

SAR ATOGA - August 20, 2025 - Race 8

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
INNER TURF (UP TO \$11,832 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs.
Non-winners Of A Race Since February 20, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$40,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). **Claiming Price:** \$40,000
Distance: One Mile On The Dirt - Originally Scheduled For 1 Mile On Inner turf **Current Track Record:** (Key Contender - 1:34.72 - August 9, 1992)
Purse: \$68,000
Available Money: \$68,000
Value of Race: \$65,960 1st \$37,400, 2nd \$13,600, 3rd \$8,160, 4th \$4,080, 5th \$2,720
Weather: Showery, 58° **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)
Off at: 5:10 **Start:** Good for all except 8,13 **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
26Jul25 ¹ SAR ²	1A	Loco Abarrio (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	123	L b	5	2	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{2 3/4}	0.55*	chased 3w, edged away
8Aug25 ⁴ SAR ²	13	He's Got This (Franco, Manuel)	125	L b	3	3	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ³	5.80	bobbled st, 2nd best
20Jul25 ⁷ WO ⁹	8	Sky's Not Falling (Ortiz, Jose) VA CERTIFIED	123	L b	2	5	5	5	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{5 1/2}	3 ¹	4.50	unprepared st, wkn lte
6Aug25 ¹ SAR ³	5	Castle Island (Gomez, Jose)	125	L b	1	1	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ²	1 ²	2 ¹	4 ^{17 3/4}	6.40	in hand ins, weakened
13Aug25 ⁵ SAR ⁴	14	Big Gain (Saez, Luis)	125	L b	4	4	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ²	5	5	5	9.20	chased 4w, eased

Fractional Times: 24.47 47.36 1:11.37 1:24.37 **Final Time:** 1:37.46
Split Times: (22:89) (24:01) (13:00) (13:09)
Run-Up: 25 feet

Winner: Loco Abarrio, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by [Valiant Minister](#) out of Ballyhoo Moon, by Malibu Moon. Foaled Mar 06, 2020 in Florida.

VALIANT MINISTER Winner's sire standing at Bridlewood Farm

Breeder: Rivermont Farm
Owner: Flying P Stable
Trainer: Casse, Norm

2 Claimed Horse(s): **Big Gain** New Trainer: Norm W. Casse New Owner: AJ Suited Racing Stable LLC
Loco Abarrio New Trainer: Wayne Potts New Owner: BellaBlue Racing Stable

Claiming Prices: 1A - Loco Abarrio: \$40,000; 13 - He's Got This: \$40,000; 8 - Sky's Not Falling: \$40,000; 5 - Castle Island: \$40,000; 14 - Big Gain: \$40,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Barnstorming (RegVet-Unsound), Belouni (FR) (Off-Turf), Irwin (IRE) (Off-Turf), It Can Be Done (Off-Turf), Johnny's Fireball (Off-Turf), Ruse (Off-Turf), Saratoga Flash (Off-Turf), Son of a Birch (Off-Turf), Tut's Revenge (Off-Turf), Wonderful Justice (GB) (Off-Turf)

Total WPS Pool: \$276,973

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payout	Pool
1A	Loco Abarrio	3.10	2.40	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	1-13	5.90	181,881
13	He's Got This		4.10	2.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-13-8	7.00	53,760
8	Sky's Not Falling			2.60	\$1.00 Grand Slam	2/3/6-1/7/12-1/2/4-1 (4 correct)	6.30	29,548
					\$1.00 Pick 3	1-2-1 (3 correct)	51.25	30,584
					\$1.00 Daily Double	2-1	4.45	50,492
					\$1.00 Consolation Pick 3	1-2-4 (3 correct)	25.25	0
					\$0.10 Superfecta	1-13-8-5	3.00	34,691
					\$1.00 Consolation Double	2-4	2.40	0

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1A	Loco Abarrio	2	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ²	2 ²	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{2 3/4}
13	He's Got This	3	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ²	3 ¹	2 ^{2 3/4}
8	Sky's Not Falling	5	5 ^{6 1/2}	5 ^{4 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{5 3/4}
5	Castle Island	1	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ²	1 ²	2 ^{Head}	4 ^{6 3/4}
14	Big Gain	4	4 ³	4 ^{2 1/2}	5 ⁷	5 ⁷	5 ^{24 1/2}

Trainers: 1A - Casse, Norm; 13 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay; 8 - Trombetta, Michael; 5 - Sharp, Joe; 14 - Rodriguez, Rudy

Owners: 1a- Flying P Stable; 13 - Witte, John J. and Kernan, Jr., Morris E.; 8 - The Estate of R. Larry Johnson, R. D. M. Racing Stable and Trombetta, Michael J.; 5 - Rondeau, Bob and HTLPapaman Racing; 14 - Rodriguez, Rudy R. and Mogauro, Jr., Patrick;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

LOCO ABARRIO three wide in pursuit, came under coaxing at the seven-sixteenths, spun three to four wide into upper stretch, rallied to take command a furlong out, then edged away to the finish kept to task. HE'S GOT THIS bobbled at the break, chased along the inside under a ride from three furlongs out, spun two to three wide into upper stretch, ran on to chase the winner home clear of the rest and second best. SKY'S NOT FALLING had his head turned inwards and was unprepared for the start when the latch was sprung, chased two to three wide under urging from three furlongs out, angled out to swing six wide into upper stretch, offered up a bid a furlong out, then weakened in the late stages. CASTLE ISLAND coaxed from the gate, showed the way just off the inside and then along the inside and then just off the inside once more coming under encouragement at the three-eighths marker, spun from the two path into upper stretch, dug in under threat and was caught a furlong out, then weakened through to the finish. BIG GAIN coaxed from the start, chased four wide under a ride from the seven-sixteenths, went seven wide into upper stretch, faltered, and was eased home through the final furlong.

