FIRST RACE

Saratoga

JULY 19, 2026

1⅛ MILES. (1.46[3]) CLAIMING . Purse $43,000 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price $20,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). New York Bred Claiming Price $25,000. (Clear. 77.)

Value of Race: $39,990 Winner $23,650; second $8,600; third $5,160; fourth $2,580. Mutuel Pool $285,683.00 Exacta Pool $193,984.00 Trifecta Pool $74,010.00 Superfecta Pool $35,353.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds $1
7Mar26 [3]Aqu[5]	Sturdy	L b	5	126	4	2	2½	2½	2½	1½	1[8]	Franco M	20000	2.28
26Jun26 [8]BAQ[9]	American Grant	L b	6	126	2	5	3½	3½	3[5]	2[1]	2[7]	Santana R Jr	25000	11.47
10May26 [9]BAQ[10]	McDiesel	L b	4	126	1	1	1[1]	1[1]	1½	3[12]	3[6½]	Zayas E J	25000	3.40
22May26 [4]BAQ[5]	Curvino	L b	4	126	5	3	4[3]	4[4]	4[8]	4[37]	4	Ortiz I Jr	20000	0.85
13Jun26 [2]BAQ[5]	Natural Hunk	L b	5	126	3	4	5	5	5	5	—	Rodriguez J	20000	23.99

OFF AT 1:12 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :25, :48[4], 1:12[1], 1:37[1], 1:50[1] (:25.10, :48.85, 1:12.31, 1:37.32, 1:50.34)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

6 – STURDY	**6.56**	**4.02**	**3.26**
4 – AMERICAN GRANT		**8.86**	**5.02**
3 – MCDIESEL			**3.52**

$1 EXACTA 6–4 PAID $29.10 50 CENT TRIFECTA 6–4–3 PAID $47.71 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 6–4–3–7 PAID $11.39

B. g, (May), by Mitole – Holidays Saratoga , by Harlan's Holiday . Trainer Weaver George. Bred by E R J Racing (Ky).

STURDY was hustled from the gate, raced in the three path on the first turn, stalked the pace on the outside, turned up the pressure on the leader in the three path on the far turn, took over under his own control outside the quarter-pole, kicked clear when set down in upper stretch then came under a left-handed crop and drew away under strong urging to prove much the best. AMERICAN GRANT saved ground on the first turn, settled just off the pace, dropped back under urging leaving the backstretch, moved from the rail to the two path on the far turn, spun into the stretch in the three path and safely secured the place while no match for the winner. MCDIESEL broke very fast and went straight to the front, raced a bit off the rail on the first turn, showed the way down the backstretch, was asked under threat while along the rail on the far turn, lost the advantage to the winner outside the quarter-pole, dropped back in upper stretch and tired. CURVINO broke out at the start, moved in early, went around the first turn in the two path, settled off the pace, dropped back leaving the backstretch, retreated in the three path on the far turn, spun into the stretch in the four path and failed to respond. NATURAL HUNK dropped to the rear, rounded the first turn in the three path, settled at the rear on the outside, fell further behind in the four path on the far turn, came into the stretch in the five path and was eased but walked off.

Owners– 1, R A Hill Stable and Weaver George; 2, Behringer Edward C; 3, Werner J Stable Dream Walkin Farms Inc and Baccari Racing Stable LLC; 4, Alpha Phi Delta Racing; 5, Five C's Stable and S and P Stables

Trainers– 1, Weaver George; 2, Brown Bruce R; 3, Rodriguez Rudy R; 4, Rice Linda; 5, Ferraro James W

Sturdy was claimed by Harrigan Martin P; trainer, Brown Bruce R.

Curvino claim voided. Reason: Vet

Scratched– Thorsness (23May26 [3]BAQ[1]) , Airborne Elite (13Jun26 [2]BAQ[3]) , Notfanutin (30Jun26 [7]FL ©