THIRD RACE
Saratoga
JULY 25, 2026

6 FURLONGS. (1.07[4]) MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $115,000 (UP TO $20,010 NYSBFOA) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 123 lbs. (Non–Starters For A Claiming Price Of $55,000 Or Less In The Last 5 Starts Preferred).

Value of Race: $115,000 Winner $63,250; second $23,000; third $13,800; fourth $6,900; fifth $4,600; sixth $1,150; seventh $1,150; eighth $1,150.
Mutuel Pool $608,485.00 Exacta Pool $485,537.00 Trifecta Pool $188,208.00 Superfecta Pool $79,948.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
12Jun26 [5]CD[4]	Grand Yaupon		2	123	7	2	3 1½	2hd	11	1hd	Ortiz J L	2.23
	Belzoni		2	123	8	1	5 2	5 1½	2hd	2 6¾	Alvarado J	12.09
	Foolin		2	123	4	6	4hd	1½	3 4½	3 5½	Ortiz I Jr	3.17
	Gold On Black	b	2	123	6	8	6 1	7 2½	4 2½	4hd	Saez L	5.59
	Backlash		2	123	5	7	8	8	6 1	5 8¾	Prat F	5.70
	Warrior At Heart		2	123	2	5	7½	6hd	5½	6[4]	Rodriguez J	11.23
	Cactus Closer		2	123	3	3	1hd	3½	7 2	7½	Santana R Jr	18.80
7Jun26 [6]Sar[3]	Blackjack		2	123	1	4	2hd	4 1	8	8	Zayas E J	6.59

OFF AT 1:52 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :22[2], :46[2], :58[4], 1:11[3] (:22.51, :46.53, :58.94, 1:11.69)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

9 – GRAND YAUPON	**6.46**	**3.82**	**2.64**
10 – BELZONI		**8.20**	**5.44**
6 – FOOLIN			**3.60**

$1 EXACTA 9–10 PAID $25.39 50 CENT TRIFECTA 9–10–6 PAID $68.20 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 9–10–6–8 PAID $64.49

Dk. b or br. c, (Jan), by Yaupon – Media Circus, by Mineshaft. Trainer Asmussen Steven M. Bred by Thomas S Hinkle Henry L Hinkle & Robert B Kessinger (Ky).

GRAND YAUPON broke in and bumped soundly with GOLD ON BLACK, disputed the pace on the outside of two rivals, vied in the four path on the turn, was roused at the quarter-pole, took the lead inside the three-sixteenths pole, was guided out closer to the runner-up when that foe made a challenge inside the furlong marker, dueled gamely with that opponent to the finish and narrowly prevailed under strong urging. BELZONI moved in while establishing a good position just off the pace, drafted in the three then four path on the turn, was roused in the five path into the stretch, gained to make a bid inside the furlong marker, dueled outside of the winner to the finish and was denied while well clear for the place. FOOLIN moved in early then was well spotted just off the pace, saved ground on the turn, came through a rail opening to make a bid outside the quarter-pole then took the lead, lost the advantage to the winner while under a drive in upper stretch and proved no match for the top two while well clear for the show. GOLD ON BLACK bumped soundly with GRAND YAUPON at the start, was urged along on the outside, went around the turn in the four to five path, spun into the stretch in the six path, drifted in while remaining on his inside lead into the final furlong and lacked the needed response. BACKLASH angled in early then was urged along at the rear, went around the turn in the two then three path, swung out to the seven path into the stretch and failed to threaten. WARRIOR AT HEART was urged along towards the rear, saved ground on the turn, cut the corner into the stretch and was no factor. CACTUS CLOSER showed speed then disputed the pace between horses, vied in the three path while still between opponents on the turn, dropped back into the stretch and faded. BLACKJACK lost his footing some just after the start, moved up while sent hard, contested the pace on the inside of two foes, vied in the two path while still inside those rivals on the turn, dropped between horses into upper stretch then moved out and faltered then was eased but walked off.

Owners– 1, Estate of Mike McCarty; 2, Godolphin LLC; 3, Spendthrift Farm LLC and Leland Ackerley Racing; 4, Gold Square LLC; 5, Repole Stable; 6, Ribble Farms and Sandford Maribeth; 7, Monfort Charles America's Pastime Stables Bloom Racing Stable LLC (Jeffrey Bloom) a; 8, Arindel

Trainers– 1, Asmussen Steven M; 2, Mott William I; 3, Pletcher Todd A; 4, Mott Riley; 5, Pletcher Todd A; 6, Beckman D Whitworth; 7, Romans Dale; 8, Delgado Jorge

Scratched– Ferrum, Silverus

$1 Pick Three (5–3–9) Paid $51.00; Pick Three Pool $187,906.
$1 Daily Double (3–9) Paid $7.71; Daily Double Pool $100,431.
$1 Consolation Pick 3 (5–4/6/7–9) Paid $22.83.