

SARATOGA - July 31, 2026 - Race 7

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$16,000 OR LESS SINCE JANUARY 31, 2025 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$20,000. Weight, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since January 31, 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$20,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (C) **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: \$52,000
Available Money: \$52,000
Value of Race: \$52,000 1st \$28,600, 2nd \$10,400, 3rd \$6,240, 4th \$3,120, 5th \$2,080, 6th \$1,560
Weather: Cloudy, 81° **Track:** Good
Off at: 4:39 **Start:** Good for all **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
3Jul26 ⁶ SAR ¹	1	Metatron's Muse (Ortiz, Jose)	123	L	1	4	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ³	5 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/4}	6.67	ins-2p,5p1/4,rallied
25Jun26 ⁶ BAQ ¹	2	Secured Landing (Carmouche, Kendrick)	123	L b	2	3	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ²	6.77	inside,fought,outfnshd
6Jun26 ⁵ LS ¹	6	Calibrate (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	123	L bf	6	2	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Nose}	2.21	3-4p trns,bid3/16,wknd
28Jun26 ⁹ BAQ ⁵	5	Sharp Spark (Franco, Manuel)	123	L bf	5	6	5 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ²	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{2 3/4}	6.43	hrd to load,3-4p,6p1/4
16Jul26 ³ SAR ³	8	Smilensaycheese (Davis, Katie)	121	L b	7	5	7	7	6 ^{3 1/2}	6	5 ²	27.32	veer out st,4p trns,7p
28Jun26 ⁹ BAQ ³	4	Sara's Shaman (Gonzalez, Silvestre)	121	L	4	1	2 ^{5 1/2}	2 ⁴	2 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	6	23.99	outside,2-3path,empty
20Jun26 ⁹ LRC ³	3	Coach Cronin (Prat, Flavien)	123	L	3	7	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ²	7	---	---	1.43*	through after 1/2,easd

Fractional Times: 23.18 47.12 1:11.25 1:37.42 **Final Time:** 1:50.92 **Time from Gate:** 1:54.07
Split Times: (23:94) (24:13) (26:17) (13:50)
Run-Up: 84 feet

Winner: Metatron's Muse, Chestnut Gelding, by Flatter out of Countess Curlin, by Curlin. Foaled May 08, 2020 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC
Owner: Mertkan Kantarmaci
Trainer: Kantarmaci, Mertkan

1 Claimed Horse(s): **Metatron's Muse** New Trainer: Gustavo Rodriguez New Owner: Novak Stable, Inc.

Claiming Prices: 1 - Metatron's Muse: \$20,000; 8 - Smilensaycheese: \$20,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Hey Toby (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$554,623

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Metatron's Muse	15.34	6.40	3.66	\$1.00 Exacta	1-2	39.87	408,243
2	Secured Landing		7.04	4.32	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-2-6	57.77	191,137
6	Calibrate			3.06	\$1.00 Daily Double	8-1	101.86	72,748
					\$1.00 Pick 3	4-8-1 (3 correct)	567.17	88,825
					\$0.50 Pick 4	1/8-4-8-1 (4 correct)	1,053.00	155,483
					\$0.50 Pick 5	2-1/8-4-8-1 (5 correct)	6,058.55	313,650
					\$1.00 Consolation Pick 3	4-7-1 (3 correct)	40.79	0
					\$0.10 Superfecta	1-2-6-5	48.51	116,697

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1	Metatron's Muse	4	6 ^{10 1/2}	6 ⁹	5 ^{8 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/4}
2	Secured Landing	3	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/4}
6	Calibrate	2	3 ⁶	3 ⁴	3 ³	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{3 1/4}
5	Sharp Spark	6	5 ¹⁰	4 ^{6 1/2}	4 ^{6 1/2}	4 ²	4 ^{3 1/4}
8	Smilensaycheese	5	7 ¹²	7 ¹²	6 ¹²	6 ^{5 3/4}	5 ⁶
4	Sara's Shaman	1	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	5 ^{2 1/4}	6 ⁸
3	Coach Cronin	7	4 ^{8 1/2}	5 ⁷	7 ^{15 1/2}	---	---

Trainers: 1 - Kantarmaci, Mertkan; 2 - Rice, Linda; 6 - Diodoro, Robertino; 5 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay; 8 - DeLauro, Edward; 4 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay; 3 - Hess, Jr., Robert

Owners: 1 -Mertkan Kantarmaci; 2 -Linda Rice; 6 - Breakwater Stable, Exelby, Randy, Mayo, Tom and Diodoro, Robertino; 5 -Ilkay Kantarmaci; 8 -Neal Hayias; 4 -Ilkay Kantarmaci; 3 - Paradise Farms Corp.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

METATRON'S MUSE saved ground on the first turn, settled off the pace, was roused while inside to the two path on the far turn, rallied in the five path into the stretch, drifted out while making a bid outside the furlong marker then took the lead, drifted in under a right-handed crop outside the sixteenth-pole and held under steady urging. SECURED LANDING was hustled from the gate, showed the way on the inside, was asked on the far turn, lost the advantage under a drive in upper stretch, fought on in the final furlong but was outfinished while clear for the place. CALIBRATE raced in the three path on the first turn, settled in a good position in third place, gained in the three path on the far turn then moved to the four path late on that bend, made a bid into upper stretch, battled under a drive into the final furlong, dropped back into the final sixteenth and weakened but just earned the show then pulled up in some heat-distress after the race. SHARP SPARK was reluctant to load, went around the first turn in the three path, settled on the outside, was urged along late on the backstretch, moved closer in the three then four path on the far turn, turned into the stretch in the six path while under a drive, chased into the final furlong and lacked the needed kick then just missed the show. SMILENSAYCHEESE veered out at the start, raced in the four path on the first turn, settled at the rear, was urged along in the four path on the final turn, came into the stretch in the seven path and failed to threaten. SARA'S SHAMAN was hustled from the gate, prompted the pace on the outside in the two to three path, was asked on the far turn, dropped back under a drive in upper stretch and came up empty. COACH CRONIN went around the first turn in the two path, was urged along on the backstretch, faltered late on the backstretch, fell well behind on the far turn and was eased but walked off.

