

SARATOGA - August 30, 2026 - Race 1

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred
(UP TO \$20,010 NYSBFOA) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 123 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of \$55,000 Or Less In The Last 5 Starts Preferred). (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).

Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Cogburn - 59.80 - June 8, 2024)

Purse: \$115,000

Available Money: \$115,000

Value of Race: \$115,000 1st \$63,250, 2nd \$23,000, 3rd \$13,800, 4th \$6,900, 5th \$4,600, 6th \$3,450

Weather: Cloudy, 73° Track: Firm

Off at: 1:13 Start: Good for all 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
25Jul26 ³ SAR ⁷	6	Cactus Closer (Alvarado, Junior) 	123 --	5	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Neck}	8.73	ins foe,hedge,gamely
16Aug26 ⁴ CNL ⁴	7	Lou's Room (Franco, Manuel) 	123 --	6	2	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{3 1/2}	2 ^{4 1/4}	2.21	out,2p trn,duel,denied
25Jul26 ³ SAR ³	3	Foolin (Santana, Jr., Ricardo) 	123 b	2	3	3 ^{1/2}	4 ²	3 ¹	3 ²	1.63*	ins trn,2p1/4,mvd out
---	4	Flowline (Carmouche, Kendrick)	123 --	3	4	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	4 ¹	4 ^{3/4}	3.56	bmpd early,3-4p,tired
---	1	Songbird Prince (IRE) (Velazquez, John)	123 --	1	6	5 ¹	5 ⁵	5 ¹⁸	5 ^{18 1/2}	6.10	green5/8,drop back7/16
---	5	Fear No One (Silvera, Ruben)	123 b	4	5	6	6	6	6	25.23	bmp early,bucked,3p

Fractional Times: 22.37 44.82 55.92 Final Time: 1:01.78 Time from Gate: 1:05.18

Split Times: (22:45) (11:10) (5:86)

Run-Up: 95 feet

Winner: Cactus Closer, Bay Colt, by Practical Joke out of Star Cactus, by Uncle Mo. Foaled Apr 18, 2024 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Russell B Jr Jones & Castle Park Farm,LLC

Owner: Monfort, Charles, America's Pastime Stables, Bloom Racing Stable LLC (Jeffrey Bloom) and Barker, Edwin S.

Trainer: Romans, Dale

Scratched Horse(s): Dargham (Main-Track-Only), Mambo Jazz (PrivVet-Illness), Vapor Trail (Main-Track-Only)

Total WPS Pool: \$367,476

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Cactus Closer	19.46	8.08	3.88	\$1.00 Exacta	6-7	30.30	237,189
7	Lou's Room		3.70	2.44	\$0.50 Trifecta	6-7-3	47.26	93,541
3	Foolin			2.38	\$0.10 Superfecta	6-7-3-4	21.04	45,151

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
6	Cactus Closer	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Neck}
7	Lou's Room	2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Neck}
3	Foolin	3	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1 3/4}	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{4 1/2}
4	Flowline	4	4 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{4 1/2}	4 ^{6 1/2}
1	Songbird Prince (IRE)	6	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{3 3/4}	5 ^{5 1/2}	5 ^{7 1/4}
5	Fear No One	5	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{8 3/4}	6 ^{23 1/2}	6 ^{25 3/4}

Trainers: 6 - Romans, Dale; 7 - Weaver, George; 3 - Pletcher, Todd; 4 - Gargan, Danny; 1 - Morley, Thomas; 5 - Rodriguez, Rudy

Owners: 6 - Monfort, Charles, America's Pastime Stables, Bloom Racing Stable LLC (Jeffrey Bloom) and Barker, Edwin S.; 7 - Swinbank Stables LLC, Brunetti Dugan Stables and Harrell Ventures LLC; 3 - Spendthrift Farm LLC and Leland Ackerley Racing; 4 - CSLR Racing Partners; 1 - LJSS Thoroughbreds, Adelphi Racing Club and Titledown Racing Stables; 5 - Nassau CC Stables, Hibiscus Stables LLC, Imperio, Michael and Marano, Gary S.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

CACTUS CLOSER broke out but came out in front then was corrected by the rider, showed the way under pressure to his outside by LOU'S ROOM, was asked at the quarter-pole, came under a left-handed crop in upper stretch, dueled gamely with the aforementioned foe to the finish and narrowly prevailed. LOU'S ROOM broke out at the start, pressed the pace on the outside then in the two path on the turn, was given his cue at the quarter-pole, dueled outside of the winner under a right-handed crop in the stretch, came in closer to that opponent at the sixteenth-pole, fought head and head to the finish and was denied while clear for the place. FOOLIN was well placed just off the pace under light restraint, came under some urging at the seven-sixteenths pole, drafted behind horses while saving ground on the turn, was asked in the two path at the quarter-pole, moved out in upper stretch and lacked the needed kick while clear for the show. FLOWLINE was hustled from the gate, bumped with FEAR NO ONE early, moved out while settling off the pace, was asked leaving the backstretch, chased in the three path on the turn, was driven into the stretch in the four path, moved further out in the drive and tired. SONGBIRD PRINCE (IRE) broke a half-step slow then dropped back, raced greenly around the five-eighths-pole, was rated near the rear while a bit keen, dropped back leaving the backstretch, saved ground while put to urging on the turn, came into upper stretch under a drive and failed to rally. FEAR NO ONE was hustled from the gate, bumped with FLOWLINE early, bucked and lost action just after making contact with that foe then dropped back, was urged along at the rear, went around the turn in the three path and was no factor.

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