

SARATOGA - August 2, 2025 - Race 11

STAKES Whitney S. Grade 1 - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Lasix not allowed within 48 hours of post time pursuant to HISA Rule 4212. By subscription of \$1,000 each which should accompany the nomination. \$7,500 to pass the entry box and an additional \$7,500 to start. A supplemental nomination payment of \$7,500 in addition to the entry and starting fees may be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. The purse will be divided as follows: \$550,000 to the winner, \$200,000 to second, \$120,000 to third, \$60,000 to fourth, \$40,000 to fifth and \$30,000 to be divided equally amongst the remaining finishers. The Whitney has been selected as one of the Breeders' Cup Win and You're In Challenge Races. The nominated winner of the Whitney will be entitled to automatic entry into the 2025 running of the Breeders' Cup Classic Division. See the Breeders' Cup website for all Challenge details. 124 lbs. Non-winners of a Grade One in 2024-25 allowed 2 lbs.; of a Graded Sweepstakes in 2025 allowed 4 lbs. Trophies will be presented to the winning owner, trainer, jockey and groom. Closed Saturday, July 19, 2025 with 17 Nominations.

Distance: One And One Eighth Miles On The Dirt Current Track Record: (Lawyer Ron - 1:46.64 - July 28, 2007)

Purse: \$1,000,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$1,000,000

Value of Race: \$1,000,000 1st \$550,000, 2nd \$200,000, 3rd \$120,000, 4th \$60,000, 5th \$40,000, 6th \$7,500, 7th \$7,500, 8th \$7,500, 9th \$7,500

Weather: Clear, 79° Track: Fast

Off at: 5:49 Start: Good for all Timing Method: Electronic



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
28Jun25 ¹¹ CD ²	5	Sierra Leone (Prat, Flavien)	124	b	4	9	9	9	9	¹ Head	1 ¹	1.95	relax,swung7p1/4,rally
27Jun25 ² BAQ ¹	3	Highland Falls (Saez, Luis)	124	b	2	2	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	4 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ²	13.80	bid3-4p2nd,5p1/4,missd
19Apr25 ¹¹ OP ⁴	6	Disarm (Rosario, Joel)	120	--	5	8	8 ^{1/2}	8 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	6 ^{3 1/2}	3 ¹	46.25	ins-2p turns,willingly
7Jun25 ⁸ SAR ⁴	7	White Abarrio (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	124	--	6	4	5 ²	5 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1 3/4}	4.50	3-5p1st turn,7-6p2nd
7Jun25 ⁸ SAR ²	9	Fierceness (Velazquez, John)	124	--	8	1	3 ¹	3 ¹	3 ^{Head}	3 ¹	5 ³	1.20*	4p1st,bid6-5p2nd,3p1/4
28Jun25 ⁴ LRL ¹	10	Post Time (Russell, Sheldon)	120	b	9	6	7 ¹	6 ^{1/2}	7 ^{1/2}	7 ⁸	6 ⁴	15.50	4-5p,7p out1/4,6p,wknd
26May25 ⁸ SA ¹	2	Skippylongstocking (Ortiz, Jose)	122	--	1	5	6 ^{1/2}	7 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{11 1/2}	20.60	2-3p2nd,led3/8-5/16
4Jun25 ⁴ SAR ²	4	Mama's Gold (Maragh, Romero)	120	b	3	3	¹ Head	¹ Head	2 ^{1/2}	8 ²¹	8 ^{43 3/4}	53.75	3p1st,dueled,faded
29Jun25 ³ BAQ ¹	8	Contrary Thinking (Davis, Dylan)	120	--	7	7	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{6 1/2}	8 ^{1/2}	9	9	70.75	bmp brk,5p,stopd,eased

Fractional Times: 23.82 47.07 1:11.59 1:36.40

Final Time: 1:48.92

Split Times: (23:25) (24:52) (24:81) (12:52)

Run-Up: 80 feet

Winner: Sierra Leone, Dark Bay or Brown Colt, by Gun Runner out of Heavenly Love, by Malibu Moon. Foaled Mar 31, 2021 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Debby M. Oxley

Owner: Brant, Peter M., Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael, Smith, Derrick, Westerberg and Smith, Brook T.

Trainer: Brown, Chad

Scratched Horse(s): Mindframe (Stakes Scratch)

Total WPS Pool: \$3,465,526

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payout	Pool
5	Sierra Leone	5.90	3.70	3.00	\$1.00 Pick 3	9-2-5 (3 correct)	252.00	426,320
3	Highland Falls		8.50	6.00	\$0.50 Pick 5	(X-COUNTRY) 5-3-9-2-5	1,291.75	65,364
6	Disarm			12.00		(5 correct)		
					\$0.50 Pick 5	1-8-9-2-5 (5 correct)	4,973.25	1,757,505
					\$1.00 Daily Double	2-5	16.30	480,910
					\$1.00 Exacta	5-3	27.50	1,671,680
					\$0.10 Superfecta	5-3-6-7	133.90	594,614
					\$0.50 Trifecta	5-3-6	127.50	1,006,113

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	Sierra Leone	9	9 ⁸	9 ^{12 1/4}	9 ⁴	¹ Head	1 ¹
3	Highland Falls	2	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{7 1/2}	4 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹
6	Disarm	8	8 ^{7 1/2}	8 ^{11 1/4}	5 ²	6 ^{2 3/4}	3 ³
7	White Abarrio	4	5 ⁴	5 ^{7 3/4}	6 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/4}	4 ⁴
9	Fierceness	1	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{6 1/2}	3 ¹	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{5 3/4}
10	Post Time	6	7 ^{6 1/2}	6 ^{10 1/4}	7 ³	7 ^{6 1/4}	6 ^{8 3/4}
2	Skippylongstocking	5	6 ⁶	7 ^{10 3/4}	1 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1 1/4}	7 ^{12 3/4}
4	Mama's Gold	3	¹ Head	¹ Head	2 ^{1/2}	8 ^{14 1/4}	8 ^{24 1/4}
8	Contrary Thinking	7	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	8 ^{3 1/2}	9 ^{35 1/4}	9 ⁶⁸

Trainers: 5 - Brown, Chad; 3 - Cox, Brad; 6 - Asmussen, Steven; 7 - Joseph, Jr., Saffie; 9 - Pletcher, Todd; 10 - Russell, Brittany; 2 - Joseph, Jr., Saffie; 4 - Ferraro, James; 8 - Brown, Chad

Owners: 5 - Brant, Peter M., Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael, Smith, Derrick, Westerberg and Smith, Brook T.; 3 - Godolphin, LLC; 6 - Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; 7 - C Two Racing Stable, Barber, Gary and La Milagrosa Stable LLC; 9 - Smith, Derrick, Repole Stable, Tabor, Michael B. and Magnier, Mrs. John; 10 - Hillwood Stable LLC; 2 -Daniel Alonso; 4 -Jonathan Hardoon; 8 -Peter M. Brant;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SIERRA LEONE was last to commence but broke relatively with the body of the field, went around the first turn in the three path, settled nicely while relaxed towards the rear, moved closer as the field bunched late on the backstretch, was roused in the three path on the far turn, moved to the four path inside the five-sixteenths pole then angled to the six path while gaining, rallied in the seven path into the stretch, closed strongly on the outside, came in some while taking the lead at the furlong marker, fought outside of the runner-up into the final sixteenth and prevailed under strong urging. HIGHLAND FALLS went around the first turn in the two path, settled comfortably off the pace, moved closer late on the backstretch, gained in the three to four path to make a bid on the final turn, was driven into the stretch in the five path, battled between horses into the final furlong, fought with the winner into the final sixteenth and was outfinished while drifting in late but was clear for the place. DISARM dropped to the rail into the first turn, saved ground on that bend, settled towards the back, moved up quickly leaving the backstretch, was roused while inside to the two path on the far turn, chased the leaders in the stretch and willingly earned the show. WHITE ABARRIO was urged along early, raced in the three path early on the first turn then shifted to the five path, settled on the far

outside, moved closer leaving the backstretch, was roused in the seven then six path on the far turn, turned into upper stretch under a drive and lacked the needed response. FIERCENESS bumped with a rival at the start, rounded the first turn in the four path, settled in third position, gained leaving the backstretch, made a bid in the six then five path on the far turn, took the lead while moving in outside the quarter-pole, dropped to the three path into the stretch, shook clear at the three-sixteenths pole, was put to a right-handed crop outside the eighth-pole, lost the advantage into the final furlong and weakened. POST TIME traveled around the opening bend in the four path, settled off the pace, gained leaving the backstretch, was asked in the four then five path on the far turn, moved to the seven path outside the quarter-pole, dropped to the six path into the stretch, moved further inward in the drive and came up empty. SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING moved from the rail to the two path early on the first turn, settled off the inside, was asked while getting closer late on the backstretch, made a strong move into the far turn, gained in the two to three path to get the lead at the three-eighths pole, lost the advantage outside the quarter-pole, dropped back into the final furlong and tired. MAMA'S GOLD was hustled to the front, raced in the three path on the first turn, dueled inside of a rival on the backstretch, shook off that foe outside the half-mile pole, was swallowed up by most of the field while racing two path to the inside on the final turn and faded. CONTRARY THINKING bumped with a rival at the start then was hustled, rushed up in the five path on the first turn, dueled outside on the backstretch, dropped back nearing the half-mile pole, retreated to the rear in the five path on the far turn and stopped then was eased in the stretch but walked off.

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