EIGHTH RACE
Saratoga
JULY 9, 2026

5½ FURLONGS. (Turf) (.59⁴) STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING . Purse $78,000 (UP TO $13,572 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF $55,000 OR LESS AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR CLAIMING $45,000 WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price $45,000 State Bred Starters Not Considered for Starter Eligibility Purposes(1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will run at Five and One Half Furlongs on the Main Track). (Rail at 18 feet).

Value of Race: $78,000 Winner $42,900; second $15,600; third $9,360; fourth $4,680; fifth $3,120; sixth $390; seventh $390; eighth $390; ninth $390; tenth $390; eleventh $390. Mutuel Pool $472,607.00 Exacta Pool $377,975.00 Trifecta Pool $178,376.00 Grand Slam Pool $44,265.00 Superfecta Pool $90,187.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	⅜	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds $1
27Jun26 5BAQ1	After Taxes-Ire	L	4	126	11	3	2½	21½	11	11	Davis D		8.36
7Jun26 5Sar5	Joker On Fire	L	4	126	7	4	31½	31½	2hd	21	Lezcano J		3.16
18Apr26 4GP1	Ambassador Blue	L b	3	122	1	8	7½	71	41	3¾	Rosario J		18.19
7Jun26 7Sar5	Bridle a Butterfly	L	4	126	2	9	10½	91½	6½	41	Prat F	45000	3.19
5Jun26 2Sar8	Russi	L b	6	126	3	6	61	6½	5½	51¼	Zayas E J		6.19
14Feb26 12GP4	Global Prosperity	L	4	126	10	1	1½	1½	33	64¼	Ortiz J L		10.86
13Jun26 10BAQ3	Counter Move	L	4	126	8	10	91	102	101	71	Gaffalione T		5.07
16May26 7BAQ1	Peyton	L b	4	126	9	2	4hd	4½	8½	8hd	Franco M		28.10
15May26 8BAQ7	Launch Control	L	6	126	6	5	52	51	71½	9no	Santana R Jr		15.54
13Jun26 10BAQ11	Roar of the Crowd	L b	5	126	4	7	81½	81	93	101½	Gutierrez R		76.88
17Apr26 3Aqu3	Kid Billy	L	6	126	5	11	11	11	11	11	Silvera R		16.34

OFF AT 5:19 Start Good For All But KID BILLY. Won driving. Course firm.

TIME :21³, :44, :55¹, 1:01¹ (:21.66, :44.11, :55.37, 1:01.21)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

11 – AFTER TAXES–IRE	**18.72**	**7.94**	**5.50**
7 – JOKER ON FIRE		**4.68**	**3.28**
1 – AMBASSADOR BLUE			**9.02**

$1 EXACTA 11–7 PAID $40.53 50 CENT TRIFECTA 11–7–1 PAID $329.14 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 11–7–1–2 PAID $252.32

B. g, (Jan), by Kodiac–GB – Jeva–Ire , by Sea The Stars–Ire . Trainer Brown Bruce R. Bred by John Yarr (Ire).

AFTER TAXES (IRE) was hustled from the gate, stalked the pace on the outside, made a bid late on the backstretch, vied in the three then two path on the turn, was asked near the quarter-pole, took a short lead in upper stretch, responded well under threat in the final furlong and held under strong urging. JOKER ON FIRE pressed the pace on the inside of the leader, was eased back off the pace near the seven-sixteenths pole, moved from the rail to the two path on the turn, came out into upper stretch, chased outside into the final furlong then made a bid outside of the winner, battled with that foe to the finish and was turned away while able to get the place. AMBASSADOR BLUE settled off the pace, saved ground while roused on the turn, swapped leads back and forth while improving in the stretch and finished willingly for the show. BRIDLE A BUTTERFLY was urged along off the pace, saved ground on the turn, spun into the stretch in the two path, chased under a drive into the final furlong, moved out around the sixteenth-pole and also improved position. RUSSI bumped with an opponent at the start, was urged along near the middle of the field, went around the turn in the two then three path, turned into upper stretch in the six path and lacked the needed kick. GLOBAL PROSPERITY angled in while going to the front, moved from the two path to the inside early on the turn, was asked near the quarter-pole, lost the advantage to the winner in upper stretch, dropped back into the final furlong and gave way. COUNTER MOVE settled on the outside without cover, dropped back in the three then two path on the turn and lacked the needed response. PEYTON was urged along on the outside, went around the turn in the three path, spun into the stretch in the four path and failed to rally. LAUNCH CONTROL was restless in the gate, showed early speed, dropped back in tight quarters near the seven-sixteenths pole, dropped back in the two path on the turn and came up empty. ROAR OF THE CROWD broke out then bumped with rivals on both sides, settled off the pace, was roused in the two to three path on the turn, moved out in upper stretch and was no factor. KID BILLY bumped with a rival at the start and was off a step slow, settled at the rear, went around the turn in the two then three path, moved out in upper stretch and failed to threaten.

Owners– 1, The Luchncup Syndicate; 2, Blue Water Stables; 3, Legendary Thoroughbreds Arnmore Thoroughbreds LLC and Gargan Danny; 4, The Elkstone Group LLC (Stuart Grant); 5, Bond Racing Stable; 6, Pressman Hayward R; 7, Sequel Racing; 8, Durrschmidt Jan; 9, Three Diamonds Farm; 10, Iglesias Jesse and Abdala III Albert P; 11, Rodriguez Rudy R Imperio Michael and Brown David William

Trainers– 1, Brown Bruce R; 2, Levine Bruce N; 3, Gargan Danny; 4, Green Amelia J; 5, Bond Harold James; 6, Lewis Lisa L; 7, Weaver George; 8, Schettino Dominick A; 9, Brion Keri; 10, DiPrima Gregory; 11, Rodriguez Rudy R

Bridle a Butterfly was claimed by Heart of a Warrior Racing LLC; trainer, Barrera III Oscar S.

Scratched– Farm Team (26Jun26 3BAQ4) , Golden Symphony (26Jun26 3BAQ2) , Math Tutor (10Apr26 2Aqu1) , Momentum Files (14Jun26 7BAQ1)

$1 Grand Slam (2/3/5–1/2/5–2/3/9–11) Paid $22.04 ; Grand Slam Pool $44,265 .
$1 Pick Three (1–2–11) Paid $276.41 ; Pick Three Pool $51,976 .
$1 Daily Double (2–11) Paid $60.10 ; Daily Double Pool $88,646 .