

SARATOGA - August 6, 2026 - Race 4

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR FILLIES AND MARES FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Weight, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since February 6, 2026

Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$12,500 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). New York

Bred Claiming Price \$16,000. **Claiming Price:** \$12,500

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

Purse: \$37,000

Available Money: \$37,000

Value of Race: \$37,000 1st \$20,350, 2nd \$7,400, 3rd \$4,440, 4th \$2,220, 5th \$1,480, 6th \$1,110

Weather: Clear, 88° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:55 **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	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
25Jun26 ⁷ BAQ ⁴	3	City Blocks (Gonzalez, Silvestre) NA CERTIFIED	121	L b	3	4	4 ^{Head}	3 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{4 1/2}	2.69	4-5w upper, drew clear
10Jul26 ⁸ SAR ⁶	2	Play Good Pay Good (Prat, Flavien)	123	L bf	2	3	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2 ^{2 1/2}	5.86	dueled 2p, kept on
28Jul26 ⁷ FL ⁷	4	Short Shift (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	121	L b	4	2	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	3 ⁵	3 ²	9.20	dueled 3p, wknd late
27Jun26 ¹ BAQ ¹	5	Open Soul Autism (Harkie, Heman)	123	L b	5	6	6 ^{1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	4 ²	4 ^{5 1/2}	17.42	6w upper, weakened
10Jul26 ⁸ SAR ⁸	1	Jackie the Joker (Lezcano, Jose)	123	L b	1	5	3 ^{Head}	4 ²	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{6 3/4}	6.08	chased inside, tired
9Jun26 ⁷ FL ¹	7	Irish Jackson (Elliott, Christopher)	123	L f	6	8	7 ¹	6	6	6	5.55	chased 4-3w, no impact
25Jun26 ⁷ BAQ ⁷	8	Jackson's Dixie (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	123	L f	7	7	8	---	---	---	2.27*	protected 1/2, equ amb
5Jul26 ³ SAR ⁴	9	Shezanarcticqueen (Gutierrez, Reylyu)	121	L bf	8	1	5 ^{5 1/2}	---	---	---	42.52	protected 1/2, equ amb

Fractional Times: 22.03 45.06 57.41

Final Time: 1:10.60 **Time from Gate:** 1:12.98

Split Times: (23:03) (12:35) (13:19)

Run-Up: 52 feet

Winner: City Blocks, Dark Bay or Brown Mare, by Enticed out of Uncle Southern, by Uncle Camie. Foaled May 01, 2021 in New York.

Breeder: J&M Racing Stable LLC

Owner: Mertkan Kantarmaci

Trainer: Kantarmaci, Mertkan

2 Claimed Horse(s): City Blocks
Jackie the Joker

New Trainer: Linda Rice

New Owner: Linda Rice

New Trainer: Lolita Shivmangal

New Owner: Jay A. Lieberman

Voided Claims: Jackson's Dixie(Vet)

Claiming Prices: 3 - City Blocks: \$16,000; 2 - Play Good Pay Good: \$12,500; 4 - Short Shift: \$16,000; 5 - Open Soul Autism: \$12,500; 1 - Jackie the Joker: \$12,500; 7 - Irish Jackson: \$16,000; 8 - Jackson's Dixie: \$16,000; 9 - Shezanarcticqueen: \$16,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Top of the Table (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$388,363

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	City Blocks	7.38	3.64	3.26	\$1.00 Exacta	3-2	14.62	334,016
2	Play Good Pay Good		5.76	3.78	\$1.00 Quinella	2-3	9.39	13,107
4	Short Shift			6.06	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-2-4	46.54	134,087
					\$1.00 Pick 3	3-3-3 (3 correct)	105.08	59,860
					\$1.00 Daily Double	3-3	14.01	72,358
					\$0.10 Superfecta	3-2-4-5	54.89	63,280

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
3	City Blocks	4	4 ^{1 1/4}	3 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{4 1/2}
2	Play Good Pay Good	3	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{4 1/2}
4	Short Shift	2	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ⁷
5	Open Soul Autism	6	6 ^{6 3/4}	5 ⁶	4 ^{6 1/2}	4 ⁹
1	Jackie the Joker	5	3 ¹	4 ⁴	5 ^{8 1/2}	5 ^{14 1/2}
7	Irish Jackson	8	7 ^{7 1/4}	6 ^{9 1/2}	6 ¹²	6 ^{21 1/4}
8	Jackson's Dixie	7	8 ^{8 1/4}	---	---	---
9	Shezanarcticqueen	1	5 ^{1 1/4}	---	---	---

Trainers: 3 - Kantarmaci, Mertkan; 2 - Englehart, Chris; 4 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay; 5 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay; 1 - Ferraro, James; 7 - Falcone, Jr., Robert; 8 - Dutrow, Jr., Richard; 9 - Jones, Eduardo

Owners: 3 -Mertkan Kantarmaci; 2 -Sheila J. Englehart; 4 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay, Five Horsemen Stables, Mandal, Abdool J. and Thakur, Badesh; 5 -Ilkay Kantarmaci; 1 - Citarella, Diana and Citarella, James; 7 - Beast Mode Racing LLC and Stop Playing Stables; 8 - Flying P Stable; 9 -Eduardo E. Jones;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

CITY BLOCKS chased two to three paths off the inside down the backstretch and then three to four wide through the turn, got let out spinning four to five wide into upper stretch, rallied to take command a furlong out, drew clear to the finish to prevail. PLAY GOOD PAY GOOD dueled from the two path with SHORT SHIFT to his outside, remained patiently handled until roused continuing just off the inside into upper stretch, shook off her main pace rival confronted by the top one nearing the eighth pole and was caught at that station, proved no match late for that rival while keeping on clear for the place honors. SHORT SHIFT broke out at the start brushing OPEN SOUL AUTISM, dueled from the three path with the aforementioned foe to her inside, got set down swing three wide for home, weakened in the late stages while clear for the show honors. OPEN SOUL AUTISM got brushed at the start by SHORT SHIFT, chased along the inside down the backstretch and then two to three wide through the turn under urging from three furlongs out, angled six wide into upper stretch and weakened. JACKIE THE JOKER broke out at the start under hustling, chased along the inside under a ride from the five-sixteenths pole, spun three wide for home and tired. IRISH JACKSON chased four then three wide under a ride from the seven-sixteenths marker, went four wide into upper stretch, made no impact. JACKSON'S DIXIE got briefly steadied at the break when SHEZANARCTICQUEEN broke inwards, chased five to six paths off the inside down the backstretch, got taken hold of and put to a protective hold with something amiss and got guided out through the far turn, was eased up and then pulled up in the vicinity of the quarter pole, got attended to on track and vetted and was subsequently transported off the course via an equine

ambulance. SHEZANARCTICQUEEN broke in at the start forcing JACKSON'S DIXIE to take brief hold, raced forwardly placed four paths off the rail down the backstretch, lost action near the half mile pole and was immediately placed to a protective hold and taken outside into the turn, got eased up before being pulled up just inside the five-sixteenths marker, then got attended to and vetted on track and was subsequently transported off the track via the equine ambulance.

 Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred

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