

SARATOGA - August 27, 2026 - Race 6

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
INNER TURF (UP TO \$11,310 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES.
Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price \$55,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (NW2 L) **Claiming Price:** \$55,000
Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Inner turf **Current Track Record:** (Zagora (FR) - 1:39.07 - August 25, 2012)
Purse: \$65,000
Available Money: \$65,000
Value of Race: \$65,000 1st \$35,750, 2nd \$13,000, 3rd \$7,800, 4th \$3,900, 5th \$2,600, 6th \$650, 7th \$650, 8th \$650
Weather: Clear, 77° **Track:** Firm
Off at: 3:53 **Start:** Good for all except 8 **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
23Jul26 ² SAR ⁶	7	In the Dark (Lezcano, Jose)	126 L b	7	4	1 ⁴ 1/2	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{Head}	8.86	eager ins, got the bob
31Jul26 ⁵ SAR ¹	2	Urgency (Ortiz, Jose)	121 L	2	1	5 ²	4 ^{Head}	4 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2.83*	5w uppr, lost the nod
9Aug26 ¹⁰ SAR ⁹	3	Maximum Promise (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	126 L b	3	5	6 ¹ 1/2	6 ¹ 1/2	6 ¹ 2	5 ⁵	3 ¹ 2	4.67	3w upper, mild kick
2Aug26 ⁵ SAR ⁵	1	Salt Spartan (Carmouche, Kendrick)	126 L b	1	2	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	3 ²	3 ¹ 2	4 ³ 3/4	5.09	tracked ins, one paced
23Jul26 ² SAR ⁵	4	Madagascar (Elliott, Christopher)	121 L	4	3	3 ¹ 2	3 ² 1/2	2 ^{Head}	4 ¹ 1/2	5 ¹ 1/2	5.72	tracked 2p, wknd late
8Aug26 ¹⁴ SAR ⁹	5	Light Cav (Prat, Flavien)	121 L	5	7	8	7 ¹ 1/2	7 ² 1/2	6 ¹ 2	6 ² 3/4	10.34	5w upper, no response
9Aug26 ¹⁰ SAR ⁷	8	Chips and Fish (Rivera, Jr., Luis)	121 L b	8	8	7 ¹ 2	8	8	7 ^{Head}	7 ² 1/2	28.32	stumbled st, no kick
24Jul26 ⁸ ELP ⁷	6	Sharons Pharoah (Franco, Manuel)	121 L	6	6	4 ¹ 2	5 ¹	5 ¹	8	8	3.61	3-2w 1st turn, tired

Fractional Times: 23.05 47.10 1:10.88 1:34.31 **Final Time:** 1:40.35 **Time from Gate:** 1:42.31
Split Times: (24:05) (23:78) (23:43) (6:04)
Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: In the Dark, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Air Force Blue out of She's Right Again, by Discreetly Mine. Foaled Apr 24, 2022 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Stone Farm
Owner: Newman, Richard, CanDance Racing and Choquette Racing Stable
Trainer: Baker, Charlton

4 Claimed Horse(s):	Madagascar	New Trainer: Horacio De Paz	New Owner: Chalk Racing
	Salt Spartan	New Trainer: Richard E. Dutrow, Jr.	New Owner: Michael Dubb
	Sharons Pharoah	New Trainer: Ilkay Kantarmaci	New Owner: Sanford J. Goldfarb
	Urgency	New Trainer: Linda Rice	New Owner: Linda Rice

Claiming Prices: 7 - In the Dark: \$55,000; 2 - Urgency: \$55,000; 3 - Maximum Promise: \$55,000; 1 - Salt Spartan: \$55,000; 4 - Madagascar: \$55,000; 5 - Light Cav: \$55,000; 8 - Chips and Fish: \$55,000; 6 - Sharons Pharoah: \$55,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Corvus (Main-Track-Only), Mirage (Main-Track-Only), Paul's Recovery (Main-Track-Only), Rebalancing (Main-Track-Only), Swaging (Main-Track-Only)

Total WPS Pool: \$423,847

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	In the Dark	19.72	8.18	6.14	\$1.00 Exacta	7-2	39.13	320,167
2	Urgency		5.12	3.84	\$0.50 Trifecta	7-2-3	129.15	114,225
3	Maximum Promise			4.28	\$1.00 Pick 3	1-3-7 (3 correct)	185.46	59,364
					\$1.00 Daily Double	3-7	57.44	90,729
					\$1.00 Consolation Pick 3	1-3-9/11 (3 correct)	17.32	0
					\$1.00 Consolation Pick 3	1-4-7 (3 correct)	27.03	0
					\$1.00 Consolation Pick 3	1-4-9/11 (3 correct)	2.49	0
					\$0.10 Superfecta	7-2-3-1	80.99	54,475

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
7	In the Dark	4	1 ⁴ 1/2	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{Head}
2	Urgency	1	5 ⁶ 1/2	4 ⁴	4 ³ 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}
3	Maximum Promise	5	6 ⁸ 1/2	6 ⁵ 1/4	6 ⁵ 1/2	5 ³ 1/2	3 ¹
1	Salt Spartan	2	2 ⁴ 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹ 1/2
4	Madagascar	3	3 ⁵ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	4 ²	5 ⁵ 1/4
5	Light Cav	7	8 ¹⁰ 1/2	7 ⁶ 3/4	7 ⁶	6 ⁸ 1/2	6 ⁶ 3/4
8	Chips and Fish	8	7 ¹⁰	8 ⁸ 1/4	8 ⁸ 1/2	7 ⁹	7 ⁹ 1/2
6	Sharons Pharoah	6	4 ⁶	5 ⁴ 1/4	5 ⁴ 1/2	8 ⁹ 1/4	8 ¹²

Trainers: 7 - Baker, Charlton; 2 - Dutrow, Jr., Richard; 3 - Kantarmaci, Mertkan; 1 - Donk, David; 4 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay; 5 - Maker, Michael; 8 - Arriaga, Antonio; 6 - Thomas, Jonathan

Owners: 7 - Newman, Richard, CanDance Racing and Choquette Racing Stable; 2 - Sullivan Lane Stable and Speranza, Steven; 3 - Kantarmaci, Mertkan and Sun-Will Stable LLC; 1 - Joseph Buccì; 4 - Goldfarb, Sanford J., Kantarmaci, Ilkay, Speranza, Steven, Zilla Racing Stables and America's Pastime Stables; 5 - Jordan V. Wycoff; 8 - Acì Racing Stable LLC and Salinas, Gerardo; 6 - Panic Stable;

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IN THE DARK broke out at the start and was corrected, pulled on the bit eager early on establishing the front and spurting away along the inside, came under a firmer rating hold into the backstretch and was throttled down a bit allowing the field to take closer order in behind, settled nearing the far turn and continued along the inside patiently handled through to taking the inside route into upper stretch, got let out straightened away, dug in under a drive safe to the eighth pole, came under threat to the outside from the runner up and knocked heads to the finish getting the bob on the wire. URGENCY broke out at the start and was corrected, tracked the pace along the inside coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, angled five wide into upper stretch, rallied to issue a challenge inside the final furlong dueling through the final sixteenth and just lost the nod on the line. MAXIMUM PROMISE saved ground in pursuit from mid pack, tipped to the two path with five-sixteenths to go before angling three wide into upper stretch, offered up a mild kick to closed in belatedly and secure the show honors. SALT SPARTAN tracked the leader in closest aim along the inside coming under encouragement with five-sixteenths to go, spun just off the inside into upper stretch, stayed on one paced through to the finish. MADAGASCAR settled tracking the leader just off the inside patiently

handled until placed to urging near the quarter pole, swung three wide at the top of the stretch, weakened in the late stages. LIGHT CAV settled just off the inside near the rear of the field, came under encouragement with five-sixteenths remaining, angled five wide into upper stretch and offered no response. CHIPS AND FISH stumbled at the break getting away last, raced just off the inside through the first turn and then three paths off the rail down the backstretch until tucked inside with seven-sixteenths to go, came under coaxing three furlongs out, spun three then two wide into upper stretch and had no kick. SHARONS PHAROAH three then two wide through the first turn, chased just off the inside under a ride from the five-sixteenths pole, tipped three wide for home and tired.