

SARATOGA - August 28, 2026 - Race 2

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR FILLIES AND MARES FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Weight, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since February 28, 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$12,500 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). New York

Bred Claiming Price \$16,000. **Claiming Price: \$12,500**

Distance: Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Quality Road - 1:13.74 - August 3, 2009)

Purse: \$37,000

Available Money: \$37,000

Value of Race: \$37,000 1st \$20,350, 2nd \$7,400, 3rd \$4,440, 4th \$2,220, 5th \$1,480, 6th \$1,110

Weather: Clear, 80° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 1:46 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
10Jul26 ⁸ SAR ⁵	3	Miss Lao (Gonzalez, Silvestre)	123	L	3	1	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	1 ¹	1 ⁶	11.06	3w upper, drew clear
2Aug26 ² SAR ⁵	7	Bellacose (Franco, Manuel)	123	L	6	3	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ³	2 ^{1 3/4}	0.98*	in hand 3-2w, kept on
7Aug26 ¹¹ SAR ⁵	1	Curlin's Magic (Lezcano, Jose)	121	L	1	6	6	6	5 ^{Head}	3 ^{3/4}	5.32	got out 5w 7/16-3/8
10Jul26 ⁸ SAR ²	2	Ah Ca Ira (Elliott, Christopher)	123	L	gf	2	4	4 ¹	5 ¹	6	2.83	3-2w uppr, pass tired
6Aug26 ⁴ SAR ⁴	5	Open Soul Autism (Harkie, Heman)	123	L	b	4	5	5 ¹	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	16.54	chased 5-4w, weakened
6Aug26 ⁴ SAR ⁵	6	Jackie the Joker (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	123	L	bf	5	2	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	6.83	chased 4-3w, tired

Fractional Times: 22.50 45.83 1:10.85

Final Time: 1:17.53 **Time from Gate:** 1:21.16

Split Times: (23:33) (25:02) (6:68)

Run-Up: 104 feet

Winner: Miss Lao, Bay Mare, by Laoban out of Miss Nancy, by Arch. Foaled Feb 07, 2021 in New York.

Breeder: F. Galvin, Spruce Lane Farm, CopperBeech Stables, LLC, E. Hart, Ly, et al

Owner: Mertkan Kantarmaci

Trainer: Kantarmaci, Mertkan

1 Claimed Horse(s): Bellacose

New Trainer: Joe Sharp

New Owner: TEC Racing (Elliott S. Logan)

Voided Claims: Ah Ca Ira(Vet)

Claiming Prices: 3 - Miss Lao: \$16,000; 7 - Bellacose: \$16,000; 1 - Curlin's Magic: \$12,500; 2 - Ah Ca Ira: \$16,000; 5 - Open Soul Autism: \$12,500; 6 - Jackie the Joker: \$12,500;

Scratched Horse(s): Short Shift (RegVet-Injured)

Total WPS Pool: \$377,557

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Miss Lao	24.12	6.80	4.18	\$1.00 Exacta	3-7	30.86	289,548
7	Bellacose		3.06	2.50	\$1.00 Quinella	3-7	11.11	10,615
1	Curlin's Magic			2.76	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-7-1	40.10	121,305
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-3	95.34	157,457
					\$0.10 Superfecta	3-7-1-2	14.49	55,901

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
3	Miss Lao	1	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	1 ¹	1 ⁶
7	Bellacose	3	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	2 ⁶
1	Curlin's Magic	6	6 ⁵	6 ³	5 ^{4 1/2}	3 ^{7 3/4}
2	Ah Ca Ira	4	4 ³	5 ²	6 ^{4 3/4}	4 ^{8 1/2}
5	Open Soul Autism	5	5 ⁴	4 ²	4 ⁴	5 ^{9 1/4}
6	Jackie the Joker	2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ⁴	6 ^{11 1/4}

Trainers: 3 - Kantarmaci, Mertkan; 7 - Cox, Brad; 1 - Arenas, Marcelo; 2 - Dixon, Linda; 5 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay; 6 - Shivmangal, Lolita

Owners: 3 -Mertkan Kantarmaci; 7 -Michael Dubb; 1 -Marcelo Arenas; 2 - Dixon, Linda K. and Alejandro, Hector M.; 5 -Ilkay Kantarmaci; 6 - Krohn, Marjorie and Lieberman, Jay A.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MISS LAO coaxed from the gate, chased just off the inside and then along the inside getting let out at the quarter pole before spinning three wide into upper stretch, rallied to take command nearing the eighth pole, drew clear under a drive to prevail. BELLACOSE got brushed at the break by JACKIE THE JOKER, established the front near the six furlong marker and showed the way in hand three then two wide patiently handled until set down spinning just off the inside into upper stretch, dug in under threat and was caught nearing the eighth pole, proved no match for the top one while keeping on clear for the place honors. CURLIN'S MAGIC chased just off the inside, got out from the seven-sixteenths pole through to the three-eighths pole to culminate in being five wide at that latter station despite being flashed a left handed crop, went nine wide into upper stretch and improved position through to the finish to secure the show honors. AH CA IRA chased inside briefly and then tipped out to the three path down the backstretch, tucked to the two path through the turn coming under urging with seven-sixteenths to go, spun three then two wide for home and passed tired rivals. OPEN SOUL AUTISM chased just off the inside briefly before tipping five paths off the inside down the backstretch, tucked four wide through the turn coming under urging three furlongs out, angled six wide into upper stretch and weakened. JACKIE THE JOKER coaxed from the start, chased four then three wide under encouragement from just outside the quarter pole, angled five wide into upper stretch, tired.