

EIGHTH RACE

Saratoga

AUGUST 16, 2008

1½ MILES. (Inner Turf) (2.231) 33RD RUNNING OF THE SWORD DANCER INVITATIONAL. Grade I. Purse \$500,000 INNER TURF FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. (Rail at 18 feet).

Value of Race: \$500,000 Winner \$300,000; second \$100,000; third \$50,000; fourth \$25,000; fifth \$15,000; sixth \$10,000. Mutuel Pool \$944,910.00 Exacta Pool \$648,186.00 Trifecta Pool \$406,468.00

| Last Raced | Horse | M/Eqt. | A. | Wt | PP | ¼ | ½ | 1 | 1¼ | Str | Fin | Jockey | Odds \$1 | |
|---------------|-------------------|--------|----|----|-----|---|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|--------|----------------|-------|
| 12Jly08 9Bel6 | GrandCouturier-GB | L | f | 5 | 120 | 2 | 4½ | 4hd | 51 | 6 | 2hd | 12 | Garcia Alan | 3.65 |
| 12Jly08 9Bel3 | Better Talk Now | L | bf | 9 | 120 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5hd | 41 | 2¾ | Dominguez R A | 3.10 |
| 13Jly08 9De15 | Interpatation | L | f | 6 | 116 | 3 | 5¾ | 54½ | 41 | 4½ | 31 | 32½ | Espinoza J L | 35.00 |
| 3Aug08 12Mth6 | Presious Passion | L | b | 5 | 123 | 4 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 4nk | Castro E | 5.60 |
| 7Jun08 10Bel1 | Dancing Forever | L | b | 5 | 123 | 6 | 31½ | 31 | 31 | 3½ | 58 | 510¾ | Douglas R R | 1.50 |
| 5Jly08 12Mth3 | Equitable | L | b | 4 | 116 | 1 | 24½ | 23½ | 21 | 21 | 6 | 6 | Desormeaux K J | 5.90 |

OFF AT 5:01 Start Good. Won driving. Course good.

TIME :254, :502, 1:16, 1:41¾, 2:06¾, 2:321 (:25.80, :50.44, 1:16.13, 1:41.73, 2:06.78, 2:32.21)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|
| 2 – GRAND COUTURIER-GB..... | 9.30 | 4.80 | 3.70 |
| 6 – BETTER TALK NOW..... | | 4.30 | 3.50 |
| 4 – INTERPATATION..... | | | 5.50 |

\$2 EXACTA 2-6 PAID \$32.00 \$2 TRIFECTA 2-6-4 PAID \$337.00

B. h, (Apr), by Grand Lodge – Lady Elgar-Ire , by Sadler’s Wells . Trainer Ribaudo Robert J. Bred by Tom Wilson (GB).

GRAND COUTURIER (GB) was taken in hand soon after the start, settled in good position along the inside in the early going, was unhurried while saving ground on the backstretch, steadied briefly along the rail at the three-eighths pole, launched a rally along the rail leaving the quarter pole, steadied and stumbled after being bumped by PRESIOUS PASSION in upper stretch, altered course between horses while making his run to challenge nearing the furlong marker, took command a sixteenth out then edged away under steady left hand urging. BETTER TALK NOW was outrun for a mile, moved out on the far turn, circled six wide while rapidly closing the gap at the quarter pole, then finished well in the middle of the track to best the others. INTERPATATION was rated in the middle of the pack to the far turn, launched a rally from outside midway on the turn, advanced five wide into the stretch, made a run outside the winner to threaten in midstretch and weakened late. PRESIOUS PASSION sprinted clear in the early stages, raced uncontested on the lead to the turn, came in bothering the winner while maintaining a slim lead in upper stretch then tired from his early efforts. DANCING FOREVER settled in good position in the two path to the turn, swung four wide while gaining briefly at the quarter pole then lacked a late closing response. EQUITABLE drifted wide early, chased the leader to the turn and gave way.

Owners– 1, Keller Marc; 2, Bushwood Stables LLC; 3, Mavorah Elliot; 4, Generazio Patricia A; 5, Phipps Stable; 6, Pin Oak Stable

Trainers– 1, Ribaudo Robert J; 2, Motion H Graham; 3, Barbara Robert; 4, Hartmann Mary; 5, McGaughy III Claude R; 6, Mott William I

Scratched– Red Rocks (IRE) (12Jul08 9Bel1) , Champs Elysees (GB) (05Jul08 12Mth6)

\$2 Pick Three (10-7-2) Paid \$115.50 ; Pick Three Pool \$129,074 .

\$2 Daily Double (7-2) Paid \$26.60 ; Daily Double Pool \$105,663 .