

EIGHTH RACE
Saratoga
AUGUST 21, 2008

1 1/8 MILES. (Turf) (1.384) 20TH RUNNING OF THE BALLSTON SPA HANDICAP. Grade II. Purse \$200,000 A HANDICAP FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$200 each, which should accompany the nomination; \$1,000 to pass the entry box; \$1,000 to start. The purse to be divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% divided equally among remaining finishers. Dirt weights: Three year olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners of a Graded Sweepstake on the dirt in 2007-08 allowed 2 lbs.; \$40,000 on the dirt in 2007-08; or four races on the dirt, 4 lbs.; A sweepstake on the dirt, 6 lbs.; three races on the dirt, 8 lbs. (Maiden, claiming and starter races not considered). A trophy will be presented to the owner of the winner. The New York Racing Association reserves the right to transfer this race to the Main Track. In the event that this race is taken off the turf, it may be subject to downgrading upon review by the Graded Stakes Committee. Closed Saturday, August 9, 2008 with 22 Nominations. (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, Two-Year-Old races will be run at Seven Furlongs and races for Three-Year-Olds and Up will be run at One Mile and One Eighth on the main track.). (Rail at 18 feet).

Value of Race: \$196,000 Winner \$120,000; second \$40,000; third \$20,000; fourth \$10,000; fifth \$6,000. Mutuel Pool \$458,068.00 Exacta Pool \$288,770.00 Trifecta Pool \$151,077.00 Grand Slam Pool \$27,434.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds	\$1
26Jly08 7Sar7	Wait a While	L	5	119	1	1	22	22	22	11	11	Velazquez J R	0.85	
30Jly08 8Sar1	Carriage Trail	L	5	115	5	5	32	32	33	21	21 1/2	Prado E S	10.10	
26Jly08 7Sar3	Rutherienne	L	4	119	4	4	5	5	4 1/2	3 1/2	3 3/4	Leparoux J R	3.05	
7Jly08 9Pha1	Sharp Susan	L	4	117	3	2	11 1/2	13	11 1/2	48	49 1/2	Desormeaux K J	3.15	
7Jly08 9Pha2	Valbenny-Ire	L	4	118	2	3	41 1/2	41	5	5	5	Dominguez R A	12.80	

OFF AT 4:58 Start Good. Won driving. Course firm.

TIME :234, :47, 1:101, 1:333, 1:393 (:23.93, :47.08, 1:10.39, 1:33.70, 1:39.70)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

1 - WAIT A WHILE	3.70	3.00	2.20
5 - CARRIAGE TRAIL		5.90	2.80
4 - RUTHERIENNE			2.60

\$2 EXACTA 1-5 PAID \$26.00 \$2 TRIFECTA 1-5-4 PAID \$73.00

Gr/ro. m, (Mar), by Maria's Mon - Flirtatious, by A.P. Indy. Trainer Pletcher Todd A. Bred by W S Farish & W Temple Webber Jr (Ky).

WAIT A WHILE settled in good position entering the backstretch, raced just behind the pacesetter in the two path for six furlongs, lodged a sharp move from outside while gaining approaching the quarter pole, took charge in upper stretch, extended her lead a bit leaving the furlong marker then held off CARRIAGE TRAIL under steady left hand urging. CARRIAGE TRAIL was reserved for five furlongs, advanced three wide on the turn, steadily gained from outside to threaten in midstretch but was no match for the winner while clearly second best. RUTHERIENNE trailed along the backstretch, closed the gap along the rail leaving the turn, split rivals while gaining in midstretch then yielded late. SHARP SUSAN set a rapid pace under her own power while saving ground to the top of the stretch, relinquished the lead in upper stretch and weakened from her early efforts. VALBENNY (IRE) saved ground for six furlongs and gave way.

Owners- 1, Arindel Farm; 2, Janney III Stuart S and Phipps Stable; 3, Virginia Kraft Payson LLC; 4, IEAH Stables WinStar Farm and Pegasus Holdings Group Stables LLC; 5, Lael Stables

Trainers- 1, Pletcher Todd A; 2, McGaughey III Claude R; 3, Clement Christophe; 4, Mott William I; 5, Matz Michael R

\$2 Grand Slam (3,6,9-3,6,7-1,4,11-1) Paid \$653.00 ; Grand Slam Pool \$27,434 .

\$2 Pick Three (6-11-1) Paid \$200.50 ; Pick Three Pool \$60,272 .

\$2 Daily Double (11-1) Paid \$26.20 ; Daily Double Pool \$76,548 .