

SARATOGA - September 7, 2026 - Race 3

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(UP TO \$21,750 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON \$22,000 TWICE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$80,000. Three Year Olds, 123 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price \$80,000 (Allowance Horses Preferred)(1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (NW2\$ X) **Claiming Price:** \$80,000
Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Imperial Hint - 1:07.92 - July 27, 2019)
Purse: \$125,000
Available Money: \$125,000
Value of Race: \$125,000 1st \$68,750, 2nd \$25,000, 3rd \$15,000, 4th \$7,500, 5th \$5,000, 6th \$1,875, 7th \$1,875
Weather: Clear, 77° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 12:41 **Start:** Good for all except 2 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
14Feb26 ⁷ TAM ¹	8	Little Thunder (Velazquez, John) 	126	L	7	3	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1.58*	pressed 5-3w, got bob
23Aug26 ⁶ SAR ¹	1	Two Eagles River (Davis, Dylan) 	126	L b	1	5	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{3/4}	8.53	4w uppr, lost the bob
23Aug26 ⁶ SAR ⁵	7	Barb (Maragh, Rajiv)	126	L b	6	1	4 ¹	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{4 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	22.22	chased 3-4w, mild kick
4Apr26 ⁵ KEE ⁴	2	Gate to Wire (Carmouche, Kendrick)	126	L	2	7	6 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	3.53	brush gate st, belated
17Jul26 ³ SAR ⁵	6	Twenty Four Mamba (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	126	L b	5	2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	5 ^{2 3/4}	7.82	in hand 2p, wknd late
17Jun26 ⁵ CD ⁶	4	Sharp Swinger (Franco, Manuel)	126	L	3	6	5 ¹	7	6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{1 3/4}	2.48	chased 4w, weakened
30Jul26 ³ SAR ²	5	Perfect Force (Zayas, Edgard)	126	L b	4	4	7	6 ^{1/2}	7	7	28.06	3-4w upper, weakened

Fractional Times: 22.70 45.50 57.27 **Final Time:** 1:09.58 **Time from Gate:** 1:11.94
Split Times: (22:80) (11:77) (12:31)
Run-Up: 53 feet

Winner: Little Thunder, Bay Gelding, by Noble Bird out of Circular Rainbow, by Circular Quay. Foaled May 11, 2022 in Florida.
Breeder: Thomas Equels
Owner: Hamm, Timothy E. and Equels, Thomas K.
Trainer: Hamm, Timothy

Claiming Prices: 1 - Two Eagles River: \$80,000; 7 - Barb: \$80,000; 4 - Sharp Swinger: \$80,000; 5 - Perfect Force: \$80,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Show Time (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$385,886

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Little Thunder	5.16	3.36	2.90	\$1.00 Exacta	8-1	17.49	301,481
1	Two Eagles River		5.40	3.62	\$0.50 Trifecta	8-1-7	87.54	113,109
7	Barb			5.88	\$1.00 Pick 3	1-6-8 (3 correct)	193.64	95,857
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-8	51.64	75,240
					\$0.10 Superfecta	8-1-7-2	77.11	58,330

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
8	Little Thunder	3	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}
1	Two Eagles River	5	3 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}
7	Barb	1	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1 3/4}	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{3/4}
2	Gate to Wire	7	6 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{4 1/4}	5 ⁶	4 ^{4 1/4}
6	Twenty Four Mamba	2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹	5 ^{4 3/4}
4	Sharp Swinger	6	5 ^{2 1/2}	7 ^{6 1/4}	6 ^{7 1/2}	6 ^{7 1/2}
5	Perfect Force	4	7 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{5 3/4}	7 ⁸	7 ^{9 1/4}

Trainers: 8 - Hamm, Timothy; 1 - Atras, Rob; 7 - DeVaux, Adrienne; 2 - Pletcher, Todd; 6 - Abreu, Fernando; 4 - Rice, Linda; 5 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay

Owners: 8 - Hamm, Timothy E. and Equels, Thomas K.; 1 - BellaBlue Racing Stable; 7 -Dennis J. Noud; 2 - Donegal Racing; 6 - Paterpop Racing; 4 - Rice, Linda and Bruno, Robert; 5 - DEA Thoroughbred Racing LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

LITTLE THUNDER pressed the pace of TWENTY FOUR MAMBA from the outside five then four paths off the rail down the backstretch and then three wide through the turn, got let out spinning three wide into upper stretch, seized command with three-sixteenths to go, inched away to inside the eighth pole, dug in and gamely got the bob on the wire. TWO EAGLES RIVER chased along the inside and then just off the inside patiently handled until set down angled four wide into upper stretch, dug in under a drive rallying between foes inside the final sixteenth and lost the bob on the line. BARB broke out at the start, chased three to four wide coming under a ride from the three-eighths pole, angled five wide into upper stretch, offered up a mild kick latching on the top pair as they hit the finish. GATE TO WIRE brushed the near side stall at the start, chased just off the inside and then along the inside under urging from three furlongs out, angled six wide into upper stretch and kicked on belatedly to the finish. TWENTY FOUR MAMBA cut the pace from the two path in hand and under pressure from the top one to the outside, came under coaxing spinning just off the inside into upper stretch, yielded the front with three-sixteenths to go and weakened in the late stages. SHARP SWINGER coaxed from the start, chased four wide under a ride with seven-sixteenths to go, went seven to eight wide into upper stretch, weakened. PERFECT FORCE coaxed from the gate, chased five paths off the inside down the backstretch and then just off the inside through the turn under encouragement from three furlongs out, went three to four wide into upper stretch and weakened.

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