

SARATOGA - July 19, 2026 - Race 1

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price \$20,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). New York Bred Claiming Price \$25,000. (NW3 L) **Claiming Price:** \$20,000

Distance: One And One Eighth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Lawyer Ron - 1:46.64 - July 28, 2007)

Purse: \$43,000

Available Money: \$43,000

Value of Race: \$39,990 1st \$23,650, 2nd \$8,600, 3rd \$5,160, 4th \$2,580

Weather: Clear, 77° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 1:12 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
7Mar26 ³ AQU ⁵	6	Sturdy (Franco, Manuel)	126 L b	4	2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ⁸	2.28	out,3p,lead1/4,driving
26Jun26 ⁸ BAQ ⁹	4	American Grant (Santana, Jr., Ricardo) VA CERTIFIED	126 L b	2	5	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ⁵	2 ¹	2 ⁷	11.47	ins-2p,3p1/4,no match
10May26 ⁹ BAQ ¹⁰	3	McDiesel (Zayas, Edgard)	126 L b	1	1	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	3 ¹²	3 ^{6 1/2}	3.40	2p-ins,headed1/4,tired
22May26 ⁴ BAQ ⁵	7	Curvino (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	126 L b	5	3	4 ³	4 ⁴	4 ⁸	4 ³⁷	4	0.85*	2-3p,4p1/4,no response
13Jun26 ² BAQ ⁵	5	Natural Hunk (Rodriguez, Jaime)	126 L b	3	4	5	5	5	5	---	23.99	3-4p,5p1/4,eased,wlkd

Fractional Times: 25.10 48.85 1:12.31 1:37.32

Final Time: 1:50.34 **Time from Gate:** 1:53.60

Split Times: (23:75) (23:46) (25:01) (13:02)

Run-Up: 90 feet

Winner: Sturdy, Bay Gelding, by [Mitole](#) out of Holidays Saratoga, by Harlan's Holiday. Foaled May 20, 2021 in Kentucky.

MITOLE Champion RUCERHINE
Outcrossed FUSHRMAN SIRE
SPENDTHRIFT Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

Breeder: ERJ Racing

Owner: R. A. Hill Stable and Weaver, George

Trainer: Weaver, George

1 Claimed Horse(s): **Sturdy** New Trainer: Bruce R. Brown New Owner: Martin P. Harrigan

Voided Claims: Curvino(Vet)

Claiming Prices: 6 - Sturdy: \$20,000; 4 - American Grant: \$25,000; 3 - McDiesel: \$25,000; 7 - Curvino: \$20,000; 5 - Natural Hunk: \$20,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Airborne Elite (RegVet-Injured), Notfanutin (PrivVet-Illness), Thorsness (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$285,683

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Sturdy	6.56	4.02	3.26	\$1.00 Exacta	6-4	29.10	193,984
4	American Grant		8.86	5.02	\$0.50 Trifecta	6-4-3	47.71	74,010
3	McDiesel			3.52	\$0.10 Superfecta	6-4-3-7	11.39	35,353

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
6	Sturdy	2	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ⁸
4	American Grant	5	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ³	2 ^{3 1/2}	2 ⁸
3	McDiesel	1	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	3 ^{4 1/2}	3 ¹⁵
7	Curvino	3	4 ²	4 ³	4 ⁸	4 ^{16 1/2}	4 ^{21 1/2}
5	Natural Hunk	4	5 ⁵	5 ⁷	5 ¹⁶	5 ^{53 1/2}	---

Trainers: 6 - Weaver, George; 4 - Brown, Bruce; 3 - Rodriguez, Rudy; 7 - Rice, Linda; 5 - Ferraro, James

Owners: 6 - R. A. Hill Stable and Weaver, George; 4 -Edward C. Behringer; 3 - Werner J Stable, Dream Walkin Farms, Inc. and Baccari Racing Stable LLC; 7 - Alpha Phi Delta Racing; 5 - Five C's Stable and S and P Stables;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

STURDY was hustled from the gate, raced in the three path on the first turn, stalked the pace on the outside, turned up the pressure on the leader in the three path on the far turn, took over under his own control outside the quarter-pole, kicked clear when set down in upper stretch then came under a left-handed crop and drew away under strong urging to prove much the best. AMERICAN GRANT saved ground on the first turn, settled just off the pace, dropped back under urging leaving the backstretch, moved from the rail to the two path on the far turn, spun into the stretch in the three path and safely secured the place while no match for the winner. MCDIESEL broke very fast and went straight to the front, raced a bit off the rail on the first turn, showed the way down the backstretch, was asked under threat while along the rail on the far turn, lost the advantage to the winner outside the quarter-pole, dropped back in upper stretch and tired. CURVINO broke out at the start, moved in early, went around the first turn in the two path, settled off the pace, dropped back leaving the backstretch, retreated in the three path on the far turn, spun into the stretch in the four path and failed to respond. NATURAL HUNK dropped to the rear, rounded the first turn in the three path, settled at the rear on the outside, fell further behind in the four path on the far turn, came into the stretch in the five path and was eased but walked off.

VA CERTIFIED Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred