Sano, Antonio

Owners: 7 -Joanne T. Nielsen; 3 - Flying P Stable; 4 - Dubb, Michael and The Elkstone Group LLC (Stuart Grant); 2 - Klaravich Stables, Inc.; 1 -Barry K. Schwartz; 6 - In Front Racing Stables;

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TUNING IN three wide in closest aim of the leader early on, advanced to prompt that rival before widening away in tandem through the far turn coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, swung four to five wide into upper stretch, dug in dueling with BUBSTER through to the finish taking command a sixteenth from home, dug in gamely to prevail on the wire. BUBSTER bobbled at the break recovering outwards taking over the lane of IRISH GOODBYE, showed the way in hand just off the inside under some pressure only through the presence of TUNING IN to the outside, had that rival increase the pressure and tucked inside through the far turn and widened away from the rest as a pair, spun three wide into upper stretch, dug in knocking heads through the length of the stretch to the finish and was caught a sixteenth from home, then fought on to the wire. IRISH GOODBYE brushed the near side stall at the start and was bumped by IN FRONT RUNNER breaking inwards, then lost his lane to BUBSTER and was briefly taken in hand conceding five to six lengths to the front before everything was said and done, chased three to four wide coming under a ride three furlongs out, spun three wide into upper stretch and improved position to secure the show honors while never threatening the top pair. TERM PREMIUM got bumped at the start by BAKUTO, chased three to four wide under a ride from three furlongs out, tipped four to five wide into upper stretch and tired. BAKUTO veered out at the start bumping TERM PREMIUM before being corrected, chased just off the inside and then along the inside under urging from the seven-sixteenths marker, cornered just off the inside into upper stretch and tired. IN FRONT RUNNER broke in at the start bumping IRISH GOODBYE, chased three then two wide under encouragement from three furlongs out, spun just off the inside for home and tired.