

SARATOGA - September 7, 2026 - Race 9

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(UP TO \$13,572 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$55,000 OR LESS AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR CLAIMING \$45,000 WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 123 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price \$45,000 State Bred Starters Not Considered for Starter Eligibility Purposes(1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable torun this race on the turf course, this race will run at Five and One Half Furlongs on the Main Track). (Rail at 12 feet). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$45,000

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

Purse: \$78,000

Available Money: \$78,000

Value of Race: \$78,000 1st \$42,900, 2nd \$15,600, 3rd \$9,360, 4th \$4,680, 5th \$3,120, 6th \$1,170, 7th \$1,170

Weather: Clear, 80° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 4:06 **Start:** Good for all except 1 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
20Aug26 ² SAR ¹	2	Light Fantastic (Franco, Manuel)	126	L	2	3	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 3/4}	3.55	in hand ins, edged clr
20Aug26 ⁵ SAR ¹	4	Escapades (Lezcano, Jose)	126	L	b	3	7	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}	1.35*	off heels ins to 7/16
9Jul26 ⁸ SAR ³	8	Ambassador Blue (Alvarado, Junior)	123	L	b	7	5	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	3.85	3w pursuit, belatedly
9Jul26 ⁸ SAR ⁶	6	Global Prosperity (Zayas, Edgard)	126	L		5	2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{Nose}	13.74	2p in aim, wknd late
19Aug26 ⁶ SAR ²	5	Sea Vista (Carmouche, Kendrick)	126	L		4	6	6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{Head}	5.81	brushed st, one paced
16Jul26 ⁷ SAR ⁹	7	Sicilian Defense (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	126	L	b	6	1	3 ^{Head}	4 ¹	6 ⁴	15.84	chased 3-2w, weakened
14Aug26 ⁴ SAR ⁵	1	Abrigado (Davis, Dylan)	123	L	b	1	4	7	7	7	14.01	bumped st, trailed

Fractional Times: 22.66 45.15 56.39 **Final Time:** 1:02.32 **Time from Gate:** 1:05.74

Split Times: (22:49) (11:24) (5:93)

Run-Up: 95 feet **Temporary Rail:** 12 feet

Winner: Light Fantastic, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by [City of Light](#) out of Spoken Not Broken, by Broken Vow. Foaled Apr 10, 2021 in New York.

 Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding

Owner: Goldfarb, Sanford J., Goldfarb, Irwin and Speranza, Steven

Trainer: Cox, Brad

Scratched Horse(s): Frostelle (PrivVet-Illness), Korrongo (Stewards), Math Tutor (Main-Track-Only), Seeker's Hope (Main-Track-Only), Utopian (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$590,714

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Light Fantastic	9.10	4.14	2.80	\$1.00 Exacta	2-4	12.13	425,156
4	Escapades		2.90	2.36	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-4-8	14.75	189,643
8	Ambassador Blue			2.70	\$1.00 Pick 3	7-4-2 (3 correct)	127.77	113,949
					\$0.50 Pick 4	9-7-4-2 (4 correct)	371.89	208,778
					\$0.50 Pick 5	3-9-7-4-2 (5 correct)	9,742.62	391,462
					\$1.00 Daily Double	4-2	43.41	84,009
					\$0.10 Superfecta	2-4-8-6	10.66	102,022

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
2	Light Fantastic	3	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 3/4}
4	Escapades	7	4 ¹	3 ²	3 ²	2 ^{1 3/4}
8	Ambassador Blue	5	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ³	4 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/4}
6	Global Prosperity	2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	4 ^{2 3/4}
5	Sea Vista	6	6 ^{1 3/4}	6 ^{3 1/4}	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{2 3/4}
7	Sicilian Defense	1	3 ¹	4 ²	6 ^{3 3/4}	6 ⁴
1	Abrigado	4	7 ^{2 1/4}	7 ^{4 3/4}	7 ^{7 3/4}	7 ^{13 3/4}

Trainers: 2 - Cox, Brad; 4 - Rice, Linda; 8 - Gargan, Danny; 6 - Lewis, Lisa; 5 - Trombetta, Michael; 7 - De Paz, Horacio; 1 - Rice, Linda

Owners: 2 - Goldfarb, Sanford J., Goldfarb, Irwin and Speranza, Steven; 4 -Linda Rice; 8 - Legendary Thoroughbreds, Arnmore Thoroughbreds LLC and Gargan, Danny; 6 -Hayward R. Pressman; 5 - July Cavalry Racing, Farnell and Grandizio Racing and Taste of Victory Stables LLC; 7 - Saratoga Dreams Racing LLC; 1 -Ronald P. Stewart;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

LIGHT FANTASTIC broke in at the start under coaxing bumping ABRIGADO, showed the way in hand along the inside, got set down spinning just off the inside into upper stretch, edged away under a drive to prevail. ESCAPADES broke out at the start brushing SEA VISTA, got taken under a hold off the heels of the aforementioned foe along the inside and pulled keen and unsettled through to the seven-sixteenths marker, got steadied inside that station and conceded two lengths in position settling into the turn, came under coaxing near the quarter pole and spun three wide into upper stretch, offered up a mild bid. AMBASSADOR BLUE three wide in pursuit, got coaxed along with five-sixteenths to run, angled four to five wide into upper stretch and kicked on belatedly to the finish. GLOBAL PROSPERITY raced just off the inside in closest aim of the leader latched on to the outside, came under coaxing just outside the quarter pole and spun two to three wide into upper stretch, weakened in the late stages. SEA VISTA got brushed at the break by ESCAPADES, chased just off the inside under a ride with five-sixteenths remaining, continued in the two path into upper stretch and stayed on one paced to the finish. SICILIAN DEFENSE chased three then two wide under urging from the five-sixteenths marker, spun three wide into upper stretch, weakened. ABRIGADO got bumped at the break by LIGHT FANTASTIC, who broke inwards, chased along the inside under encouragement from the five-sixteenths pole, continued in the inside route into upper stretch and trailed.