SECOND RACE

Saratoga

JULY 26, 2026

5½ FURLONGS. (Turf) (.59⁴) STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING . Purse $78,000 (UP TO $13,572 NYSBFOA) FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF $45,000 OR LESS SINCE JANUARY 26, 2025 AND WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE SINCE JANUARY 26, 2026 OR CLAIMING PRICE $50,000. Weight, 123 lbs. Non–winners Of A Race Since July 26, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $50,000 (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, this race will run at Five and One Half Furlongs on the Main Track). (Rail at 12 feet).

Value of Race: $78,000 Winner $42,900; second $15,600; third $9,360; fourth $4,680; fifth $3,120; sixth $1,170; seventh $1,170. Mutuel Pool $484,033.00 Exacta Pool $365,458.00 Quinella Pool $13,862.00 Trifecta Pool $155,634.00 Superfecta Pool $73,735.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	⅜	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds $1
17Jly26 ^{5}Sar^{5}	Vacation Dance	L b	6	123	4	3	5 1½	4½	3 1	1½	Franco M		6.94
25Apr26 ^{7}Aqu^{9}	Fluid Situation	L b	7	123	2	1	1 2	1 3½	1 2½	2 hd	Ortiz I Jr		1.56
6Jun26 ^{3}Sar^{5}	Son of a Birch	L b	6	121	5	6	6 1½	6 3½	6 5½	3 1½	Carmouche K		2.31
14Jun26 ^{3}Lrl^{6}	Billionaires Row	L b	4	123	1	5	2 1½	2 1½	2½	4 1¾	Santana R Jr	50000	5.52
25Jun26 ^{7}Cnl^{4}	Doctor Jeff	L b	7	121	6	4	4 hd	5 1½	5½	5½	Rodriguez J	50000	10.59
20Jun26 ^{1}BAQ^{6}	Niagara Skyline	L	8	123	7	2	3 2	3 1	4½	6 2½	Ortiz J L	50000	9.39
14Jun26 ^{6}BAQ^{3}	Trust Issues	L b	5	123	3	7	7	7	7	7	Silvera R	50000	26.17

OFF AT 1:49 Start Good For All But TRUST ISSUES, SON OF A BIRCH. Won driving. Course firm.

TIME :21³, :44, :55⁴, 1:01⁴ (:21.60, :44.02, :55.81, 1:01.91)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

4 – VACATION DANCE	**15.88**	**6.24**	**3.22**
2 – FLUID SITUATION		**3.80**	**2.50**
5 – SON OF A BIRCH			**2.56**

$1 EXACTA 4–2 PAID $28.92 $1 QUINELLA 2–4 PAID $9.94 50 CENT TRIFECTA 4–2–5 PAID $32.67 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 4–2–5–1 PAID $25.26

Gr/ro. h, (Apr), by The Lieutenant – Matinee Express , by Zensational . Trainer Noda Orlando. Bred by Harry Landry & James Hogan (NY).

VACATION DANCE settled comfortably off the pace, saved ground on the turn, was asked for his best in upper stretch, rallied inside into the final furlong, moved out under a left-handed crop while gaining coming to the sixteenth-pole, espied a small seam between horses at that juncture, bumped with BILLIONAIRES ROW into the final sixteenth and got up to prevail. FLUID SITUATION went to the front then opened up a clear advantage, traveled around the turn in the two path, was asked after turning into the stretch, came under a right-handed crop inside the furlong marker, led into the final sixteenth but was caught while just able to get the place. SON OF A BIRCH broke a step slow, was urged along towards the rear, raced inside to the two path on the turn, angled out under a drive in upper stretch, rallied outside in the final furlong and closed fast to just miss the place while clear for the show. BILLIONAIRES ROW broke a half-step slow, moved up under coaxing to race in the second flight, chased inside on the turn, came off the rail into the stretch, moved out a bit more while in pursuit of the leader in upper stretch, gained on the pacesetter coming to the sixteenth-pole, had the lean in trying to prevent the winner from finding a seam at that juncture and bumped with that opponent then was out-kicked. DOCTOR JEFF was urged along in the second flight on the outside, dropped back in the two path on the turn, came into the stretch in the four path and lacked the needed kick. NIAGARA SKYLINE was hustled from the gate then urged along on the outside, went around the turn in the three path, turned into upper stretch under a drive and lacked the needed response. TRUST ISSUES was off slow and spotted the front a few lengths, settled at the rear, traveled around the turn in the two path and was no factor. FOLLOWING A STEWARDS' INQUIRY INTO THE STRETCH RUN, NO CHANGE WAS MADE TO THE ORDER OF FINISH

Owners– 1, Noda Brothers LLC and Fanelli John; 2, Staudacher David and Paradise Farms Corp; 3, Lambe Robert; 4, Live Oak Plantation; 5, Kaya Gokmen; 6, Paterpop Racing Penn John B and Oh Happy Days Stable; 7, In Front Racing Stables

Trainers– 1, Noda Orlando; 2, Maker Michael J; 3, Falcone Robert N Jr; 4, Trombetta Michael J; 5, Magee Kieron; 6, Abreu Fernando; 7, Charlerie Gregory E

Billionaires Row was claimed by Goldfarb Sanford J; trainer, Kantarmaci Ilkay.

Scratched– Shefflin (18Oct25 ^{8}BAQ^{5}) , Kid Billy (09Jul26 ^{8}Sar^{11}) , Mischievous M (14Jun26 ^{6}BAQ^{2})

$1 Daily Double (4–4) Paid $27.66 ; Daily Double Pool $181,248 .