

SARATOGA - August 9, 2026 - Race 7

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(UP TO \$12,354 NYSBFOA) FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price \$85,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void).

Claiming Price: \$85,000

Distance: Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt Current Track Record: (Quality Road - 1:13.74 - August 3, 2009)

Purse: \$71,000

Available Money: \$71,000

Value of Race: \$71,000 1st \$39,050, 2nd \$14,200, 3rd \$8,520, 4th \$4,260, 5th \$2,840, 6th \$710, 7th \$710, 8th \$710

Weather: Clear, 85° Track: Fast

Off at: 4:37 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
4Jan26 ⁵ GP ⁵	8	M Bs Melanie Cares (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	122	L	8	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}	12.85	2p turn,strong drive
16Apr26 ³ KEE ¹⁰	3	Red Beach (Gaffalione, Tyler)	122	L	b	3	5	5 ²	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{5 1/2}	12.86	3-4p trn,chsds,2nd best
9Jul26 ³ SAR ³	7	Lil Tipsy (Franco, Manuel)	122	L	b	7	7	8	8	5 ²	2.39*	bmp brk,3-5p,6p1/4
29Aug25 ² SAR ⁶	1	Immaculate Moon (Ortiz, Jose)	122	L	b	1	8	3 ^{1/2}	4 ²	4 ^{3 1/2}	3.80	off step slow,2p-ins
4Jun26 ⁵ SAR ⁹	4	Chart the Course (Davis, Dylan)	122	L	b	4	2	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	8.36	out,3path turn,tired
12Jul26 ⁵ SAR ⁹	2	Pulling Threads (Alvarado, Junior)	122	L		2	3	7 ⁷	7 ³	7 ^{1/2}	20.50	ins-3p turn,no threat
4Feb26 ⁵ AQU ⁴	6	Cara Fiore (Rodriguez, Jaime)	122	L	b	6	6	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{Head}	7.51	hit gate,bmp,4p,empty
9Jul26 ³ SAR ⁴	5	Rose to Riches (Prat, Flavien)	122	L		5	4	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{2 1/2}	8	2.67	3-2p turn,no response

Fractional Times: 22.08 45.17 1:10.40

Final Time: 1:17.45 Time from Gate: 1:20.69

Split Times: (23:09) (25:23) (7:05)

Run-Up: 95 feet

Winner: M Bs Melanie Cares, Chestnut Filly, by Redesdale out of Rahway, by Eskendereya. Foaled Apr 16, 2023 in New York.

Breeder: Lannister Holdings

Owner: Ernesto Ochoa

Trainer: Ochoa, Ernesto

1 Claimed Horse(s): Rose to Riches

New Trainer: Linda Rice

New Owner: Roddy J. Valente

Claiming Prices: 8 - M Bs Melanie Cares: \$85,000; 3 - Red Beach: \$85,000; 7 - Lil Tipsy: \$85,000; 1 - Immaculate Moon: \$85,000; 4 - Chart the Course: \$85,000; 2 - Pulling Threads: \$85,000; 6 - Cara Fiore: \$85,000; 5 - Rose to Riches: \$85,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$602,418

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	M Bs Melanie Cares	27.70	12.62	7.14	\$1.00 Exacta	8-3	183.89	416,772
3	Red Beach		14.62	7.84	\$0.50 Trifecta	8-3-7	327.09	180,660
7	Lil Tipsy			3.02	\$1.00 Daily Double	3-8	1,361.06	102,609
					\$1.00 Pick 3	4-3-8 (3 correct)	10,384.69	132,465
					\$0.50 Pick 4	1-4-3-8 (4 correct)	14,545.25	191,401
					\$0.50 Pick 5	9-1-4-3-8 (5 correct)	319,000.17	375,323
					\$0.10 Superfecta	8-3-7-1	252.66	91,403

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
8	M Bs Melanie Cares	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}
3	Red Beach	5	5 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{3 1/2}	2 ^{3 1/2}
7	Lil Tipsy	7	8 ^{12 1/2}	8 ¹²	5 ¹⁰	3 ^{8 3/4}
1	Immaculate Moon	8	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ²	4 ^{6 1/2}	4 ^{9 3/4}
4	Chart the Course	2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	3 ⁶	5 ^{14 1/2}
2	Pulling Threads	3	7 ^{5 1/2}	7 ⁹	7 ¹²	6 ^{16 1/4}
6	Cara Fiore	6	4 ²	5 ⁴	6 ¹²	7 ^{19 3/4}
5	Rose to Riches	4	6 ⁴	6 ^{6 1/2}	8 ^{12 1/2}	8 ^{20 1/2}

Trainers: 8 - Ochoa, Ernesto; 3 - Bond, H. James; 7 - Rice, Linda; 1 - Gargan, Danny; 4 - Casse, Mark; 2 - Sharp, Joe; 6 - Ward, Wesley; 5 - Brown, Chad

Owners: 8 -Ernesto Ochoa; 3 -Lee Pokoik; 7 -Ronald P. Stewart; 1 - Gatsas Stables, R. A. Hill Stable and Swick Stable; 4 -Tracy Farmer; 2 -Jordan V. Wycoff; 6 - Don Alberto Stable; 5 - Rodeo Creek Racing LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

M BS MELANIE CARES broke alertly from the outside post, angled in quickly while going to the front, showed the way on the inside of a rival, vied in the two path on the turn, shook clear coming to the quarter-pole, was asked into the stretch, came under a right-handed crop while drawing off outside the furlong marker, switched to a left-handed crop outside the sixteenth-pole and proved much the best under a strong drive to the finish. RED BEACH settled off the pace, was asked while between foes leaving the backstretch, went around the turn in the three then four path, turned into upper stretch under a drive, pursued the winner to the finish and was second best. LIL TIPSY was bumped at the start, dropped back under urging on the outside, moved from the three path to the five path under strong encouragement on the turn, turned into the stretch in the six path and improved to get the show. IMMACULATE MOON broke a step slow, moved up then was rated just off the pace, drafted in the two path on the turn, dropped to the rail while asked late on that bend, chased into upper stretch and came up empty. CHART THE COURSE was hustled from the gate, moved up to press the pace on the outside of the winner after she crossed in front, vied in the three path on the turn, dropped back approaching the quarter-pole, remained on her inside lead in the drive and tired. PULLING THREADS was urged along towards the rear, raced inside for most of the turn then moved to the three path and failed to threaten. CARA FIORE broke out and hit the gate then bumped with LIL TIPSY, was urged along on the outside, dropped back in the four path on the turn and had nothing left. ROSE TO RICHES came out a bit at the start, was urged along off the pace, dropped from the three path to the two path on the turn and failed to respond.