

SARATOGA - August 5, 2026 - Race 1

STAKES A. P. Smithwick Memorial H. Grade 1 - Thoroughbred
TO BE RUN OVER NATIONAL FENCES A HANDICAP HURDLE FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Lasix not permitted within 48 hours of post time pursuant to NYSGC 4043.2 (7)(e)(5). Closed Saturday, July 25th with 9 Nominations.

Distance: Two And Three Eighth Miles On The Hurdle **Current Track Record:** (Hokan - 4:12.04 - August 27, 1998)

Purse: \$150,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$150,000

Value of Race: \$150,000 1st \$90,000, 2nd \$27,000, 3rd \$15,000, 4th \$10,500, 5th \$7,500

Weather: Clear, 80° Track: Firm

Off at: 1:10 Start: Good for all Timing Method: Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/2	1m	11/2	2m	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
9Jul26 ⁷ CNL ³	7	Smart Uncle (Bargary, Jamie) VA CERTIFIED	142	b	7	⁴ Head	³ Head	³ Head	² Head	² ¹ 1/2	¹ ³ / ₄	4.04	tracked 2p, up fin 70y
5Jul26 ¹ SAR ⁶	1	Fil Dor (FR) (Tierney, Conor)	158	b	1	⁵ ¹ 1/2	⁵ Head	⁶ ¹ / ₂	⁶ Head	³ ³	² Neck	7.16	tracked ins, up for 2d
16May26 ³ MAL ²	6	Roja Redemption (Procter, Freddie)	142	--	6	⁶ Head	⁶ ¹ / ₂	⁵ Head	¹ ³	¹ ² 1/2	³ ⁵ 3/4	6.49	tracked 2p,led, caught
29Jun26 ⁷ CNL ⁴	5	Salted Carmel (Beswick, Harrison)	142	v	5	³ ¹	⁴ ¹	⁴ ¹	⁷ ⁴	⁵ ³ 1/2	⁴ ³ 3/4	10.12	late at 5, mild kick
5Jul26 ¹ SAR ³	3	St James the Great (Mulqueen, Stephen)	146	--	3	² ¹	² ¹	² ¹	³ ¹ / ₂	⁴ ²	⁵ ⁶ 1/2	3.48	late at 5, weakened
21Jun26 ² LRL ³	4	L'Avvocato (FR) (Power, Jack)	142	--	4	⁸	⁸	⁸	⁸	⁶ ¹²	⁶ ²⁰ 1/4	27.63	early at 7, no impact
5Jul26 ¹ SAR ⁴	2	Take Your Seats (IRE) (Dwan, Evan)	144	--	2	¹ ¹⁸	¹ ¹⁸	¹ ¹⁵	⁵ ¹	⁷	⁷	12.13	spurred 2p, faltered
5Jul26 ¹ SAR ¹	8	McTigue (IRE) (Watters, Graham)	156	--	8	⁷ ¹ 1/2	⁷ ² 1/2	⁷ ²	⁴ Head	---	---	2.19*	4th fell at 9, equ amb

Final Time: 4:42.76 Time from Gate: 4:42.75

Run-Up: 0 feet

Winner: Smart Uncle, Bay Gelding, by Uncle Mo out of Smart Together, by Smart Strike. Foaled Apr 07, 2020 in Kentucky.

Breeder: George Strawbridge Jr.

Owner: Mrs. S. K. Johnston, Jr.

Trainer: Fisher, Jack

Total WPS Pool: \$126,370

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Smart Uncle	10.08	5.04	3.24	\$1.00 Exacta	7-1	30.37	104,417
1	Fil Dor (FR)		6.42	4.74	\$0.50 Trifecta	7-1-6	118.19	45,634
6	Roja Redemption			4.90	\$0.10 Superfecta	7-1-6-5	135.78	21,885

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/2	1m	11/2	2m	Str	Fin
7	Smart Uncle	⁴ ²⁰	³ ¹⁹	³ ¹⁶	² ³	² ² 1/2	¹ ³ / ₄
1	Fil Dor (FR)	⁵ ²⁰	⁵ ²⁰	⁶ ¹⁷ 1/4	⁶ ⁴ 3/4	³ ⁴	² ³ / ₄
6	Roja Redemption	⁶ ²¹ 1/2	⁶ ²⁰ 1/4	⁵ ¹⁷	¹ ³	¹ ² 1/2	³ ¹
5	Salted Carmel	³ ¹⁹	⁴ ¹⁹	⁴ ¹⁶	⁷ ⁴ 3/4	⁵ ⁹	⁴ ⁶ 3/4
3	St James the Great	² ¹⁸	² ¹⁸	² ¹⁵	³ ³	⁴ ⁷	⁵ ¹⁰ 1/2
4	L'Avvocato (FR)	⁸ ²³ 1/4	⁸ ²³ 1/4	⁸ ¹⁹ 3/4	⁸ ⁸ 3/4	⁶ ¹² 1/2	⁶ ¹⁷
2	Take Your Seats (IRE)	¹ ¹⁸	¹ ¹⁸	¹ ¹⁵	⁵ ³ 3/4	⁷ ²⁴ 1/2	⁷ ³⁷ 1/4
8	McTigue (IRE)	⁷ ²¹ 3/4	⁷ ²⁰ 3/4	⁷ ¹⁷ 3/4	⁴ ³ 1/2	---	---

Trainers: 7 - Fisher, Jack; 1 - Hendriks, Richard; 6 - Fisher, Jack; 5 - Brion, Keri; 3 - Brion, Keri; 4 - Neilson, Katherine; 2 - Garner, Thomas; 8 - Murphy, Cyril

Owners: 7 -Mrs. S. K. Johnston, Jr.; 1 - Del Rio Racing LLC; 6 - Riverdee Stable; 5 - Leipers Fork Steeplechase; 3 - Serio Racing Stables, USA Steeplechase, R and K Racing LLC, Willis, Paul and Willis, Molly; 4 - Hard Game LLC; 2 - Leipers Fork Steeplechase; 8 -Irvin S. Naylor;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SMART UNCLE settled tracking the spurting away leader from the two path among the front of the main flight, jumped well to maintain his placing, took closer order on the front with the rest of the field after jump seven and nearing flight eight, cleared the final two jumps and remained patiently handled until called upon leaving the final turn of the flat, rallied inside the final furlong to collar the leader seventy yards from the finish and dug in to score. FIL DOR (FR) tracked the pace along the inside from mid pack jumping well to maintain his position, came under urging after the final flight and improved position through the final turn, rallied in the stretch issuing a challenge through the final sixteenth and was just up for the place honors on the wire. ROJA REDEMPTION settled tracking the front from just off the inside in mid pack, jumped well to maintain and even gain ground among the main flight, took closer order after jump seven and took over to show the way of the main flight getting first run at the once clear leader approaching fence eight, seized command just outside that jump and showed the way from there through the final flight, edged clear in the flat through to the eighth pole, dug in under growing threat from a pair of rivals offering flanking challenges and was caught seventy yards from the finish by one and then nailed on the line by the other while well clear for the show honors. SALTED CARMEL tracked the pace along the inside from just off the pace, jumped late at fence five and lost some ground and position, came under urging after the final fence and offered up a mild kick to the finish. ST JAMES THE GREAT settled tracking the spurting away leader in closest albeit far aim while just off the inside showing the way among the main flight, jumped late at fence five, came under urging once in the flat and weakened to the finish. L'AVVOCATO (FR) saved ground tracking the front from the tail of the field, jumped well with the exception of jump seven when jumping early, came under urging in the flat and made no impact. TAKE YOUR SEATS (IRE) spurred away on the pace from the two path opening up a commanding lead, jumped late at fence three, had the field take closer order after fence seven and was displaced from command nearing flight eight, dug in under a drive after the final fence and faltered in the flat. MCTIGUE (IRE) saved ground near the rear of the field, jumped well to maintain position, tipped out three wide through the fourth turn after fence seven and advanced in contention on the outside, was fourth when jumping very late and fell at the final flight, was vetted and attended to after running off briefly and was subsequently transported off the course via the equine ambulance.

VA CERTIFIED Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred