

SARATOGA - August 14, 2025 - Race 5

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs.

Claiming Price \$17,500 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (NW2 L) **Claiming**

Price: \$17,500

Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Key Contender - 1:34.72 - August 9, 1992)

Purse: \$36,000

Available Money: \$36,000

Value of Race: \$36,000 1st \$19,800, 2nd \$7,200, 3rd \$4,320, 4th \$2,160, 5th \$1,440, 6th \$270, 7th \$270, 8th \$270, 9th \$270

Weather: Cloudy, 87° **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)

Off at: 3:38 **Start:** Poor **Timing Method:** Electronic

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[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
6Jul25 ⁹ SAR ⁷	1	Still a Soldier (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	125 L b	1	5	4 ¹	4 ⁵ 1/2	3 ⁴	3 ⁴ 1/2	1 ² 3/4	5.00	lunge st, edged clear
25Jul25 ⁴ SAR ²	6	Gotta Guy (Ortiz, Jose)	120 L	6	6	6 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	4 ¹	4 ⁵ 1/2	2 ² 1/4	5.80	bump btw st, belatedly
13Jan24 ² AQU ⁷	3	Dark Vector (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	125 L b	3	1	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹	2 ³ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	3 ³ 4	4.40	pace 2p, wknd late
25Jul25 ⁴ SAR ³	2	True Connection (Franco, Manuel)	125 L b	2	2	2 ^{Head}	2 ³ 1/2	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	4 ⁸	2.35*	5w uppr, led, wknd lte
25Jul25 ⁴ SAR ⁴	8	Ultimate Strike (Davis, Dylan)	125 L b	8	8	7 ¹	7 ¹ 2	7 ²	6 ²	5 ³	7.80	bumped st, improved
24Jul25 ¹⁰ SAR ⁹	5	Landauer (Rivera, Jr., Luis)	125 L b	5	7	9	6 ¹	6 ¹ 1/2	5 ¹ 2	6 ¹ 3/4	33.50	bumped st, no impact
18Jul25 ³ SAR ⁴	7	Always Be Smart (Lezcano, Jose)	125 L b	7	9	8 ^{Head}	9	8 ² 1/2	7 ² 1/2	7 ⁴ 1/2	8.00	steady, squeezed st
2Jan25 ⁵ AQU ¹	9	Burn Rubber (Carmouche, Kendrick)	125 L b	9	4	3 ⁵	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	8 ⁶	8 ⁹ 1/4	23.10	4-3w in aim, faltered
21Jun25 ⁹ BAQ ¹	4	Dark Magic (Alvarado, Junior)	120 L	4	3	5 ²	8 ¹	9	9	9	8.60	brk out, stumbled st

Fractional Times: 24.27 47.51 1:11.90 1:25.15

Final Time: 1:38.41

Split Times: (23:24) (24:39) (13:25) (13:26)

Run-Up: 27 feet

Winner: Still a Soldier, Gray or Roan Gelding, by Street Sense out of Taparri, by Tapit. Foaled Feb 03, 2021 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC

Owner: Lindy Farms

Trainer: Antonacci, Philip

3 Claimed Horse(s): Always Be Smart
Gotta Guy
True Connection

New Trainer: Thomas Morley

New Trainer: Carlos R. Figueroa, Jr.

New Trainer: Rob Atras

New Owner: Rainbow's End Racing Stable LLC

New Owner: Kim B. Figueroa

New Owner: Martin P. Shaw

Voided Claims: Dark Magic(Vet)

Claiming Prices: 1 - Still a Soldier: \$17,500; 6 - Gotta Guy: \$17,500; 3 - Dark Vector: \$17,500; 2 - True Connection: \$17,500; 8 - Ultimate Strike: \$17,500; 5 - Landauer: \$17,500; 7 - Always Be Smart: \$17,500; 9 - Burn Rubber: \$17,500; 4 - Dark Magic: \$17,500;

Total WPS Pool: \$420,285

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Still a Soldier	12.00	5.60	4.50	\$1.00 Exacta	1-6	29.75	361,434
6	Gotta Guy		5.70	3.70	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-6-3	82.87	164,764
3	Dark Vector			4.90	\$1.00 Pick 3	4-1-1 (3 correct)	85.75	110,341
					\$0.50 Pick 4	5-4/8-1-1 (4 correct)	645.75	184,060
					\$0.50 Pick 5	3-5-4/8-1-1 (5 correct)	3,286.50	662,608
					\$1.00 Daily Double	1-1	38.50	70,765
					\$0.10 Superfecta	1-6-3-2	42.30	82,587

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1	Still a Soldier	5	4 ⁶ 1/2	4 ⁴ 1/2	3 ³ 1/2	3 ^{Head}	1 ² 3/4
6	Gotta Guy	6	6 ⁹ 1/2	5 ¹⁰	4 ⁷ 1/2	4 ⁴ 3/4	2 ² 3/4
3	Dark Vector	1	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3 ⁵
2	True Connection	2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	4 ⁵ 3/4
8	Ultimate Strike	8	7 ⁹ 3/4	7 ¹¹ 1/4	7 ¹⁰ 1/4	6 ¹⁰ 3/4	5 ¹³ 3/4
5	Landauer	7	9 ¹⁰ 3/4	6 ¹⁰ 1/4	6 ⁸ 3/4	5 ¹⁰ 1/4	6 ¹⁶ 3/4
7	Always Be Smart	9	8 ¹⁰ 3/4	9 ¹² 3/4	8 ¹² 1/4	7 ¹² 3/4	7 ¹⁸ 1/2
9	Burn Rubber	4	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ⁴ 1/2	5 ⁸ 1/2	8 ¹⁵ 1/4	8 ²³
4	Dark Magic	3	5 ⁷ 1/2	8 ¹¹ 3/4	9 ¹⁴ 3/4	9 ²¹ 1/4	9 ³² 1/4

Trainers: 1 - Antonacci, Philip; 6 - Sciacca, Gary; 3 - Brion, Keri; 2 - Cox, Brad; 8 - Casse, Norm; 5 - Sciacca, Gary; 7 - Rodriguez, Rudy; 9 - Rice, Linda; 4 - Rice, Linda

Owners: 1 - Lindy Farms; 6 - GMP Stables LLC and AngieV Stables LLC; 3 -Jordan V. Wycoff; 2 - Goldfarb, Sanford J., Carney, Christopher L. and Goldberg, Jay; 8 - Turman, Frank and AJ Suited Racing Stable LLC; 5 - DeeTee Stables and Upland Flats Racing; 7 - Imperio, Michael, Cotrone, Robert, B Barn Racing Stables and Rodriguez, Rudy R.; 9 - Magic Cap Stables and Goichman, Lawrence; 4 - Cloud Nine Stable;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

STILL A SOLDIER lunged at the break, chased along the inside coming under encouragement at the three-eighths pole, spun just off the inside into upper stretch, rallied to take command just inside the eighth pole, edged clear to the finish kept to task. GOTTA GUY paused when bumped between foes at the start, chased three then two wide coming under coaxing at the three-eighths marker, went seven wide into upper stretch, kicked on belatedly to secure the place honors. DARK VECTOR coaxed from the gate, cut the pace along the inside and then just off the inside coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, swung four wide into upper stretch, yielded the front straightened away, fought on to inside the eighth pole, then weakened in the late stages. TRUE CONNECTION three wide in aim of the leader, came under coaxing at the five-sixteenths and advanced on the front, swung five wide for home taking command straightened away, dug in under threat from a pair and yielded inside the eighth pole, then weakened in the late going. ULTIMATE STRIKE got bumped at the start in a chain of bumps begun by DARK MAGIC, raced four then three wide through the first turn and then five to six paths off the inside down the backstretch, tucked three wide through the far turn, went four to five wide at the top of the stretch and improved position to the finish. LANDAUER

got bumped at the start by DARK MAGIC and in turn bumped GOTTA GUY into ULTIMATE STRIKE when squeezing out ALWAYS BE SMART, chased along the inside under a ride from three furlongs out, cornered just off the inside into upper stretch, made no impact. ALWAYS BE SMART got steadied when squeezed out at the start in a chain of bumps due to pressure from DARK MAGIC, raced four then three wide through the first turn before heading six to seven paths off the inside down the backstretch, tucked three wide into the far turn and came under urging at the seven-sixteenths, swung six then five wide into upper stretch and made no impact. BURN RUBBER coaxed from the gate, raced four then three wide in aim of the top pair, went four to five wide through the far turn ridden along and faded, swung six wide into upper stretch, faltered in the drive. DARK MAGIC broke out at the start and stumbled bumping LANDAUER into GOTTA GUY which squeezed out ALWAYS BE SMART when GOTTA GUY bumped ULTIMATE STRIKE, raced just off the inside through the first turn and then four to five paths off the rail down the backstretch, came under coaxing at the seven-sixteenths, went seven to eight wide into upper stretch and was eased home to the wire.