

SARATOGA - August 23, 2025 - Race 11

STAKES Resorts World Casino Ballerina S. Grade 1 - Thoroughbred

FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Lasix not allowed within 48 hours of post time pursuant to HISA Rule 4212. By subscription of \$500 each which should accompany the nomination; \$3,500 to pass the entry box and an additional \$4,000 to start. For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental payment of \$4,000 in addition to the entry and starting fees may be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. The purse to be divided accordingly \$275,000 to the winner, \$100,000 to second, \$60,000 to third, \$30,000 to fourth, \$20,000 to fifth and \$15,000 divided equally amongst the remaining finishers. The Ballerina has been selected as one of the Breeders' Cup Win and You're In Challenge Races. The nominated winner of the Ballerina will be entitled to automatic entry into the 2025 running of the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint Division. See the Breeders' Cup website for all Challenge details. Three Year Olds: 122 lbs. Older: 126 lbs. Non-winners of a Grade One in 2024-25 allowed 2 lbs.; of a Graded Sweepstakes in 2025 allowed 4 lbs. Trophies will be presented to the winning owner, trainer and jockey. Closed Saturday, August 9, 2025 with 18 Original Nominations and 1 Supplement.

Distance: Seven Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Darby Creek Road - 1:20.40 - August 8, 1978)

Purse: \$500,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$500,000

Value of Race: \$500,000 1st \$275,000, 2nd \$100,000, 3rd \$60,000, 4th \$30,000, 5th \$20,000, 6th \$15,000

Weather: Clear, 83° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 5:04 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
26May25 ⁹ CD ³	9	Hope Road (Ortiz, Jose)	122	--	7	3	3 ¹	2 ²	1 ¹	1 ²	2.05*	hard to load,3-4p turn
20Jul25 ⁹ SAR ³	7	Scylla (Prat, Flavien)	122	b	5	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	2 ⁴	2 ⁴	3.90	2p,headed1/4,outfinshd
19Jul25 ¹⁰ MTH ²	3	Majestic Oops (Carmouche, Kendrick)	122	--	2	5	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	3 ^{5 1/2}	3 ^{7 1/4}	13.30	2-3p turn,5p into lane
21Jun25 ⁹ CD ⁹	2	Brightwork (Velazquez, John)	122	--	1	2	5 ^{1/2}	6 ^{Head}	5 ³	4 ^{3 1/2}	17.40	drop back7/16,ins-2p
20Jul25 ⁹ SAR ¹	4	Halina's Forte (Rosario, Joel)	124	f	3	7	7	7	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{8 1/4}	11.40	bmpd brk,2-3path turn
21Jun25 ⁹ CD ²	5	Claret Beret (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	122	b	4	4	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	6	2.35	bmpd brk,ins trn,eased
30Jul25 ⁸ SAR ¹	8	My Mane Squeeze (Saez, Luis)	122	b	6	6	6 ^{2 1/2}	5 ⁴	7	---	5.00	4-5p,6p1/4,eased,wlkd

Fractional Times: 22.31 44.56 1:08.58

Final Time: 1:21.93

Split Times: (22:25) (24:02) (13:35)

Run-Up: 35 feet

Winner: Hope Road, Bay Filly, by [Quality Road](#) out of Marley's Freedom, by Blame. Foaled Jan 15, 2021 in Kentucky.

Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: Cicero Farms LLC

Owner: Cicero Farms LLC

Trainer: Baffert, Bob

Scratched Horse(s): Mystic Lake (Stakes Scratch), Zeitlos (Stakes Scratch)

Total WPS Pool: \$1,648,789

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
9	Hope Road	6.10	4.10	3.10	\$1.00 Pick 3	7-1-9 (3 correct)	25.25	203,815
7	Scylla		4.30	3.00	\$0.50 Pick 5	3-2-7-1-9 (5 correct)	197.50	1,057,045
3	Majestic Oops			4.90	\$1.00 Daily Double	1-9	9.90	214,322
					\$1.00 Exacta	9-7	13.70	1,094,748
					\$0.10 Superfecta	9-7-3-2	71.30	239,464
					\$0.50 Trifecta	9-7-3	56.50	481,647

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
9	Hope Road	3	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ²
7	Scylla	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	2 ²
3	Majestic Oops	5	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ³	3 ⁵	3 ⁶
2	Brightwork	2	5 ^{2 1/2}	6 ⁷	5 ^{10 1/2}	4 ^{13 1/4}
4	Halina's Forte	7	7 ^{5 1/2}	7 ^{7 1/4}	4 ^{10 1/2}	5 ^{16 3/4}
5	Claret Beret	4	2 ¹	3 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{13 1/2}	6 ²⁵
8	My Mane Squeeze	6	6 ³	5 ³	7 ¹⁴	---

Trainers: 9 - Baffert, Bob; 7 - Mott, William; 3 - Ward, Dan; 2 - Ortiz, John; 4 - Bauer, Philip; 5 - Joseph, Jr., Saffie; 8 - Maker, Michael

Owners: 9 - Cicero Farms LLC; 7 - Juddmonte; 3 - Medallion Racing, Trommer, Evan, Agave Racing Stable, Sublime Stables and Kropp, Janet; 2 - WSS Racing; 4 - Rigney Racing LLC; 5 - Miller Racing LLC; 8 - Butler, William J. and WinStar Farm LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

HOPE ROAD was very reluctant to load, came away in good order, tracked the pace on the outside, ranged up in the three path to make a bid outside the three-eighths pole, took the lead in the four path coming to the quarter-pole, dropped back to the three path while asked for her best into upper stretch, drifted in under a right-handed crop at the furlong marker, shook off the runner-up shortly thereafter, switched to a left-handed crop outside the sixteenth-pole and proved best under strong urging. SCYLLA broke out and brushed the gate, went to the front then showed the way, vied in the two path on the turn, was asked under threat outside the five-sixteenths pole, lost the lead to the winner approaching the quarter-pole, battled with that foe under a drive into the final furlong and was outfinished while clear for the place. MAJESTIC OOPS was hustled from the gate then ridden along off the pace, went around most of the turn in the two path then shifted to the three path, was driven into the stretch in the five path and lacked the needed response while clearly best of the rest. BRIGHTWORK was well placed early, passed the nine-sixteenths pole under urging then dropped back, retreated further back leaving the backstretch, moved from the rail to the two path on the turn and failed to rally. HALINA'S FORTE broke out and bumped with an opponent, dropped back between horses early then settled at the rear, was roused in the two then three path on the turn and was no factor. CLARET BERET bumped with a rival at the start, pressed the pace on the inside of a foe, dropped back off the pace near the five-eighths pole, came up empty along the rail on the turn and retreated then was eased in the final furlong but walked off. MY MANE SQUEEZE was hustled from the gate then ridden along on the outside, chased in the four then five path on the turn, dropped back late on that bend, spun into the stretch in the six path and faltered then was also eased in the final furlong but walked off.

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