

SARATOGA - August 14, 2026 - Race 8

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(UP TO \$21,750 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON \$22,000 TWICE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$80,000. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price \$80,000 (Allowance Horses Preferred)(1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (NW2\$ X) **Claiming Price:** \$80,000
Distance: Seven Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Englishman - 1:20.40 - June 6, 2026)

Purse: \$125,000

Available Money: \$125,000

Value of Race: \$125,000 1st \$68,750, 2nd \$25,000, 3rd \$15,000, 4th \$7,500, 5th \$5,000, 6th \$1,875, 7th \$1,875

Weather: Showery, 78° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 5:08 **Start:** Good for all except 4,5 **Timing Method:** Electronic

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
10Jul26 ⁵ SAR ²	2	Contrary Thinking (Rodriguez, Jaime)	126	L	2	4	¹ Head	¹ Head	¹ 2 1/2	¹ 2 1/2	2.71	3-4w upper, held clear
10Jul26 ⁵ SAR ³	3	Commuted (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	126	L	3	3	⁵ 1	³ 1/2	³ 3	² 1 1/4	17.52	7-8w upper, mild kick
21Jun26 ⁹ CD ¹	7	Bold Strength (Ortiz, Jose)	126	L	7	1	² 1	² 2 1/2	² 1 1/2	³ 3 1/2	1.40*	3-4w in aim, kept on
17Jul26 ³ SAR ¹	1	Ridgewood Runner (Gaffalione, Tyler)	126	L	b	1	⁴ 1/2	7	⁴ 3	⁴ 8	3.97	steady 5/16, weakened
27Jun26 ¹⁰ BAQ ³	6	Otello (Alvarado, Junior)	126	L		6	³ 1/2	⁴ Head	⁵ 1 1/2	⁵ 3/4	21.90	chased 3-2w, tired
27Jun26 ¹⁰ BAQ ¹	5	Eliminate (Carmouche, Kendrick)	126	L	b	5	⁶ Head	⁵ 1 1/2	⁶ Head	⁶ 6 1/4	6.51	stumbled badly start
10Jul26 ⁵ SAR ⁵	4	Vibrant Express (Franco, Manuel)	126	L		4	6	⁶ Head	7	7	12.51	stumbled badly start

Fractional Times: 23.70 46.84 1:10.82

Final Time: 1:23.11 **Time from Gate:** 1:25.01

Split Times: (23:14) (23:98) (12:29)

Run-Up: 36 feet

Winner: Contrary Thinking, Bay Gelding, by [Into Mischief](#) out of Valadorna, by Curlin. Foaled Mar 21, 2020 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift Farm

Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Owner: Lucky Hat Racing LLC and EGL-One Racing

Trainer: Green, Amelia

1 Claimed Horse(s): Ridgewood Runner

New Trainer: William E. Morey

New Owner: Joseph P. Morey, Jr.

Claiming Prices: 1 - Ridgewood Runner: \$80,000; 6 - Otello: \$80,000; 5 - Eliminate: \$80,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$419,920

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payout	Pool
2	Contrary Thinking	7.42	4.78	2.94	\$1.00 Exacta	2-3	40.58	312,441
3	Commuted		12.12	5.62	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-3-7	57.01	130,714
7	Bold Strength			2.32	\$1.00 Pick 3	8-7-2 (3 correct)	20.15	105,021
					\$1.00 Daily Double	7-2	11.59	84,330
					\$0.10 Superfecta	2-3-7-1	25.48	67,113

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
2	Contrary Thinking	4	¹ Head	¹ Head	¹ 2 1/2	¹ 2 1/2
3	Commuted	3	⁵ 2	³ 2 1/2	³ 4	² 2 1/2
7	Bold Strength	1	² Head	² Head	² 2 1/2	³ 3 3/4
1	Ridgewood Runner	5	⁴ 1 1/2	⁷ 4 3/4	⁴ 7	⁴ 7 1/4
6	Otello	2	³ 1	⁴ 3	⁵ 10	⁵ 15 1/4
5	Eliminate	7	⁶ 3	⁵ 3 1/4	⁶ 11 1/2	⁶ 16
4	Vibrant Express	6	⁷ 3 1/4	⁶ 4 3/4	⁷ 11 1/2	⁷ 22 1/4

Trainers: 2 - Green, Amelia; 3 - Rice, Linda; 7 - Cox, Brad; 1 - Sharp, Joe; 6 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay; 5 - Rice, Linda; 4 - Weaver, George

Owners: 2 - Lucky Hat Racing LLC and EGL-One Racing; 3 -Linda Rice; 7 - Juddmonte; 1 -Jordan V. Wycoff; 6 - BellaBlue Racing Stable, Kantarmaci, Ilkay and America's Pastime Stables; 5 - VinLaur Racing Stables LLC; 4 - R. A. Hill Stable;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

CONTRARY THINKING chased along the inside briefly before taking over command just outside five furlongs to run, showed the way along the inside and then two to three wide through the turn under close watch from BOLD STRENGTH to the outside, got set down spinning three to four wide into upper stretch, edged away under a drive to the eighth pole, dug in and held clear to the finish kept to task. COMMUTED broke out at the start filling the space left vacant by VIBRANT EXPRESS, chased four to five wide under a ride from the five-sixteenths marker, went seven to eight wide into upper stretch and offered up a mild kick. BOLD STRENGTH led early on before being displaced on the front by CONTRARY THINKING five furlongs out, raced three to four wide in closest aim of that rival coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, swung five wide into upper stretch and kept on to the finish clear for the show honors. RIDGEWOOD RUNNER chased just off the inside and then along the inside, got steadied inside of OTELLO with five-sixteenths to go, came under urging taking the inside route into upper stretch and weakened. OTELLO chased three then two wide coming under urging three furlongs from home, spun three wide into upper stretch, tired. ELIMINATE stumbled badly inwards at the start and was checked sharply to avoid contact with VIBRANT EXPRESS, who also stumbled badly, and conceded seven to eight lengths to the front, chased five to six wide under urging from the five-sixteenths marker, went seven to eight wide into upper stretch and tired. VIBRANT EXPRESS stumbled badly at the start and conceded six to seven lengths to the front, chased three to four wide under a ride from the five-sixteenths pole, swung four wide for home and made no impact.