

SARATOGA - August 7, 2025 - Race 5

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(UP TO \$9,570 NYSBFOA) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs.
Claiming Price \$50,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). **Claiming Price:**
\$50,000

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Imperial Hint - 1:07.92 - July 27, 2019)
Purse: \$55,000

Available Money: \$55,000


Value of Race: \$53,350 1st \$30,250, 2nd \$11,000, 3rd \$6,600, 4th \$3,300, 5th \$2,200

Weather: Cloudy, 83° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 3:28 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)


Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
24May25 ⁶ BAQ ²	3	The Closer (Alvarado, Junior)	124	L	3	4	4 ² 1/2	2 ¹	1 ³	1 ⁵ 1/2	1.40*	bmp brk,4-5p,eased up
11Jul25 ⁸ SAR ²	2	Dark Devil (Saez, Luis) 	124	L v	2	3	3 ^{Head}	3 1/2	2 ³ 1/2	2 ⁷ 1/2	3.45	saved ground,no match
11Jul25 ⁸ MTH ⁴	1	Fiscal Drag (Prat, Flavien)	119	L b	1	2	1 1/2	1 1/2	3 ³	3 ¹ 1/2	2.55	ins foe,2p,headed1/4
11Jul25 ⁸ SAR ³	4	Dew (Ortiz, Jose)	119	L b	4	5	5	5	5	4 ⁵ 1/4	9.70	bmp brk,ins-3p,7p1/4
---	5	The Crowley Cup (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	119	L	5	1	2 ¹	4 ³ 1/2	4 ¹	5	4.50	out,3p trn,4p1/4,faded

Fractional Times: 22.75 46.41 58.63 **Final Time:** 1:11.29

Split Times: (23:66) (12:22) (12:66)

Run-Up: 53 feet

Winner: The Closer, Bay Colt, by [Bolt d'Oro](#) out of Cana (AUS), by =Fastnet Rock (AUS). Foaled Apr 30, 2021 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

Breeder: Spendthrift Farm LLC

Owner: Bach Stables LLC

Trainer: Mott, William

2 Claimed Horse(s): **Dew** New Trainer: Jena M. Antonucci New Owner: Rose Ann Gagliardi
Fiscal Drag New Trainer: Linda Rice New Owner: Ronald P. Stewart

Voided Claims: The Closer(Vet)

Claiming Prices: 3 - The Closer: \$50,000; 2 - Dark Devil: \$50,000; 1 - Fiscal Drag: \$50,000; 4 - Dew: \$50,000; 5 - The Crowley Cup: \$50,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Luz de Guia (Stewards), Shadow Surge (RegVet-Injured)

Total WPS Pool: \$348,151

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	The Closer	4.80	2.70	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	3-2	6.10	264,966
2	Dark Devil		2.90	2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-2-1	6.30	80,407
1	Fiscal Drag			2.30	\$1.00 Pick 3	5-1-3 (3 correct)	58.75	68,540
					\$0.50 Pick 4	2/8/9-5-1/4/9-3/6/7 (4 correct)	127.50	274,805
					\$0.50 Pick 5	7-2/8/9-5-1/4/9-3/6/7 (5 correct)	788.25	759,248
					\$1.00 Daily Double	1-3	5.10	82,741
					\$0.10 Superfecta	3-2-1-4	2.55	32,401

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
3	The Closer	4	4 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{1/2}	1 ³	1 ⁵ 1/2
2	Dark Devil	3	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	2 ³	2 ⁵ 1/2
1	Fiscal Drag	2	1 1/2	1 1/2	3 ⁶ 1/2	3 ¹³
4	Dew	5	5 ⁴	5 ⁵ 1/2	5 ¹⁰ 1/2	4 ¹⁴ 1/2
5	The Crowley Cup	1	2 ^{1/2}	4 ²	4 ⁹ 1/2	5 ¹⁹ 3/4

Trainers: 3 - Mott, William; 2 - Rodriguez, Rudy; 1 - Brown, Chad; 4 - Contessa, Gary; 5 - Cox, Brad

Owners: 3 - Bach Stables LLC; 2 - Sport of Kings Racing Partners LLC, Rodriguez, Rudy R. and B Barn Racing Stables; 1 - Klaravich Stables, Inc.; 4 -Lee Pokoik; 5 - Caruso, Michael J. and Dubb, Michael;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

THE CLOSER bumped with a rival at the start and was off a half-step slow, moved up while urged along early then tracked the pace on the outside, gained in the four path on the turn, made a bid near the five-sixteenths pole, took the lead coming to the quarter-pole, spun into the stretch in the five path, kicked clear near the three-sixteenths pole, was put to a right-handed crop outside the furlong marker, continued under the crop until inside that marker then was put to a hand-ride before being eased up late while much the best. DARK DEVIL was hustled from the gate, established a good position just off the pace, moved from the two path to the rail very early on the turn, saved ground while asked on that bend, chased the winner under a drive into the final furlong and proved no match while well clear for the place. FISCAL DRAG went to the front, set the pace under pressure to his outside, vied in the two path on the turn, was given his cue inside the five-sixteenths pole, lost the advantage approaching the quarter-pole, dropped back in upper stretch and tired while able to get the show. DEW bumped with an opponent at the start and was off a half-step slow, settled at the rear of the field, angled in around the nine-sixteenths pole, moved from the inside to the three path while roused on the turn, swerved out to the seven path into the stretch and lacked the needed response. THE CROWLEY CUP pressed the pace on the outside, was asked near the seven-sixteenths pole, vied in the three path on the turn, dropped back in the four path into the stretch and capitulated.

