

SARATOGA - August 1, 2026 - Race 7

ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred
(UP TO \$20,880 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON \$22,000 OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of \$40,000 Or Less In The Last 5 Starts Preferred). (NW1\$ X)
Distance: One And One Eighth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Lawyer Ron - 1:46.64 - July 28, 2007)
Purse: \$120,000
Available Money: \$120,000
Value of Race: \$120,000 1st \$66,000, 2nd \$24,000, 3rd \$14,400, 4th \$7,200, 5th \$4,800, 6th \$1,800, 7th \$1,800
Weather: Clear, 83° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 3:57 **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
27Jun26 ² CD ¹	1	Sassmaster (Prat, Flavien)	121	L	1	5	3 ¹	4 ^{Head}	4 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1.57*	4w upper, inched away
25Jun26 ² CD ²	6	Expect the Best (Santana, Jr., Ricardo) 	126	L b	6	4	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	18.95	led ins 5/16,fought on
18Jul26 ² MTH ⁴	3	Thunderously (Alvarado, Junior)	121	L	3	2	5 ^{Head}	6 ¹	5 ^{Head}	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{7 3/4}	7.10	3w upper, ran on
25Jun26 ⁶ CNL ²	5	Statesman (Zayas, Edgard)	126	L	5	7	7	7	7	5 ²	4 ^{2 1/4}	22.96	4w bid, passed tired
29May26 ⁷ GP ⁵	2	Hop Sing (Carmouche, Kendrick)	126	L	2	1	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{Nose}	7.61	stumbled st, tired
19Jul26 ⁸ SAR ²	8	Iron Dome (Saez, Luis)	126	L	7	3	6 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	6 ^{Head}	6 ¹	6 ¹	2.91	4-3w 1st turn, tired
21Mar26 ¹² FG ⁴	4	Universe (Ortiz, Jose)	121	L b	4	6	4 ^{Head}	3 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	7	7	3.64	3-2w 1st turn, tired

Fractional Times: 23.26 47.51 1:11.53 1:36.97 **Final Time:** 1:49.80 **Time from Gate:** 1:52.85
Split Times: (24:25) (24:02) (25:44) (12:83)
Run-Up: 85 feet

Winner: Sassmaster, Bay Colt, by Curlin out of Sass and Class, by Harlan's Holiday. Foaled Apr 09, 2023 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC
Owner: Mark D. Breen
Trainer: Pletcher, Todd

Scratched Horse(s): C McGriff (Stewards), Minorinconvenience (Stewards), Pagode (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$1,117,685

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Sassmaster	5.14	3.42	2.92	\$1.00 Exacta	1-6	37.15	680,381
6	Expect the Best		10.86	4.96	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-6-3	87.38	284,832
3	Thunderously			5.30	\$1.00 Daily Double	3-1	14.00	147,090
					\$1.00 Pick 3	8-3-1 (3 correct)	38.79	148,172
					\$0.50 Pick 4	7-8-3-1/7/9/10 (4 correct)	618.84	291,291
					\$0.50 Pick 5	2-7-8-3-1/7/9/10 (5 correct)	2,590.71	391,424
					\$0.10 Superfecta	1-6-3-5	76.61	139,352

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1	Sassmaster	5	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹
6	Expect the Best	4	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹
3	Thunderously	2	5 ^{2 3/4}	6 ^{2 1/4}	5 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}
5	Statesman	7	7 ^{3 3/4}	7 ^{3 1/4}	7 ^{2 3/4}	5 ⁴	4 ^{10 1/4}
2	Hop Sing	1	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	4 ⁴	5 ^{12 1/2}
8	Iron Dome	3	6 ^{2 3/4}	5 ^{1 3/4}	6 ^{2 3/4}	6 ⁶	6 ^{12 1/2}
4	Universe	6	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	7 ⁷	7 ^{13 1/2}

Trainers: 1 - Pletcher, Todd; 6 - Moquett, Ron; 3 - Mott, William; 5 - McGaughy III, Claude; 2 - Summers, Chad; 8 - Asmussen, Steven; 4 - McPeck, Kenneth

Owners: 1 -Mark D. Breen; 6 - Sparks, William S., Monroe, Chris, Patterson, Trey, Patterson, Ty and Johnston, Keith F.; 3 - Wathnan Racing; 5 - West Point Thoroughbreds, Woodford Racing LLC and CJ Stables; 2 - Gold Square LLC and Bobo, Tami; 8 - L and N Racing LLC and Broman, Sr., Chester; 4 - Four G Racing LLC, Day, Gregg, Crain, Steven and Magdalena Racing (Sherri McPeck);

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SASSMASTER coaxed from the gate, knocked heads briefly for the front before easing off to chase along the inside through the first turn and then two to three paths off the inside down the backstretch, went just off the inside through the far turn coming under encouragement with five-sixteenths to go, angled four wide into upper stretch, rallied to take command just outside the eighth pole, dug in to inch away in the late stages. EXPECT THE BEST raced four then three wide through the first turn, prompted the leader from the outside three paths off the rail down the backstretch and three wide through the far turn advancing to take command inside five-sixteenths remaining, spun three wide into upper stretch, dug in under threat and was caught just outside the eighth pole, battled on to the finish to safely secure the place honors. THUNDEROUSLY just off the inside through the first turn, chased three to four paths off the rail down the backstretch, tucked inside half a mile from home, came under coaxing near the quarter pole and spun three wide into upper stretch, ran on to secure the show honors while well clear of the rest. STATESMAN raced just off the inside through the first turn, then chased five then four wide commencing a four wide inside three furlongs to run through the latter portion of the far turn to reach contention swinging six to seven wide into upper stretch, couldn't sustain the move straightened away into upper stretch having passed tired rivals and kept on to the finish for the last major share. HOP SING stumbled at the break but broke on top despite it, cut the pace just off the inside under pressure from EXPECT THE BEST to the outside, came under a ride near the five-sixteenths, yielded the front inside that station and continued just off the inside at the top of the stretch, then tired through to the finish. IRON DOME coaxed from the gate, raced five wide into the first turn and then four then three wide through that bend, chased four to five paths off the inside down the backstretch, tucked three wide through the far turn and was ridden along with seven-sixteenths to go, continued three wide into upper stretch and tired. UNIVERSE three then two wide through the first turn, chased four then three wide under light coaxing midway on the far turn, tipped five wide into upper stretch and tired.

