

SARATOGA - July 30, 2026 - Race 2

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred
FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD FOALED IN NEW YORK STATE AND APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE-BRED
REGISTRY. Weight, 123 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of \$55,000 Or Less In The Last 3 Starts Preferred). (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 27 feet). (S)
Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt - Originally Scheduled For 5 1/2 Furlongs On Turf **Current Track Record:**
(Motivated Seller - 1:02.48 - September 2, 2021)

Purse: \$115,000
Available Money: \$115,000
Value of Race: \$106,950 1st \$63,250, 2nd \$23,000, 3rd \$13,800, 4th \$6,900
Weather: Showery, 73° **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)
Off at: 1:48 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
---	12	Midnight Raider (Elliott, Christopher)	123	--	4 4	4	4	4	1 ² 1/4	4.97	ins-2p turn,angled out
12Jul26 ¹ SAR ⁸	10	Never Before (Alvarado, Junior)	123	b	3 1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	2 ¹ 3/4	6.68	2p turn,led past1/16
---	8	Smooth Authority (Zayas, Edgard)	123	b	2 2	2 ¹	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Neck}	6.95	fractious gate,3p,wknd
---	2	Honest Won (Carmouche, Kendrick)	123	b	1 3	3 ⁹	3 ⁸	3 ²	4	0.30*	stdy4-1/2,stdy1/8,altr

Fractional Times: 22.49 46.40 59.84 **Final Time:** 1:06.53 **Time from Gate:** 1:08.81
Split Times: (23:91) (13:44) (6:69)
Run-Up: 55 feet

Winner: Midnight Raider, Bay Colt, by Hard Spun out of Theyplayingoursong, by Songandaprayer. Foaled May 04, 2024 in New York.
Breeder: The New Hill Farm
Owner: Richard Greeley
Trainer: Friedman, Mitchell

Scratched Horse(s): Autospell (Off-Turf), Bet On Zion (Off-Turf), Fire Marshal (Off-Turf), Gaynor (Off-Turf), Ninuccio (Stewards), Scramjet (Stewards), Solo Stryker (Off-Turf), Top Thriller (Off-Turf)

Total WPS Pool: \$210,869

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
12	Midnight Raider	11.94	7.28	\$1.00 Exacta	12-10	27.65	124,362
10	Never Before		8.08	\$1.00 Quinella	10-12	10.93	3,586
8	Smooth Authority			\$1.00 Daily Double	4-12	32.05	92,202
				\$1.00 Consolation Double	4-3	5.16	0

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
12	Midnight Raider	4	4 ¹⁰ 1/2	4 ¹⁰	4 ³ 1/2	1 ² 1/4
10	Never Before	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	2 ² 1/4
8	Smooth Authority	2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	3 ⁴
2	Honest Won	3	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ²	3 ¹ 1/2	4 ⁴ 1/4

Trainers: 12 - Friedman, Mitchell; 10 - Englehart, Chris; 8 - Giddings, Melanie; 2 - Gargan, Danny

Owners: 12 -Richard Greeley; 10 - Wachtel Stable; 8 -Jacob A. Wells; 2 - Sackatoga Stable;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MIDNIGHT RAIDER was carried out at the start, dropped well behind under urging, moved in leaving the backstretch, raced inside to the two path on the turn, angled out while gaining in upper stretch, rallied outside into the final furlong, closed strongly under a left-handed crop to get the lead just inside the sixteenth-pole, pricked his ears then lugged in after getting to the front and went clear under extra right-rein pressure to the finish. NEVER BEFORE broke out but was away fast then hustled, angled in early then showed the way off the inside, went around the turn in the two path, was asked near the five-sixteenths pole, came under a right-handed crop while remaining on his inside lead in upper stretch, swapped to the proper lead outside the furlong marker then was switched to a left-handed crop, led into the final sixteenth but was overtaken while clear for the place. SMOOTH AUTHORITY was fractious in the gate, broke in then was hustled, chased outside the leader after that rival crossed in front, made a bid leaving the backstretch, vied in the three path on the turn, turned into upper stretch under a drive, came out some under a left-handed crop outside the furlong marker, dropped in a bit around the furlong marker and weakened but just held for third purse money. HONEST WON was carried in at the start then drifted further in, moved up under urging then steadied behind the pacesetter at the nine-sixteenths pole, picked up the pursuit of the leader shortly thereafter, moved from the rail to the four path on the turn then dropped back to the inside late on that bend, came off the rail while chasing in upper stretch, steadied off the heels of the leader again near the furlong marker then altered to the inside and tired.