

SARATOGA - August 5, 2026 - Race 3

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred
(UP TO \$20,010 NYSBFOA) FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of \$55,000 Or Less In The Last 5 Starts Preferred).

Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Key Contender - 1:34.72 - August 9, 1992)

Purse: \$115,000

Available Money: \$115,000

Value of Race: \$115,000 1st \$63,250, 2nd \$23,000, 3rd \$13,800, 4th \$6,900, 5th \$4,600, 6th \$1,725, 7th \$1,725

Weather: Clear, 84° Track: Fast

Off at: 2:25 Start: Good for all Timing Method: Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
---	3	Maria Louise (Velazquez, John)	121	L	3	3	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	1 ²	1 ^{2 1/4}	1.63*	prompt 3-2w, edged clr
29Nov25 ³ CD ⁶	2	Noble Glow (Prat, Flavien)	121	L	2	2	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ⁵	4.01	3-4w uppr, second best
---	6	Miss Twitter (Franco, Manuel)	121	L	6	5	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ¹	5 ²	3 ^{1/2}	11.55	4w 1st turn, improved
26Jun26 ⁸ CD ²	4	Wedelia (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	121	L	4	4	3 ¹	3 ¹	3 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 1/4}	1.81	bump st, 3w both turns
12Apr26 ⁵ KEE ⁸	1	Empress New Groove (Davis, Dylan)	121	L	1	1	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ¹	5 ⁷	10.51	in hand ins, weakened
4Apr26 ¹¹ AQU ⁶	7	Slow Kara (Gaffalione, Tyler)	121	L	7	6	6 ^{Head}	6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{6 1/2}	6 ¹²	6 ^{11 1/2}	15.67	4-3w 1st turn, tired
5Jun26 ⁶ SAR ¹²	5	Reconnected (Carmouche, Kendrick)	121	L b	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	31.72	4w upper, trailed

Fractional Times: 23.56 46.44 1:11.28 1:24.39 Final Time: 1:38.23 Time from Gate: 1:39.78

Split Times: (22:88) (24:84) (13:11) (13:84)

Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Maria Louise, Chestnut Filly, by Gun Runner out of Stopchargingmaria, by Tale of the Cat. Foaled Apr 07, 2023 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Three Chimneys Farm, LLC & Whisper HillFarm, LLC

Owner: Epic Horses LLC and Town and Country Racing LLC

Trainer: Pletcher, Todd

Total WPS Pool: \$353,042

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payout	Pool
3	Maria Louise	5.26	3.62	3.26	\$1.00 Exacta	3-2	11.73	253,484
2	Noble Glow		4.34	3.56	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-2-6	39.18	105,593
6	Miss Twitter			5.56	\$1.00 Pick 3	7-2-3 (3 correct)	65.33	61,441
					\$1.00 Daily Double	2-3	11.67	109,169
					\$1.00 Consolation Pick 3	7-3-3 (3 correct)	20.18	0
					\$0.10 Superfecta	3-2-6-4	16.92	51,226

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
3	Maria Louise	3	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	1 ²	1 ^{2 1/4}
2	Noble Glow	2	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ²	4 ^{1 1/2}	2 ²	2 ^{2 1/4}
6	Miss Twitter	5	5 ^{2 3/4}	5 ^{2 1/4}	5 ²	5 ⁴	3 ^{7 1/4}
4	Wedelia	4	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{7 3/4}
1	Empress New Groove	1	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{2 1/2}	5 ⁹
7	Slow Kara	6	6 ^{4 1/4}	6 ^{3 3/4}	6 ³	6 ⁶	6 ¹⁶
5	Reconnected	7	7 ^{4 1/4}	7 ^{4 1/4}	7 ^{9 1/2}	7 ¹⁸	7 ^{27 1/2}

Trainers: 3 - Pletcher, Todd; 2 - Brown, Chad; 6 - Brown, Chad; 4 - Cox, Brad; 1 - Joseph, Jr., Saffie; 7 - Joseph, Jr., Saffie; 5 - Dutrow, Anthony

Owners: 3 - Epic Horses LLC and Town and Country Racing LLC; 2 - Juddmonte; 6 - Dubb, Michael, Lawrence, William H., The Elkstone Group LLC (Stuart Grant) and Rucker, William J.; 4 - Cheyenne Stables LLC and Ashview Farm LLC; 1 - Mathis Stable, LLC and J and J Stables, LLC; 7 - e Five Racing Thoroughbreds and Madaket Stables LLC; 5 - Harold Lerner LLC and Team D;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MARIA LOUISE broke out at the start bumping WEDELIA, prompted the pace of EMPRESS NEW GROOVE from the outside three then two wide coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, spun three wide into upper stretch and seized command straightened away, edged clear under a drive to prevail. NOBLE GLOW chased just off the inside and then along the inside under a ride from three furlongs out, angled three to four wide into upper stretch, ran on to chase the winner home well clear of the rest and along second best. MISS TWITTER coaxed from the gate, raced four wide through the opening dog legged turn, chased five then four paths off the inside down the backstretch and then just off the inside through the far turn coming under coaxing near the five-sixteenths pole, went seven wide into upper stretch and improved position to the finish. WEDELIA got bumped at the break by MARIA LOUISE who broke outwards, went three wide through the first turn and then five paths off the inside down the backstretch, tucked three wide through the far turn coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, angled five wide into upper stretch and weakened in the late stages. EMPRESS NEW GROOVE had the rider get off balance at the start leaning to the right side and came under coaxing corrected and broke on top despite it, showed the way in hand along the inside under pressure from MARIA LOUISE to the outside, came under coaxing with five-sixteenths to go, spun just off the inside into upper stretch, yielded the front straightened away and weakened to the finish. SLOW KARA briefly five wide, tucked four then three wide through the first turn, chased four then three wide under urging from the half mile pole, went eight to nine wide into upper stretch and tired. RECONNECTED chased along the inside and then just off the inside under a ride from the half mile pole, drifted out four wide under urging three furlongs from home, continued four wide into upper stretch and trailed.