THIRD RACE

Saratoga

JULY 16, 2026

7 FURLONGS. (1.20²) STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING. Purse $45,000 FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF $12,500 OR LESS SINCE OCTOBER 12, 2025 OR CLAIMING PRICE $16,000. Weight, 123 lbs. Non–winners Of A Race Since January 16, 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $16,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). New York Bred Claiming Price $20,000.

Value of Race: $45,000 Winner $24,750; second $9,000; third $5,400; fourth $2,700; fifth $1,800; sixth $675; seventh $675. Mutuel Pool $379,250.00 Exacta Pool $252,059.00 Trifecta Pool $127,781.00 Superfecta Pool $63,723.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds $1
20Jun26 ²BAQ¹	Kunshan Bridge	L b	7	123	3	4	1hd	1hd	1²	1½	Franco M		12.10
28Jun26 ⁹BAQ²	Tizmarkus	L b	5	123	4	1	3³	3⁵	2²	2½	Santana R Jr		1.75
26Jun26 ²BAQ⁶	Smilensaycheese	L b	4	121	1	6	7	7	6¹	3¹	Gutierrez R	20000	30.56
27Jun26 ⁴BAQ¹	Sin Nombre	L f	6	123	2	7	6 1½	5hd	3²	4 4¼	Davis K	20000	18.46
7Jun26 ⁹Sar¹	Princip	L	7	123	7	3	5 1½	6 3½	4hd	5 1¼	Ortiz I Jr		2.16
23Jun26 ⁴Prx¹	Lucky Dude	L bf	7	123	5	5	4²	4½	5hd	6⁵	Carmouche K		3.19
12Jun26 ⁷BAQ⁴	Screaming Uncle	L bf	6	121	6	2	2²	2¹	7	7	Silvera R		7.74

OFF AT 2:24 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :22⁴, :45³, 1:11¹, 1:25¹ (:22.99, :45.64, 1:11.29, 1:25.38)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

4 – KUNSHAN BRIDGE	**26.20**	**7.48**	**5.30**
5 – TIZMARKUS		**2.86**	**2.74**
2 – SMILENSAYCHEESE			**8.90**

$1 EXACTA 4–5 PAID $47.62 50 CENT TRIFECTA 4–5–2 PAID $301.41 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 4–5–2–3 PAID $231.21

Dk. b or br. g, (Apr), by Protonico – Majestic Island, by Majestic Warrior. Trainer Kantarmaci Mertkan. Bred by William B Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo (Ky).

KUNSHAN BRIDGE was hustled from the gate, moved up to get the lead outside the five-eighths pole, set the pace under pressure to his outside, vied along the rail while asked on the turn, shook clear nearing the quarter-pole, came under a left-handed crop in upper stretch and held under strong urging. TIZMARKUS bumped with a rival at the start, showed speed then was taken in hand behind the leader near the eleven-sixteenths pole, was well placed behind the leading duo from that point, chased in the three then four path on the turn, turned into upper stretch under a drive then came under a right-handed crop, pursued the winner under a strong hand-ride into the final furlong, switched to a left-handed crop outside the sixteenth-pole and was second best. SMILENSAYCHEESE settled well off the pace, was urged along passing the nine-sixteenths pole, went around most of the turn in the two path then shifted to the four path, came out to the six path into the stretch, gained while remaining on his inside lead in the drive and improved with late energy to garner the show. SIN NOMBRE was urged along near the back, saved ground on the turn, gained in the two path into the stretch under a right-handed crop, moved out under a left-handed crop into the final furlong then went back to a right-handed crop and lacked the needed kick. PRINCIP settled on the outside towards the back, was urged along in the three path on the turn, turned into the stretch in the five path and failed to threaten. LUCKY DUDE bumped with rivals on both sides at the start, was urged along off the pace, moved in just inside the nine-sixteenths pole, traveled around the turn in the two path, raced between horses passing the five-sixteenths pole, moved out inside the three-sixteenths pole, dropped in just inside the furlong marker and failed to rally. SCREAMING UNCLE broke in and bumped with a rival, went to the front then moved in, lost the lead outside the five-eighths pole then pressed from the outside, vied in the two path while asked on the turn, dropped back outside the quarter-pole and tired.

Owners– 1, Kantarmaci Mertkan; 2, Gumpster Stable LLC; 3, Hayias Neal; 4, Ramesh Racing Stables LLC; 5, Fugget About It Racing Stables and Twin Sports Racing; 6, Parrinello Francesco and Panetta Joseph M; 7, Charlerie Brandon

Trainers– 1, Kantarmaci Mertkan; 2, Ferraro James W; 3, DeLauro Edward J; 4, Romero Jesus; 5, Potts Wayne; 6, Kirby John T; 7, Charlerie Gregory E

Scratched– Metatron's Muse (03Jul26 ⁶Sar¹), Thrill of It (25May26 ⁴BAQ⁴)

$1 Pick Three (1–7–4) Paid $738.76; Pick Three Pool $73,341.

$1 Daily Double (7–4) Paid $127.38; Daily Double Pool $93,883.