

SARATOGA - August 15, 2026 - Race 7

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). (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will run at Five and One Half Furlongs on the Main Track). (Rail at 12 feet). (NW2\$ X) **Claiming Price:** \$80,000

Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt - Originally Scheduled For 5 1/2 Furlongs On Turf **Current Track Record:** (Motivated Seller - 1:02.48 - September 2, 2021)

Purse: \$125,000

Available Money: \$125,000

Value of Race: \$121,250 1st \$68,750, 2nd \$25,000, 3rd \$15,000, 4th \$7,500, 5th \$5,000

Weather: Clear, 78° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 3:55 **Start:** Good for all except 6 **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
19Jun26 ⁷ BAQ ¹	2	Bite and Strike (Lezcano, Jose)	126	L b	1	3	2 ^{Head}	3 ⁴	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	4.30	2w 1/4p, up last jumps
18Jul26 ⁴ SAR ⁴	9	Vettriano (Franco, Manuel)	126	L	5	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	2 ³	1.28*	pace 3-2w, caught late
18Jul26 ⁴ SAR ²	5	War Stride (Prat, Flavien)	126	L b	2	2	3 ^{4 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	3 ¹⁰	3 ¹⁴	2.93	chased 4-2w, wknd late
11Jul26 ⁷ SAR ⁴	6	Candytown (Zayas, Edgard)	126	L b	3	5	5	4 ¹	4 ³	4 ^{4 1/2}	3.49	buckled, bumped st
26Jul26 ² SAR ¹	7	Vacation Dance (Davis, Dylan)	126	L bf	4	4	4 ¹	5	5	5	10.36	chased 5-4w, tired

Fractional Times: 22.64 45.47 57.40 **Final Time:** 1:03.68 **Time from Gate:** 1:06.01

Split Times: (22:83) (11:93) (6:28)

Run-Up: 52 feet

Winner: Bite and Strike, Gray or Roan Gelding, by [Liam's Map](#) out of Bernadetta, by Bernardini. Foaled Apr 18, 2022 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Owner: Linda Rice

Trainer: Rice, Linda

Claiming Prices: 7 - Vacation Dance: \$80,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Attfield (Off-Turf), Final Verdict (Off-Turf), No Evidence (Off-Turf), Spiced Up (Off-Turf)

Total WPS Pool: \$763,598

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Bite and Strike	10.60	4.26	2.72	\$1.00 Exacta	2-9	14.80	403,575
9	Vettriano		2.84	2.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-9-5	14.44	140,135
5	War Stride			2.44	\$1.00 Daily Double	3-2	13.32	100,923
					\$1.00 Pick 3	1-3-2 (3 correct)	65.97	87,240
					\$0.50 Pick 4	2-1-3-2 (4 correct)	69.13	154,984
					\$0.50 Pick 5	4-2-1-3-2 (5 correct)	149.17	453,304
					\$0.10 Superfecta	2-9-5-6	3.67	61,360

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
2	Bite and Strike	3	2 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	1 ^{1/2}
9	Vettriano	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	2 ^{1/2}
5	War Stride	2	3 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}
6	Candytown	5	5 ^{6 1/2}	4 ^{5 1/2}	4 ^{11 1/2}	4 ^{17 1/2}
7	Vacation Dance	4	4 ^{5 1/2}	5 ^{6 1/2}	5 ^{14 1/2}	5 ²²

Trainers: 2 - Rice, Linda; 9 - Rice, Linda; 5 - Weaver, George; 6 - Pletcher, Todd; 7 - Noda, Orlando

Owners: 2 -Linda Rice; 9 - Lady Sheila Stable, Leidel, Peter and Radcliffe, Kerri; 5 - Daigneault Thoroughbreds, LLC; 6 - Calumet Farm; 7 - Noda Brothers LLC and Fanelli, John;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

BITE AND STRIKE raced under a firm hold early on just off the inside just off the leader, tucked inside through the turn and was patiently handled until roused spinning just off the inside into upper stretch, rallied to issue a challenge inside the final furlong and was up in the final jumps over his barn mate to prevail. VETTRIANO coaxed from the gate, showed the way three then two wide down the backstretch before tucking closer to the rail through the turn, came under coaxing just outside the quarter pole before being let out taking the inside route into upper stretch, dug in under growing threat to the outside and was caught in the final strides by his barn mate while clear for the place honors. WAR STRIDE coaxed from the start, chased four paths off the inside down the backstretch and then just off the inside through the turn coming under encouragement with five-sixteenths to go, spun three wide into upper stretch, weakened in the late stages. CANDYTOWN buckled badly at the start and was bumped by VACATION DANCE breaking inwards and conceded four to five lengths to the front, chased five to six paths off the inside down the backstretch and then two to three wide through the turn urged along from three furlongs out, angled five wide into upper stretch and tired. VACATION DANCE broke in at the start bumping CANDYTOWN, chased five then four wide under a ride from the seven-sixteenths marker, tipped six wide into upper stretch, tired.