

SARATOGA - August 2, 2026 - Race 3

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$16,000 OR LESS SINCE FEBRUARY 2, 2025 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$20,000. Weight, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since February 2, 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$20,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). New York Bred Claiming Price \$25,000. (C) **Claiming Price:** \$20,000

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Imperial Hint - 1:07.92 - July 27, 2019)

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 \$520, 7th \$520, 8th \$520

Weather: Cloudy, 82° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:21 **Start:** Good for all except 7 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
23Jul26 ³ SAR ²	2	Norwich (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	121	L b	2	4	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ²	1 ^{Nose}	2.83	prompted, duel, game
7Jun26 ⁹ SAR ²	5	Shoot the Nickel (Prat, Flavien)	123	L	5	2	7 ³ 1/2	6 ¹ /2	6 ² 1/2	2 ¹ /2	2.89	3w 1/4, surged, missed
9Jul26 ⁷ SAR ⁷	1	Burninhunkoflove (Ortiz, Jose)	121	L b	1	3	1 ¹ /2	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ²	6.70	led, dueled, fought on
26Jul26 ⁷ SAR ⁶	3	Conniving (Davis, Katie)	121	L bf	3	5	3 ^{Head}	4 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹ /2	4 ³ /4	41.50	bump after st, ran on
16Jul26 ³ SAR ¹	8	Kunshan Bridge (Franco, Manuel)	123	L b	8	1	5 ¹	5 ¹	5 ^{Head}	5 ² 1/4	12.92	4-5w uppr, no headway
9Jul26 ⁷ SAR ⁵	4	Stewie (Rodriguez, Jaime)	121	L b	4	6	4 ¹	3 ^{Head}	4 ¹ 1/2	6 ¹ 3/4	28.76	bmp after st, wknd lte
18Jul26 ¹⁰ SAR ⁴	6	Jackson Heights (Gonzalez, Silvestre)	121	L b	6	7	8	8	8	7 ³ 3/4	17.49	7-8w upper, no impact
3Jul26 ³ PID ¹	7	Willie Bird (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	123	L b	7	8	6 ¹ /2	7 ⁴	7 ³	8	1.77*	lunge, brushed start

Fractional Times: 22.68 45.71 57.76

Final Time: 1:10.59 **Time from Gate:** 1:12.94

Split Times: (23:03) (12:05) (12:83)

Run-Up: 52 feet

Winner: Norwich, Chestnut Gelding, by Munnings out of Above the Crowd, by Discreetly Mine. Foaled Mar 08, 2021 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Susan King

Owner: PlayingTheField Racing, Final Turn Racing Stable, LLC and Acqua Nova Stable

Trainer: Abreu, Fernando

Claiming Prices: 4 - Stewie: \$25,000; 6 - Jackson Heights: \$25,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$543,436

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Norwich	7.66	3.74	3.02	\$1.00 Exacta	2-5	15.36	431,572
5	Shoot the Nickel		3.64	2.68	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-5-1	32.31	191,887
1	Burninhunkoflove			4.14	\$1.00 Pick 3	8-2-2 (3 correct)	19.72	168,969
					\$1.00 Daily Double	2-2	6.22	84,649
					\$0.10 Superfecta	2-5-1-3	36.22	105,575

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
2	Norwich	4	2 ¹ /2	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Nose}
5	Shoot the Nickel	2	7 ⁴	6 ³ 3/4	6 ⁴ 1/4	2 ^{Nose}
1	Burninhunkoflove	3	1 ¹ /2	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ¹ /2
3	Conniving	5	3 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹ 1/4	3 ²	4 ² 1/2
8	Kunshan Bridge	1	5 ² 1/2	5 ² 3/4	5 ⁴	5 ³ 1/4
4	Stewie	6	4 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹	4 ² 1/2	6 ⁵ 1/2
6	Jackson Heights	7	8 ⁷ 1/2	8 ⁸ 1/4	8 ⁹ 3/4	7 ⁷ 1/4
7	Willie Bird	8	6 ³ 1/2	7 ⁴ 1/4	7 ⁶ 3/4	8 ¹¹

Trainers: 2 - Abreu, Fernando; 5 - Rice, Linda; 1 - Noda, Orlando; 3 - Keithan, Rachael; 8 - Kantarmaci, Mertkan; 4 - Friedman, Mitchell; 6 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay; 7 - Rivelli, Larry

Owners: 2 - PlayingTheField Racing, Final Turn Racing Stable, LLC and Acqua Nova Stable; 5 - Rice, Linda and Bruce Golden Racing; 1 - Noda Brothers LLC; 3 - Rachael Keithan; 8 - Mertkan Kantarmaci; 4 - Vallyn Stables; 6 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay, Zilla Racing Stables, Acqua Nova Stable and Forst, Steven; 7 - Carolyn Wilson;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

NORWICH coaxed from the gate, prompted the leader from the outside, four paths off the rail down the backstretch, tucked to the two path through the turn and advanced to duel from the three-eighths pole, spun two to three wide into upper stretch, continued to knock heads through the stretch taking narrow command a sixteenth out, dug in gamely between foes late and just held on to score. SHOOT THE NICKEL broke in at the start bumping STEWIE into CONNIVING, chased five paths off the inside down the backstretch and then just off the inside through the turn coming under encouragement with five-sixteenths to run, spun three wide into upper stretch, dug in under a drive and got on track nearing the sixteenth marker, surged late and just missed on the wire. BURNINHUNKOFLOVE coaxed from the gate, showed the way in hand just off the inside under some pressure from NORWICH to the outside, tucked inside through the turn and came under increased pressure engaged in head to head combat from three furlongs out, took the inside route into upper stretch under a drive, dug in and was narrowly headed a sixteenth out, fought on inside the top pair through the final sixteenth to the finish. CONNIVING got bumped after the start by STEWIE due to pressure from SHOOT THE NICKEL breaking inwards, chased three then two wide patiently handled until set down spinning just off the inside into upper stretch, ran on through to the end. KUNSHAN BRIDGE chased six to seven paths off the rail down the backstretch and then three wide through the turn coaxed along with seven-sixteenths remaining, angled four to five wide into upper stretch, made no headway. STEWIE got bumped after the start by SHOOT THE NICKEL and in turn bumped CONNIVING, chased six paths off the inside down the backstretch and then three wide through the turn, went four wide at the top of the stretch and weakened in the late stages. JACKSON HEIGHTS broke out at the start brushing WILLIE BIRD, chased two to three wide under a ride from three furlongs out, went seven to eight wide into upper stretch, made no impact. WILLIE BIRD a bit fractious in the gate prior to the start, lunged at the break and was brushed by JACKSON HEIGHTS getting away last, chased seven paths off the inside down the backstretch and then three wide through the turn, went eight wide at the head of the stretch, made no impact.

