

SARATOGA - August 1, 2025 - Race 9

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(UP TO \$11,832 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$32,000 OR LESS SINCE AUGUST 1, 2024 AND WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE SINCE FEBRUARY 1, 2025 OR CLAIMING \$40,000. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since February 1, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$40,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (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). (NW1 6MX) **Claiming Price: \$40,000**

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

Purse: \$68,000

Available Money: \$68,000

Value of Race: \$68,000 1st \$37,400, 2nd \$13,600, 3rd \$8,160, 4th \$4,080, 5th \$2,720, 6th \$408, 7th \$408, 8th \$408, 9th \$408, 10th \$408

Weather: Clear, 75° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 5:51 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
27Jun25 ⁵ CD ⁵	1	Shefflin (Prat, Flavien)	122	L	2	4	5 ¹ 1/2	5 ¹ /2	3 ¹ 1/2	1 ³ /4	1.00*	inside turn, rallied
3Jul25 ⁷ SAR ⁸	4	Hilarious Affair (Rosario, Joel)	124	L b	3	10	9 ¹ 1/2	8 ¹	6 ¹ /2	2 ³ /4	6.60	swerved out7/16,5p trn
17Jul25 ⁹ SAR ⁸	7	Java Buzz (Saez, Luis)	122	L b	7	2	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ² 1/2	3 ¹	20.70	2p turn,led past 1/16
3Jul25 ⁷ SAR ⁴	8	Cloudy (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	122	L b	8	6	6 ¹ /2	4 ^{Head}	4 ¹	4 ¹ 1/2	4.90	4-5path turn,willingly
28Jun25 ⁴ CD ⁹	10	Chiringo (Ortiz, Jose)	122	L b	10	7	10	10	9 ³	5 ^{Nose}	8.40	ins-2p trn,3p1/4,angld
19Jul25 ⁸ MTH ³	3	Vinsanity (Lezcano, Jose)	124	L bf	1	9	7 ^{Head}	7 ¹ /2	8 ^{Head}	6 ^{Neck}	28.25	unprepared brk,ins trn
3Jul25 ⁷ SAR ¹	1A	Chess Master (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	124	L b	5	5	2 ¹ /2	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	7 ^{Nose}	1.00*	3p turn,chased,wknd
3Jul25 ⁷ SAR ³	6	Fluid Situation (Velazquez, John)	122	L b	6	3	3 ²	3 ¹ 1/2	5 ¹	8 ⁴ 1/4	4.40	bmpd 1/2,4p turn,empty
3Jul25 ⁷ SAR ⁶	9	Heaven Street (Franco, Manuel)	122	L	9	1	4 ^{Head}	6 ²	7 ^{Head}	9 ¹ 1/4	52.25	mvd in 7/16,2p turn
13Jun25 ⁷ BAQ ⁵	5	Whenlovetakesover (Rivera, Jr., Luis)	124	L b	4	8	8 ¹	9 ¹ 1/2	10	10	69.50	toss head1/2-7/16,3-4p

Fractional Times: 21.88 44.42 56.23

Final Time: 1:02.35

Split Times: (22:54) (11:81) (6:12)

Run-Up: 95 feet

Winner: Shefflin, Gray or Roan Gelding, by Kantharos out of Roaming, by Quality Road. Foaled Mar 09, 2020 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Hunter Valley

Owner: Flying P Stable

Trainer: Maker, Michael

1 Claimed Horse(s): Chiringo

New Trainer: Jose Francisco
D'Angelo

New Owner: Michael Dubb

Claiming Prices: 1 - Shefflin: \$40,000; 4 - Hilarious Affair: \$40,000; 8 - Cloudy: \$40,000; 10 - Chiringo: \$40,000; 1A - Chess Master: \$40,000; 6 - Fluid Situation: \$40,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Kunshan Bridge (Main-Track-Only), Outlaw Country (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$803,290

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Shefflin	4.00	2.40	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	1-4	11.10	659,272
4	Hilarious Affair		5.60	5.00	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-4-7	79.25	295,211
7	Java Buzz			7.20	\$1.00 Grand Slam	5/6/7-2/3/5-6/9/11-1/2/11 (4 correct)	83.50	59,852
					\$1.00 Pick 3	2-9-1 (3 correct)	65.50	100,333
					\$1.00 Daily Double	9-1	33.75	132,535
					\$0.10 Superfecta	1-4-7-8	72.15	168,565

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
1	Shefflin	4	5 ³ 1/2	5 ³ 1/2	3 ² 1/2	1 ³ /4
4	Hilarious Affair	10	9 ⁶ 3/4	8 ⁶ 1/2	6 ⁶	2 ³ /4
7	Java Buzz	2	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ² 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2
8	Cloudy	6	6 ⁵	4 ³ 1/2	4 ⁴	4 ² 1/2
10	Chiringo	7	10 ⁸ 1/4	10 ⁹	9 ⁶ 3/4	5 ⁴
3	Vinsanity	9	7 ⁵ 1/2	7 ⁶	8 ⁶ 3/4	6 ⁴
1A	Chess Master	5	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ² 1/2	7 ⁴ 1/4
6	Fluid Situation	3	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ²	5 ⁵	8 ⁴ 1/4
9	Heaven Street	1	4 ³ 1/2	6 ⁴	7 ⁶ 1/2	9 ⁸ 1/2
5	Whenlovetakesover	8	8 ⁵ 3/4	9 ⁷ 1/2	10 ⁹ 3/4	10 ⁹ 3/4

Trainers: 1 - Maker, Michael; 4 - Maker, Michael; 7 - Rodriguez, Rudy; 8 - McGaughey III, Claude; 10 - Rice, Linda; 3 - Arriaga, Antonio; 1A - Abreu, Jorge; 6 - Terranova II, John; 9 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay; 5 - Quick, Patrick

Owners: 1 - Flying P Stable; 4 - Staudacher, David and Paradise Farms Corp.; 7 -Rudy R. Rodriguez; 8 - Winngate Stables, LLC; 10 - Rice, Linda and Italian Stallions Racing; 3 - Next Level Stables; 1a- Flying P Stable; 6 - Bella Mia Stables, LLC; 9 - Madaket Stables LLC and America's Pastime Stables; 5 - Thummps Racing Stable LLC, Jacoutot, Peter and Paradise Farms Corp.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SHEFFLIN was urged along off the pace, saved ground on the turn, came under the crop after turning into the stretch and moved to the two path, rallied into the final furlong and closed strongly to get up late and prevail. HILARIOUS AFFAIR was restless in the gate, raced near the back under urging, swerved out late on the backstretch, went around the turn in the five path, moved out in upper stretch, found his best stride in the drive and finished with good energy to garner the place. JAVA BUZZ was sent hard to the front, showed the way with a clear advantage, went around the turn in the two path, responded well when asked outside the quarter-pole, came under a right-handed crop in upper stretch, led until the final seventy yards but was overtaken while able to get

the show. CLOUDY settled off the pace, was roused in the four then five path on the turn, turned into upper stretch under a drive and finished willingly for the last spot in the superfecta. CHIRINGO settled at the rear of the field then moved in, was roused while inside to the two path on the turn, spun into the stretch in the three path then angled out and improved position. VINSANITY was restless in the gate then had the rider unprepared at the start, broke near the back but relatively with the body of the field, settled on the inside, was roused on the turn, turned into upper stretch under a drive and failed to rally. CHESS MASTER was unsettled in the gate but came away in good order, brushed with a rival early, established a good position just off the pace, was asked in the three path on the turn, chased under a drive into the final furlong and weakened. FLUID SITUATION stalked the pace on the outside, was bumped near the half-mile pole, went around the turn in the four path, chased into upper stretch and came up empty. HEAVEN STREET was urged along on the outside, moved in late on the backstretch, went around the turn in the two path and failed to threaten. WHENLOVETAKESOVER was restless in the gate, brushed with a foe after the start, settled off the pace, began to toss his head outside the furlong marker, continued to toss his head several times from that point until near the seven-sixteenths pole, went around the turn in the three path, turned into the stretch in the four path and failed to respond.