

SARATOGA - August 1, 2026 - Race 11

ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD FOALED IN NEW YORK STATE AND APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE-BRED REGISTRY WHICH HAVE NEVER WON \$22,000 OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, OR STARTER OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of \$35,000 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). (SNW1\$ X)

Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Turf Current Track Record: (Cogburn - 59.80 - June 8, 2024)

Purse: \$105,000

Available Money: \$105,000

Value of Race: \$105,000 1st \$57,750, 2nd \$21,000, 3rd \$12,600, 4th \$6,300, 5th \$4,200, 6th \$788, 7th \$788, 8th \$788, 9th \$786

Weather: Cloudy, 82° Track: Firm

Off at: 6:24 Start: Good for all except 8 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
11Jun26 ¹ SA ¹	9	Dakota Country (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	126 L b	9	7	7 ¹	7 ²	4 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2.43*	8w upper, just up
9Jul26 ⁸ SAR ²	2	Joker On Fire (Lezcano, Jose)	126 L	2	6	6 ³	5 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Nose}	3.51	5w uppr, led, nailed
20Jun26 ⁷ BAQ ²	1	Illmatic (Prat, Flavien) 	122 L	1	3	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{Head}	3 ^{2 1/4}	2.46	boxed ins to ins 1/8p
4Jul26 ⁶ SAR ¹¹	4	Van Vollenhoven (Davis, Dylan)	126 L	4	1	4 ¹	3 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	12.22	3w uppr, led, wknd lte
4Jul26 ⁶ SAR ²	7	Rhyton (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	126 L	7	5	5 ^{1/2}	6 ²	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{2 1/4}	8.68	6w upper, no headway
29Jun26 ³ FL ¹	5	Blamicker (Carmouche, Kendrick)	126 L f	5	4	1 ¹	1 ¹	2 ^{Head}	6 ^{1/2}	18.49	in hand ins, weakened
4Jul26 ⁶ SAR ⁸	8	Diliello (Alvarado, Junior)	122 L	8	8	8 ²	8 ^{2 1/2}	8 ^{2 1/2}	7 ²	38.64	stumbled st, no rally
4Jul26 ⁶ SAR ³	3	Mozambique (Rodriguez, Jaime)	126 L b	3	9	9	9	9	8 ^{1/2}	23.20	4-5w upper, no impact
4Jul26 ⁶ SAR ⁷	6	King Puck (Ortiz, Jose)	126 L b	6	2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	7 ^{2 1/2}	9	9.84	chased 3-2w, weakened

Fractional Times: 22.60 46.06 57.65

Final Time: 1:03.63 Time from Gate: 1:05.91

Split Times: (23:46) (11:59) (5:98)

Run-Up: 52 feet Temporary Rail: 27 feet

Winner: Dakota Country, Bay Gelding, by Mucho Macho Man out of Dakota Kid, by Lemon Drop Kid. Foaled May 20, 2021 in New York.

Breeder: Ronald L. Bowden Living Trust

Owner: Paradise Farms Corp., Valente, Roddy J. and Adams, Daniel R.

Trainer: Hess, Jr., Robert

Scratched Horse(s): B Provocateur (Main-Track-Only), Leo's Reward (Main-Track-Only)

Total WPS Pool: \$907,002

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
9	Dakota Country	6.86	3.60	2.94	\$1.00 Exacta	9-2	13.02	735,680
2	Joker On Fire		4.22	3.00	\$0.50 Trifecta	9-2-1	15.37	359,540
1	Illmatic			2.98	\$0.10 Superfecta	9-2-1-4	25.52	185,644
					\$1.00 Pick 3	6-3-9 (3 correct)	28.86	127,024
					\$0.50 Pick 5	(X-COUNTRY P5)	600.08	46,596
						4-4-6-3-9 (5 correct)		
					\$1.00 Daily Double	3-9	11.03	190,839
					\$1.00 Grand Slam	6/10/11-1/6/7/8/10/11-3/4/5-9 (4 correct)	106.85	80,125

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
9	Dakota Country	7	7 ^{6 1/2}	7 ^{5 3/4}	4 ^{3/4}	1 ^{Head}
2	Joker On Fire	6	6 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}
1	Illmatic	3	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ²	6 ^{1 1/4}	3 ^{Head}
4	Van Vollenhoven	1	4 ²	3 ²	1 ^{Head}	4 ^{2 1/2}
7	Rhyton	5	5 ³	6 ^{3 3/4}	5 ^{1 1/4}	5 ^{2 1/2}
5	Blamicker	4	1 ¹	1 ¹	2 ^{Head}	6 ^{4 3/4}
8	Diliello	8	8 ^{7 1/2}	8 ^{7 3/4}	8 ⁴	7 ^{5 1/4}
3	Mozambique	9	9 ^{9 1/2}	9 ^{10 1/4}	9 ^{6 1/2}	8 ^{7 1/4}
6	King Puck	2	2 ¹	2 ¹	7 ^{1 1/2}	9 ^{7 3/4}

Trainers: 9 - Hess, Jr., Robert; 2 - Levine, Bruce; 1 - Clement, Miguel; 4 - Duggan, David; 7 - Clement, Miguel; 5 - Englehart, Chris; 8 - Morley, Thomas; 3 - Rodriguez, Rudy; 6 - Maker, Michael

Owners: 9 - Paradise Farms Corp., Valente, Roddy J. and Adams, Daniel R.; 2 - Blue Water Stables; 1 - Adelphi Racing Club and LJSS Thoroughbreds; 4 - Heronwood Racing Partnership; 7 - West Point Thoroughbreds, Hertrich III, Frederick and Backstretch Seven Racing; 5 - My Purple Haze Stables; 8 - Twin Sports Racing, Cypresshead Racing, LLC and Let's Go Racing; 3 - Rodriguez, Rudy R., GRC Racing LLC and Take a Shot Stables; 6 - Three Diamonds Farm;

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DAKOTA COUNTRY chased two to three paths off the inside down the backstretch, tucked inside into the turn and came under coaxing near the quarter pole, went eight wide into upper stretch, dug in under a drive rallying through the final furlong knocking heads late with JOKER ON FIRE and was just up on the wire. JOKER ON FIRE broke out at the start trading a bump with MOZAMBIQUE, chased along the inside coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, angled five wide into upper stretch, rallied to take command just inside the eighth pole, dug in head to head with the top one late and was nailed on the line. ILLMATIC tracked the pace along the inside continuing along the inside route into upper stretch, paused in behind the leader BLAMICKER with KING PUCK to his outside with nowhere to go but remain boxed along the rail until gaining clearance just inside the eighth pole, tipped out roused for the remainder of the stretch and closed with a rush to just miss for the it all at the end. VAN VOLLENHOVEN two to three wide in pursuit from just off the pace, came under a ride near the quarter pole and spun three wide into upper stretch, rallied to take command at the eighth pole, got displaced just inside that station, then weakened in the late stages. RHYTON coaxed from the gate, chased three then two wide under encouragement from the five-sixteenths marker, angled six wide into upper stretch, made no headway. BLAMICKER coaxed from the start, showed the way in hand along the inside, got let out taking the inside route into upper stretch, dug in under threat and was caught a furlong out, weakened through to the finish. DILIELLO stumbled at the start, chased three then two wide under urging from the five-sixteenths pole, angled six wide into upper stretch, had no rally. MOZAMBIQUE broke in at the start trading a bump with

JOKER ON FIRE, chased two to three wide until tucked inside into the turn, came under a ride with five-sixteenths to go, swung four to five wide for home and made no impact. Following a saddle adjustment behind the gate, KING PUCK chased three then two wide coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, cornered just off the inside into upper stretch, weakened in the final furlong.

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