

SARATOGA - July 26, 2026 - Race 2

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(UP TO \$13,572 NYSBFOA) FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$45,000 OR LESS SINCE JANUARY 26, 2025 AND WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE SINCE JANUARY 26, 2026 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$50,000. Weight, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since July 26, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$50,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will run at Five and One Half Furlongs on the Main Track). (Rail at 12 feet). (NW1 6M) **Claiming Price:** \$50,000

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 \$1,170, 7th \$1,170

Weather: Clear, 81° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 1:49 **Start:** Good for all except 3,5 **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
17Jul26 ⁵ SAR ⁵	4	Vacation Dance (Franco, Manuel)	123	L b	4	3	5 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹ 2	3 ¹	1 ¹ 2	6.94	ins trn,rally,bmpd1/16
25Apr26 ⁷ AQU ⁹	2	Fluid Situation (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	123	L b	2	1	1 ²	1 ³ 1/2	1 ² 1/2	2 ^{Head}	1.56*	2p turn,led past1/16
6Jun26 ³ SAR ⁵	5	Son of a Birch (Carmouche, Kendrick)	121	L b	5	6	6 ¹ 1/2	6 ³ 1/2	6 ⁵ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	2.31	off stp slw,ins-2p trn
14Jun26 ³ LRL ⁶	1	Billionaires Row (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	123	L b	1	5	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹ 2	4 ¹ 3/4	5.52	ins,2p1/4,bmpd1/16
25Jun26 ⁷ CNL ⁴	7	Doctor Jeff (Rodriguez, Jaime)	121	L b	6	4	4 ^{Head}	5 ¹ 1/2	5 ¹ 2	5 ¹ 2	10.59	2p turn,4p1/4,no kick
20Jun26 ¹ BAQ ⁶	8	Niagara Skyline (Ortiz, Jose)	123	L	7	2	3 ²	3 ¹	4 ¹ 2	6 ² 1/2	9.39	outside,3p trn,no kick
14Jun26 ⁶ BAQ ³	3	Trust Issues (Silvera, Ruben)	123	L b	3	7	7	7	7	7	26.17	off slow,2path turn

Fractional Times: 21.60 44.02 55.81

Final Time: 1:01.91 **Time from Gate:** 1:05.28

Split Times: (22:42) (11:79) (6:10)

Run-Up: 95 feet **Temporary Rail:** 12 feet

Winner: Vacation Dance, Gray or Roan Horse, by The Lieutenant out of Matinee Express, by Zensational. Foaled Apr 04, 2020 in New York.

Breeder: Harry Landry & James Hogan

Owner: Noda Brothers LLC and Fanelli, John

Trainer: Noda, Orlando

1 Claimed Horse(s): Billionaires Row New Trainer: Ilkay Kantarmaci New Owner: Sanford J. Goldfarb

Claiming Prices: 1 - Billionaires Row: \$50,000; 7 - Doctor Jeff: \$50,000; 8 - Niagara Skyline: \$50,000; 3 - Trust Issues: \$50,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Kid Billy (Main-Track-Only), Mischievous M (Main-Track-Only), Shefflin (RegVet-Injured)

Total WPS Pool: \$484,033

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Vacation Dance	15.88	6.24	3.22	\$1.00 Exacta	4-2	28.92	365,458
2	Fluid Situation		3.80	2.50	\$1.00 Quinella	2-4	9.94	13,862
5	Son of a Birch			2.56	\$0.50 Trifecta	4-2-5	32.67	155,634
					\$1.00 Daily Double	4-4	27.66	181,248
					\$0.10 Superfecta	4-2-5-1	25.26	73,735

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
4	Vacation Dance	3	5 ⁵ 1/2	4 ⁶	3 ³	1 ¹ 2
2	Fluid Situation	1	1 ²	1 ³ 1/2	1 ² 1/2	2 ¹ 2
5	Son of a Birch	6	6 ⁷	6 ⁸	6 ⁵	3 ¹ 2
1	Billionaires Row	5	2 ²	2 ³ 1/2	2 ² 1/2	4 ²
7	Doctor Jeff	4	4 ⁵ 1/2	5 ⁶ 1/2	5 ⁴ 1/2	5 ³ 3/4
8	Niagara Skyline	2	3 ³ 1/2	3 ⁵	4 ⁴	6 ⁴ 1/4
3	Trust Issues	7	7 ⁸ 1/2	7 ¹¹ 1/2	7 ¹⁰ 1/2	7 ⁶ 3/4

Trainers: 4 - Noda, Orlando; 2 - Maker, Michael; 5 - Falcone, Jr., Robert; 1 - Trombetta, Michael; 7 - Magee, Kieron; 8 - Abreu, Fernando; 3 - Charlerie, Gregory

Owners: 4 - Noda Brothers LLC and Fanelli, John; 2 - Staudacher, David and Paradise Farms Corp.; 5 -Robert Lambe; 1 - Live Oak Plantation; 7 -Gokmen Kaya; 8 - Paterpop Racing, Penn, John B. and Oh Happy Days Stable; 3 - In Front Racing Stables;

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VACATION DANCE settled comfortably off the pace, saved ground on the turn, was asked for his best in upper stretch, rallied inside into the final furlong, moved out under a left-handed crop while gaining coming to the sixteenth-pole, espied a small seam between horses at that juncture, bumped with BILLIONAIRES ROW into the final sixteenth and got up to prevail. FLUID SITUATION went to the front then opened up a clear advantage, traveled around the turn in the two path, was asked after turning into the stretch, came under a right-handed crop inside the furlong marker, led into the final sixteenth but was caught while just able to get the place. SON OF A BIRCH broke a step slow, was urged along towards the rear, raced inside to the two path on the turn, angled out under a drive in upper stretch, rallied outside in the final furlong and closed fast to just miss the place while clear for the show. BILLIONAIRES ROW broke a half-step slow, moved up under coaxing to race in the second flight, chased inside on the turn, came off the rail into the stretch, moved out a bit more while in pursuit of the leader in upper stretch, gained on the pacesetter coming to the sixteenth-pole, had the lean in trying to prevent the winner from finding a seam at that juncture and bumped with that opponent then was out-kicked. DOCTOR JEFF was urged along in the second flight on the outside, dropped back in the two path on the turn, came into the stretch in the four path and lacked the needed kick. NIAGARA SKYLINE was hustled from the gate then urged along on the outside, went around the turn in the three path, turned into upper stretch under a drive and lacked the needed response. TRUST ISSUES was off slow and spotted the front a few lengths, settled at the rear, traveled around the turn in the two path and was no factor. FOLLOWING A STEWARDS' INQUIRY INTO THE STRETCH RUN, NO CHANGE WAS MADE TO THE ORDER OF FINISH

