SECOND RACE

Saratoga

JULY 23, 2026

1 1/16 MILES. (Turf) (1.38[1]) CLAIMING. Purse $65,000 (UP TO $11,310 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price $55,000 (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, 3yo and up races will run at One Mile on the Main Track; 2yo races will run at 7F). (Rail at 12 feet).

Value of Race: $65,000 Winner $35,750; second $13,000; third $7,800; fourth $3,900; fifth $2,600; sixth $488; seventh $488; eighth $488; ninth $486. Mutuel Pool $337,112.00 Exacta Pool $278,413.00 Quinella Pool $12,585.00 Trifecta Pool $119,397.00 Superfecta Pool $54,746.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds $1
19Apr26 5Aqu4	Gun Barrel City	L	5	126	8	9	9	9	9	6½	1hd	Franco M	55000	10.74
27Jun26 5BAQ2	Middle Market	L b	5	126	7	4	7½	6½	5 11½	11	2hd	Alvarado J	55000	27.71
5Jun26 8CD4	Maximum Promise	L b	4	126	2	6	8 2	8 1	7½	3½	3hd	Santana R Jr	55000	4.10
18Jun26 8CD9	Blast Furnace	L	5	126	5	2	4 11½	4 11½	4hd	4hd	4 11½	Prat F	55000	1.60
12Jun26 9BAQ5	Madagascar	L	3	121	1	7	5 3	5 1	6hd	7½	5 2¾	Elliott C	55000	14.77
19Jun26 8BAQ2	In the Dark	L b	4	126	9	1	3 1	3 1½	3 1	2hd	6 2¼	Rodriguez J	55000	12.13
26Jun26 6BAQ7	Tough Critic	L	3	121	4	8	6 1	7hd	8 1	8 1½	7 2¼	Gaffalione T	55000	18.20
13Jun26 4BAQ1	Light Fantastic	L	5	126	3	5	1½	1hd	1hd	5½	8 2½	Ortiz I Jr	55000	3.75
13Jun26 10BAQ5	Shangrala Road	L	4	126	6	3	2½	2 1	2½	9	9	Lezcano J	55000	10.26

OFF AT 1:47 Start Good. Won driving. Course firm.

TIME :22[4], :47[1], 1:11[3], 1:35[3], 1:41[3] (:22.94, :47.25, 1:11.67, 1:35.74, 1:41.64)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

8 – GUN BARREL CITY	**23.48**	**12.16**	**6.46**
7 – MIDDLE MARKET		**23.16**	**11.48**
2 – MAXIMUM PROMISE			**3.76**

$1 EXACTA 8–7 PAID $247.49 $1 QUINELLA 7–8 PAID $147.11 50 CENT TRIFECTA 8–7–2 PAID $621.51 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 8–7–2–5 PAID $238.33

B. g, (Feb), by Frankel–GB – Mrs McDougal, by Medaglia d'Oro. Trainer Pletcher Todd A. Bred by Bass Stables LLC (Ky).

GUN BARREL CITY broke out and brushed the gate, angled in at the rear, went around the first turn in the two path, settled outside without cover on the backstretch, tucked in into the far turn, rounded that bend in the three then four path, swung out to the six path into upper stretch, rallied outside into the final furlong, closed well to make a bid outside the sixteenth-pole, fought outside of three opponents to the finish and narrowly prevailed under strong urging. MIDDLE MARKET went around the first turn in the three path, settled off the pace, was roused in the four path on the far turn, rallied to the lead in upper stretch, led gamely into the final sixteenth, fought between horses to the finish and was denied while just able to get the place. MAXIMUM PROMISE saved ground on the first turn, moved off the rail on the backstretch, shifted further out around the seven-sixteenths pole, was roused in the four then five path on the far turn, rallied in upper stretch, closed well to make a bid outside the sixteenth-pole, battled between horses late and just missed while narrowly able to get the show. BLAST FURNACE showed speed between horses, was taken back in hand nearing the first turn, raced in the two path on that bend, was rated off the pace, went around most of the far turn in the two path then shifted to the three path while drafting behind horses, waited while blocked behind traffic into upper stretch, continued to wait until inside the three-sixteenths pole, tipped out a path then was given his cue outside the furlong marker, found clear space in front outside the sixteenth-pole and closed well to just miss in a blanket finish. MADAGASCAR saved ground on the first turn, came off the rail under reserve near the five-eighths pole, was hard held late on the backstretch, went around the far turn in the three path while under restraint, waited behind traffic into upper stretch, tipped to the four path and was asked near the three-sixteenths pole, steadied behind horses while remaining on his inside lead near the eighth-pole, continued on his inside lead while dropping inward in the final furlong and gained willingly but missed the superfecta. IN THE DARK established a forward position early, tugged a bit keen on the bit in the four path on the first turn, stalked outside without cover, made a bid near the seven-sixteenths pole, vied in the three path while asked on the far turn, battled under a drive into the final furlong and weakened. TOUGH CRITIC went around the first turn in the two path, settled off the pace, was roused while inside on the far turn, turned into upper stretch under a drive and failed to rally. LIGHT FANTASTIC showed speed on the inside of foes, raced in the two path on the first turn, showed the way down the backstretch, was asked while inside on the far turn, lost the advantage in upper stretch and gave way. SHANGRALA ROAD was hustled from the gate then showed speed between horses, traveled around the first turn in the three path, prompted the pace on the outside of the leader, passed the five-eighths pole on even terms for the lead, was asked in the two path on the far turn, battled under a drive into the final furlong and tired.

Owners– 1, Bass Racing LLC; 2, Arenas Marcelo; 3, Valente Roddy J; 4, Three Diamonds Farm; 5, Goldfarb Sanford J Kantarmaci Ilkay Speranza Steven Zilla Racing Stables and Am; 6, Kaya Gokmen and Morris Sean; 7, Brockley Thomas Brockley Daryn A Dew Sweepers and R A Hill Stable; 8, Goldfarb Sanford J; 9, Pezzuti Robert

Trainers– 1, Pletcher Todd A; 2, Arenas Marcelo; 3, Rice Linda; 4, Maker Michael J; 5, Kantarmaci Ilkay; 6, Morey William E; 7, Weaver George; 8, Cox Brad H; 9, Rice Linda

Maximum Promise was claimed by Sun–Will Stable LLC; trainer, Kantarmaci Mertkan,

In the Dark was claimed by Newman Richard; trainer, Baker Charlton.

Scratched– Who's Your Zaddy (03Jun26 7Sar[12]), First Call Bob (06Jun26 14Sar[12])

$1 Daily Double (5–8) Paid $45.27; Daily Double Pool $157,530.