

SARATOGA - September 6, 2026 - Race 11

STAKES Disco Partner S. Black Type - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON A GRADED SWEEPSTAKES IN 2025-2026. Lasix not allowed within 48 hours of post time pursuant to HISA Rule 4212. By subscription of \$150 each which should accompany the nomination; \$750 to pass the entry box and an additional \$750 to start. For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental payment of \$750 in addition to the entry and starting fees may be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. Three Year Olds: 122 lbs. Older: 126 lbs. Non-winners of a Sweepstakes in 2026 allowed 2 lbs. Main track only entrants are not eligible for weight allowances. Preference to start will be determined by Stakes winners, Stakes placed runners, condition eligibility. Ties to be broken by highest total earnings. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. The New York Racing Association reserves the right to transfer this race to the Main Track. Closed Saturday, August 22, 2026 with 18 Original Nominations and 4 Supplements. (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). (Rail at 12 feet).

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

Purse: \$150,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$150,000

Value of Race: \$150,000 1st \$82,500, 2nd \$30,000, 3rd \$18,000, 4th \$9,000, 5th \$6,000, 6th \$2,250, 7th \$2,250

Weather: Clear, 71° Track: Firm

Off at: 5:59 Start: Good for all Timing Method: Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
14Aug26 ¹ PEN ¹	1	Jean Valjean (Torres, Jomar)	126	-	-	1 1	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ 1/2	2 ³ 1/2	1 ^{Neck}	8.04	ins-2p,headed1/8,game
15Aug26 ⁷ CNL ²	4	Determined Kingdom (Velazquez, John)	126	b		3 3	3 ²	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹ 3/4	2.85	ins-3p,4p1/4,led,dueld
2Aug26 ⁷ SAR ¹	7	Creditworthy (Franco, Manuel) 	124	-	-	6 5	7	7	3 ¹	3 ^{3/4}	1.36*	2p trn,4p1/4,6p,gained
10Jul26 ⁸ IND ³	6	Heart Headed (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	124	b		5 4	4 ^{1/2}	5 ¹ 1/2	4 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	7.27	2-4p trn,5p1/4,7p,chsd
15Aug26 ⁷ SAR ¹	8	Bite and Strike (Lezcano, Jose)	124	b		7 7	6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	7	5 ¹ 1/4	5.34	3-5p turn,mvd in,chsd
26Jul26 ⁹ SAR ⁷	2	Stars and Strides (Alvarado, Junior)	124	b		2 6	5 ¹	4 ^{Head}	5 ¹	6 ⁷ 1/2	9.61	inside turn,no rally
23Aug26 ⁵ SAR ²	5	Billionaires Row (Zayas, Edgard)	124	b		4 2	2 ^{1/2}	3 ² 1/2	6 ^{1/2}	7	39.63	out,3-4p,2p1/4,empty

Fractional Times: 21.70 44.51 55.84

Final Time: 1:01.82 Time from Gate: 1:05.22

Split Times: (22:81) (11:33) (5:98)

Run-Up: 95 feet Temporary Rail: 12 feet

Winner: Jean Valjean, Chestnut Gelding, by Uncle Lino out of Lady's Tale, by Tale of the Cat. Foaled Apr 14, 2019 in Pennsylvania.

Breeder: Hasting Farm

Owner: Nevins, Martha and Pawasarat, Michael

Trainer: Merryman, Elizabeth

Scratched Horse(s): Buttah (Main-Track-Only), No Evidence (Stakes Scratch), Paradise Valley (Main-Track-Only)

Total WPS Pool: \$714,977

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Jean Valjean	18.08	6.92	3.48	\$1.00 Exacta	1-4	38.90	513,994
4	Determined Kingdom		4.58	2.64	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-4-7	32.61	207,226
7	Creditworthy			2.20	\$0.10 Superfecta	1-4-7-6	20.47	116,995
					\$1.00 Pick 3	9-1-1 (3 correct)	198.95	83,602
					\$1.00 Daily Double	1-1	39.70	173,204
					\$1.00 Consolation Pick 3	9-6-1 (3 correct)	39.49	0
					\$1.00 Grand Slam	4/5/7-2/3/5/8/9-1/3/6/8-1 (4 correct)	155.45	72,587

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
1	Jean Valjean	1	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Neck}
4	Determined Kingdom	3	3 ²	2 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Neck}
7	Creditworthy	5	7 ⁶	7 ⁶ 1/2	3 ³ 1/2	3 ²
6	Heart Headed	4	4 ⁴	5 ⁴ 1/2	4 ⁴ 1/2	4 ² 3/4
8	Bite and Strike	7	6 ⁵ 1/2	6 ⁶	7 ⁶ 1/2	5 ³ 3/4
2	Stars and Strides	6	5 ⁴ 1/2	4 ⁴ 1/2	5 ⁵	6 ⁵
5	Billionaires Row	2	2 ¹ 1/2	3 ²	6 ⁶	7 ¹² 1/2

Trainers: 1 - Merryman, Elizabeth; 4 - Trombetta, Michael; 7 - Brown, Chad; 6 - Maker, Michael; 8 - Rice, Linda; 2 - Mott, William; 5 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay

Owners: 1 - Nevins, Martha and Pawasarat, Michael; 4 - Estate of R. Larry Johnson; 7 - Klaravich Stables, Inc.; 6 - Staudacher, David, Paradise Farms Corp., Turman, Frank and Haynes, Kevin; 8 -Linda Rice; 2 - Pin Oak Stud LLC; 5 - Goldfarb, Sanford J., Kantarmaci, Ilkay and Zilla Racing Stables;

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JEAN VALJEAN was hustled to the front then showed the way, moved from the inside to the two path on the turn, was asked near the quarter-pole, drifted out under a left-handed crop under threat from the runner-up in upper stretch, lost the advantage to that foe nearing the eighth-pole, fought back gamely in the final furlong, dueled under a left-handed crop to the finish and narrowly prevailed under strong urging. DETERMINED KINGDOM was taken in hand early then rated while well placed just off the pace, raced inside for most of the turn, shifted to the three path late on that bend, gained in the four path to make a bid into upper stretch, took a short lead approaching the eighth-pole, dueled outside of the winner under a right-handed crop in the final furlong and was denied while clear for the place. CREDITWORTHY dropped back to the rear then was reserved under restraint, rounded the turn in the two path, was roused outside the quarter-pole, came into the stretch in the four path then moved out to the six path and finished willingly for the show. HEART HEADED brushed with BILLIONAIRES ROW at the start, was urged along off the pace, moved from the two path to the four path while roused for more on the turn, came into the stretch in the five path then shifted out to the seven path and gained some but lacked the needed kick. BITE AND STRIKE dropped back early then settled on the outside, moved from the three path to the five path while roused on the far turn, dropped in under a drive in upper stretch and lacked the needed response. STARS AND STRIDES was urged along off the pace, saved ground on the turn and failed to rally. BILLIONAIRES ROW brushed with HEART HEADED at the start then was hustled, tracked the pace on the outside, was asked in the three path on the turn, moved to the four path briefly outside the quarter-pole then dropped to the two path and came up empty.

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