

SARATOGA - July 31, 2026 - Race 1

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred
(UP TO \$20,010 NYSBFOA) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 123 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of \$55,000 Or Less In The Last 5 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).

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: Clear, 80° Track: Fast

Off at: 1:13 Start: Good for all 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
---	1	Wood Island (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	123	--	1	1	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ³	1 ^{1 1/2}	0.47*	2p-ins turn,responded
---	3	Jackpot Jackie (Prat, Flavien)	123	--	2	2	4	4	2 ^{3 1/2}	2 ¹⁰	2.01	bmp brk,ins trn,2p3/16
---	5	Mambo Jazz (Cecil, Kim)	123	--	3	3	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ²	3 ⁸	18.94	bmp brk,3-2p turn,wknd
12Jul26 ⁴ SAR ⁹	6	Zodiac Warrior (Elliott, Christopher)	123	b	4	4	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	4	4	6.53	out,4-3path turn,tired

Fractional Times: 23.10 47.49 59.58 Final Time: 1:06.17 Time from Gate: 1:08.54

Split Times: (24:39) (12:09) (6:59)

Run-Up: 55 feet

Winner: Wood Island, Bay Colt, by Jackie's Warrior out of Chilly Fashion, by Artie Schiller. Foaled Mar 28, 2024 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Machmer Hall

Owner: Smart Choice Stable

Trainer: Weaver, George

Scratched Horse(s): River of Deceit (Off-Turf), The Devil in Me (RegVet-Unsound), Without Hesitation (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$224,871

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Wood Island	2.94	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	1-3	2.21	112,259
3	Jackpot Jackie		2.14				
5	Mambo Jazz						

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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1	Wood Island	1	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ³	1 ^{1 1/2}
3	Jackpot Jackie	2	4 ²	4 ²	2 ³	2 ^{1 1/2}
5	Mambo Jazz	3	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{6 1/2}	3 ^{11 1/2}
6	Zodiac Warrior	4	3 ²	3 ²	4 ^{8 1/2}	4 ^{19 1/2}

Trainers: 1 - Weaver, George; 3 - Pletcher, Todd; 5 - Gutierrez-Herrera, Jaime; 6 - Ryerson, James

Owners: 1 - Smart Choice Stable; 3 -Mark D. Breen; 5 -Jaime Gutierrez-Herrera; 6 - DiRico Racing and Breeding LLC;

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WOOD ISLAND came away in good order then quickly darted clear, showed the way while two path to the inside, responded well when asked coming to the three-sixteenths pole, accelerated further clear into the final furlong, maintained a three length margin into the final sixteenth and held under a strong hand-ride to the finish. JACKPOT JACKIE broke out and bumped with MAMBO JAZZ, angled in under urging at the rear then settled into stride, drafted inside on the turn, was asked once straightened into the stretch, came off the rail shortly thereafter, pursued the winner under a drive into the final sixteenth, gained willingly on that opponent late and was well clear for the place. MAMBO JAZZ was bumped at the start, raced inside of a foe while urged along under extra right-rein pressure, chased in the three to two path on the turn, dropped back while remaining on his inside lead in upper stretch and tired. ZODIAC WARRIOR was urged along on the outside, chased in the four to three path on the turn, dropped back in upper stretch and capitulated.